



**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL Panel for Bath  
held on Monday, 2nd March, 2020  
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

**Meeting Attendance**

<b>In Attendance</b>
Councillor Rob Appleyard
Councillor Colin Blackburn
Councillor Sue Craig
Councillor Jess David
Dave Dixon
Roger Driver
Mark Hayward
Robin Kerr

**1. Updated Guidance Notes for Bath Neighbourhood CIL**

The panel reviewed the updated Guidance Notes for Bath Neighbourhood CIL. Several additional points were requested for insertion in the final document.

- Applications must demonstrate how partnership working or community collaboration is being considered.
- Submission of applications will be accepted from organisations based outside of Bath will be accepted only if the project being delivered sits geographically within the City.
- Applications that have the involvement of any Bath Neighbourhood CIL Panel Members needs to declare any possible conflict of interest. The panel member will step back from any involvement in the decision-making process.

**2. Youth Service Provision**

Tracey Pike from Youth Connect South West attended the meeting and presented and took questions from the panel.

This application had three elements of funding that the panel were asked to comment and make recommendations on.

- (i) Section 106 funds for 'The ward of Combe Down' area - £97,002
- (ii) Section 106 funds for 'The City Centre' - £28,002
- (iii) Neighbour CIL for Bath for Whiteway/Southdown are - £83,638

The application breaks down how Youth Connect South West will deliver for the three areas of Bath over a three-year period. The application also included details of where additional funding has already been identified.

The panel recommended that the specified funding for delivery of services in 'The ward of Combe Down' area should be delivered using the section 106 funds for youth service provision.

The panel agreed that youth provision for the City Centre should be provided using the section 106 funding that cover the specified area. This recommendation would need to come back to the panel as they would like greater detail around the delivery of the service. This offering needs to explore what possibilities there are for other organisations to be invited to collaborate.

The panel were in favour in principle of making a recommendation for supporting the delivery of youth service in the Southdown / Whiteway area using Bath neighbourhood CIL contributions. This would be subject to legal advice being provided to the cabinet maker making the decision.

### **3. Forest of Imagination**

This application was not discussed by the panel following advice that was taken from B&NES Council Legal Services.

The application does not fit comfortably within the legal definitions that the Council must work with. Therefore, we are not be in a position to support this funding on this occasion. Whilst the project may be desirable in local terms for a variety of reasons, it is unlikely to be brought within the definition of infrastructure or facilities which, in planning terms, are *concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area*.

### **4. Combe Down Rugby - Floodlight Upgrade**

The panel would like to see details around the activities that Combe Down Rugby Football Club have carried out with the local community in the last two years. It would be good to see what level of additional use has been introduced especially with youth groups.

A question was asked around the financial planning of the club and the panel were interested in understanding how 'sinking funds' are used to manage routine maintenance needs.

The panel would be keen to hear how usage will be improved by providing the financial support to the club. The numbers of young people that are currently involved in the club would be welcomed.

The point was put forward that local clubs of this nature are already providing a lot of volunteer time which supports grass roots community activities.

The Panel felt the that level of development at Mulberry Park which is next to the club will see the numbers of local people looking for activities will increase soon.

The panel will be interested hearing about how effective / climate friendly the replacement lights will be.

The panel would like to know how the community have or will be consulted on any additional use of the pitch. If the changing of the lights will create a noticeable difference, then evidence of consultation on this would need to be provided.