

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>		
DECISION MAKER:	<b>Cllr Kevin Guy, Council Leader</b>	
DECISION DATE:	<b>On or after 26 April 2022</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E3354
TITLE:	<b>CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Eleven</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
List of attachments to this report:		
None		

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations from the CIL for Bath Panel relating to the eleventh allocation of funding to one project from Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Community Infrastructure Levy.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Council Leader is asked to agree the following: -

- 2.1 An allocation of £47,214 for the for Voices - The Safe Space Centre Project.
- 2.2 Amend the provisional Capital Programme for Bath Neighbourhood portion of CIL from £146k to reflect balance of funding available prior to these allocations. These allocations, if approved, will reduce it to £99k.

## **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 3.1 The funding allocations of £47,214 for the recommended project grant is to be drawn down from the existing Bath CIL contributions set aside for neighbourhood projects.

- 3.2 The project is split into two annual payment allocations.
- 3.3 There are no other financial implications for the Council.
- 3.4 An agreed process has been set up for financial payments for Bath CIL external capital projects.

#### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 Regulation 59F of the 2010 CIL Regulations provides that charging authorities who spend the neighbourhood portion of CIL can spend these funds:

“to support the development of the relevant area by funding—

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

“relevant area” means that part of the charging authority’s area that is not within the area of a Parish council.

- 4.2 Guidance requires that in the absence of any parish or town Council for Bath, Bath and North East Somerset Council hold the Neighbourhood portion of CIL funding for Bath pending allocation. In allocating funding, the Council should engage with communities where development has taken place and seek their views on how best to allocate the funding.
- 4.3 The Advisory Board has been established to provide a process and criteria to formulate recommendations for allocation of the neighbourhood portion for Bath, is now recommending an eleventh proposal which will be supported from existing Neighbourhood CIL for Bath funding.

#### **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The “neighbourhood portion” of the Community Infrastructure Levy comprises 15% of the total CIL amount generated from development within the city. In the absence of a town or parish council, it is for Bath & North East Somerset to hold such funding, but it must be allocated through engagement with the communities where development has taken place. On approval of this recommendation **£99,304** will remain available as of **March 2022** and must be used to support the development of the relevant area, namely Bath, by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.
- 5.2 A clear and transparent process exists for preparing recommendations to the Leader of the Council on the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath. This comprises:
- Dedicated web pages which provide an update on the CIL neighbourhood portion in Bath and a rolling open application process to submit projects which meet the criteria.
  - An application form requesting details of local engagement on the proposed project and information as to how it meets the demands of development.

- Dissemination through a wide range of methods including through social media, ward members and the Council's Funding Bulletin.
- The establishment of an Advisory Board for Neighbourhood CIL for Bath, drawn from Bath Ward Councillors and supported by Council Community Engagement Officers, to consider applications arising from this process.
- All projects are required to complete a Grant Funding Agreement which will monitor achievements as set out and agreed with the applicant. A designated monitoring officer has been identified to oversee this process.

5.3 The project recommended in this report was considered at the working group meeting which took place on **14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. The recommended project arising from this process are summarised below:

£47,214 split over two years (£23,607 per year) for Voices - The Safe Space Centre Project.

## **6 RATIONALE**

6.1 In the absence of a Parish Council for Bath, the Bath and North East Somerset Council has a statutory responsibility to allocate the local portion of CIL.

## **7 CLIMATE CHANGE**

7.1 No recommendations to be made.

## **8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 Consideration was given to this report being presented to full Cabinet, but it is considered appropriate that this be a single member decision.

8.2 The Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Advisory Board has considered a number of funding applications that requested support from the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath. The unsuccessful applications have been contacted and provided with the reasons why they were not successful.

## **9 CONSULTATION**

9.1 The recommended application which is contained within this recommendation submitted for agreement has completed a project expression of interest and application for funding form. The project identifies the local consultation and engagement that has taken place, and this was further tested through the process set out in this report.

9.2 All applications that were considered Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Advisory Board were included in an online consultation that took place on the Council Website between 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Seventy separate submissions were received.

9.3 The projects recommended in this report were considered by the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Advisory Board and is seeking Council approval.

9.4 The Bath & North East Somerset Council Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer were both consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.5 This report has undergone a public sector equalities impact assessment. No negative impacts were identified.

## 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

10.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>08.11.17 Cabinet Decision 142 - B&amp;NES Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending arrangements 2018/19</i>
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