

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Kevin Guy, Council Leader	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 17 December 2022	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E3395
TITLE:	CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Twelve	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
None		

1 THE ISSUE

This report sets out the recommendations from the CIL for Bath Advisory Board relating to the twelfth allocation of funding for projects from Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Community Infrastructure Levy.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Council Leader is asked to agree the following:-

- (1) An allocation of £20,000 to support the set-up costs towards a new food pantry community facility in the ward of Twerton. This application was submitted by Mercy in Action.
- (2) An allocation of £37,000 to support improvements to Pennyquick Park in the ward of Twerton. The project has two elements, reinstating the pump track and the introduction of new outdoor gym equipment. This application was submitted by ward councillor Sarah Moore.
- (3) A maximum allocation of £80,714 to support the delivery of the Bath Parks Activator Programme at multiple wards across the city of Bath. This application was submitted by Your Parks, Bath, and Bristol.
- (4) An allocation of £25,000 for improvements to the community facilities for carers in Twerton ward. This application was submitted by BANES Carers' Centre.
- (5) An allocation of £28,050 for the provision of Youth Services in Kingsmead ward. This application was submitted by The Percy Centre.

- (6) A maximum allocation of £35,000 towards improvements to the towpath in Bathwick ward. This application was submitted by the Canal and River Trust.
- (7) An allocation of £45,000 towards the improvements to Broad Street place Community Garden in Kingsmead ward. This application was submitted by the council department for Bath Enterprise Zone.
- (8) An allocation of £67,443 towards the More Trees for BANES project across multiple wards in the City of Bath. This application was submitted by More Trees for BANES.
- (9) An allocation of £9,645 towards a new 'Men's Shed' community facility for older people in the ward of Twerton. This application was submitted by Bath City Farm.
- (10) An allocation of £47,596 towards community allotment facilities at Monksdale Road in the Moorlands Ward. This application was submitted by Bath Mind.
- (11) An allocation of £26,122 for improvements to the community facilities for homeless people in Kingsmead ward. This application was submitted by Julian House.

2.2 Amend the Approved Capital Programme as follows:-

- (1) Bath Area Forum CIL Funded Schemes - £384,610 for External Grant Payments
- (2) The Pennyquick Park Scheme will be led through the B&NES Parks Department. The Parks Capital Projects budget will be increased by £37,000.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The funding allocation of £421,610 for the recommended project grants is to be drawn down from the existing Bath CIL contributions set aside for neighbourhood projects.
- 3.2 The project payment schedules for each application will be set out in individual grant agreements.
- 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.

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 **£89,000.76** will remain available as of **December 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.
 - Extensive public consultation which seeks opinions on all submitted applications.
 - 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.

The project applications in this report were initially considered by the Advisory Board at the meeting which took place on **26th July 2022**. The Advisory Board decided by votes for each project at the meeting that took place on **30th August 2022**.

Advice on the applications has been taken through meetings and email exchanges with members of the B&NES Council Planning Policy Team and a number of the applicants where further detail was required.

5.3 The recommended projects arising from this process are summarised below:

5.3.1

Allocation Amount:	£20,000
Recipient:	Mercy in Action
What the CIL funding will be used for: The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards the cost of renovation of the internal space including the reconfiguration of rooms and replacing the flooring throughout the building in order to provide a food pantry.	
How the proposal funds (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: This proposal would provide improvements to social infrastructure by providing a community facility that will tackle issues that serve some of the area's most in need residents. .	
How the proposal supports development: This proposal will assist with addressing an increased demand for these services arising as a result of development in the area and do so in a way that avoids the need for travel by car or public transport by providing residents with access to low-cost food in their local high street setting. By meeting these needs, the proposal supports the development of the relevant local area.	

5.3.2

Allocation Amount:	£37,000
Recipient:	B&NES Council Parks Team
What the CIL funding will be used for: <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used to tarmac the bike pump track and the installation of five items of outdoor gym equipment that will be located at Pennyquick Park in Twerton, Bath. The work will be carried out by the B&NES Council parks team and includes the costs for maintenance and a ten-year guarantee for the gym equipment</p>	
How the proposal funds (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: <p>This proposal will provide both improvement and maintenance of sporting and recreational facilities (a type of infrastructure).</p>	
Why the proposal supports development: <p>This proposal is to provide improvements to park provision through improving and maintaining sporting and recreational facilities. New development brings with it additional needs and demands for parks, sporting and recreational facilities. This proposal supports development of the area by addressing this increased demand and reduces the need to provide similar facilities elsewhere.</p>	

5.3.3

Allocation Amount:	A maximum allocation of £80,714
Recipient:	Your Park Bristol and Bath
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Bath Parks Activator Programme would improve the city's green infrastructure by providing early intervention investment in community managed green spaces.</p> <p>The Programme will improve the maintenance and usage of public space for eighteen parks across the city.</p> <p>An Activator and Parks Officer would support volunteers to improve and maintain the spaces by providing hands-on services.</p>	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal will provide improvements and maintenance of green infrastructure.</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>This proposal supports development of the area as it helps to maintain and improve the park and increases its use. These improvements will reduce the need for providing new green spaces elsewhere in the locality in the future.</p> <p>This programme will see improvements carried out that the Council Parks teams no longer have the capacity to carry out. A similar scheme has already taken place in Brickfields Park Bath, which has been successful.</p> <p>By meeting these needs, the proposal supports the development of the local area.</p>	

5.3.4

Allocation Amount:	£25,000
Recipient:	The Carers' Centre
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards the improvements to the existing premises of The Carers' Centre on the Lower Bristol Road in the ward of Twerton, Bath. These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary glazing throughout the building • Replace broken windows • Repaint the public areas and replace the front door • Add sound proofing fencing for the front garden. • Replace the lodge roof with a tin roof. • Replace internal furnishing and floor covering. • Car park markings and security. <p>These facilities are accessed by a range of Carers including Young Carers for a range of support services and activities.</p>	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal will provide improvements and maintenance to the infrastructure in the form of an existing community facility.</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>This proposal will assist with addressing an increased demand for these services arising as a result of development in the area.</p> <p>The Carers Centre provides existing and future residents of the area with important social/community facilities (a type of infrastructure).</p>	

5.3.5

Allocation Amount:	£28,050
Recipient:	The Percy Community Centre
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used for the provision of Youth Services at The Percy Community Centre for fifty weeks. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Youth Leader • An Assistant Leader • Studio Engineer • Youth Workers • Room Costs 	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal addresses the demand for services that development places on the area.</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>This proposal helps to meet the development needs of the area.</p> <p>This proposal creates the ability to deliver improved and increased youth activities at an existing community facility. This proposal will assist with addressing an increased demand for these services arising as a result of development in the area.</p>	

5.3.6

Allocation Amount:	£35,000
Recipient:	The Canal and River Trust
What the CIL funding will be used for: <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used for improvement of Pedestrian and Cycling infrastructure into the city. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 650 metres of towpath surface improvements • 120 square metres of hedgerow and meadow improvements • Improvements to 3 access points onto the path 	
How the proposal funds (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: <p>This proposal will provide improvement of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure into the city.</p>	
Why the proposal supports development: <p>This proposal helps to meet the development needs of the area</p> <p>This proposal supports development in the area as the improvement to walking and cycling infrastructure will enable increased demand for sustainable travel arising from development in the area to be met.</p>	

5.3.7

Allocation Amount:	£35,000
Recipient:	The Public Realm Team – B&NES Council
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards improvements to Broad Street Place in Bath. This Project will improve existing infrastructure for residents in the city centre and users of the YMCA facilities. It will provide an attractive outdoor space to residents in this part of Bath. The expenditure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management/supervision • Hard landscaping • Street furniture • Soft landscaping • Artworks <p>This Public Realm project will see improvements to lighting and improved access to enable better street cleaning.</p>	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal provides improvements to existing public space (a form of infrastructure) outside the YMCA in the city centre.</p> <p>The space is situated between Walcot Street and Broad Street providing a shortcut between the two.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>This proposal supports development of the area through improvement of the public realm and by addressing demand for better quality outdoor space that are generated by development.</p> <p>These improvements to the existing public realm will reduce the need for future developments to create new public space in the local area.</p>	

5.3.8

Allocation Amount:	£67,443
Recipient:	More Trees for BANES
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing ten new Community based Tree Nurseries located within the City of Bath • Planting and caring for 15,000 trees in Bath • Growing 15,000 tree saplings in ten Bath-based nurseries <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards the creation of ten new community tree nurseries based in existing premises such as local schools in Bath. The aim is to grow six thousand trees each year for three years that will be planted across Bath.</p>	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>The provision of trees is a form of green infrastructure that assists with the improvement of open spaces in the relevant area (another form of infrastructure).</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>There are local planning policy requirements for further development in the area to provide an appropriate number of trees. This proposal supports development of the area by providing a supply of trees necessary to meet that requirement.</p>	

5.3.9

Allocation Amount:	£9,645
Recipient:	Bath City Farm
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used for the Bath Shed Group in establishing a workshop at Bath City Farm</p> <p>The workshop build costs are identified as a standalone project, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation pad • Materials • Utility Costs • Labour <p>The new structure would house a “Men’s Shed” workshop within the curtilage of Bath City Farm.</p>	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal will provide a new recreational facility which is a form of social infrastructure. The applicant states that there are thirty people on the waiting list and further development will increase this demand.</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>This proposal supports development of the area by providing capital investment into an additional community facility that will assist with addressing an increased demand for recreational facilities of this sort arising as a result of growth in the area.</p>	

5.3.10

Allocation Amount:	£47,595.75
Recipient:	Bath Mind
What the CIL funding will be used for: <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards the provision of a new shed at Monksdale Road Allotments where activities are already carried out by Bath Mind to support their clients with therapeutic gardening activities. The shed will enable the space to be used all year round, increasing access and use of the site in all weathers.</p>	
How the proposal funds (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: <p>Improvements to the infrastructure at the allotments constitute a form of green infrastructure, as well as being a recreational facility (which is a form of social infrastructure).</p>	
Why the proposal supports development: <p>This proposal supports development in the area as an increased level of development will see further demand for allotment usage.</p>	

Allocation Amount:	£26,122
Recipient:	Julian House
<p>What the CIL funding will be used for:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used towards the maintenance of the floor and communal areas within the only free to access homeless hostel in Bath. If the needed maintenance is not carried out the services would become difficult to support at the current level. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep cleaning • Supply and fit new flooring throughout • Painting and decorating throughout • New furnishings in communal areas 	
<p>How the proposal funds (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:</p> <p>This proposal will provide for improvements to, and maintenance of, an existing community facility (a form of social infrastructure).</p>	
<p>Why the proposal supports development:</p> <p>Further development in the relevant area will lead to a growth in population. This will bring with it further demand for many community services, including those provided by Julian House.</p> <p>Increasing the number of homes brings improved availability of places for people to live. However, there will be percentage of the new residents that suffer a change in circumstances that lead to homelessness and a need for support through these services.</p> <p>The provision of adequate community facilities, including those to be funded through this proposal, is a key part of what makes an area attractive to live in and therefore also an attractive place in which to carry out further housing development. This proposal therefore supports development of the relevant area.</p>	

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. There were two unsuccessful applications who have been contacted and provided with the reasons for why they were not successful. An additional application was recommended for funding but has now requested that the award is deferred until the next round of funding.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Each recommended application which is contained within this recommendation submitted for agreement has completed a project expression of interest and application for funding form. Each of the project application forms identify what 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 8th July 2022 and 22nd July 2022. Over six hundred separate submissions were received. The responses were provided to the Advisory Board to use as part of making their recommendations.
- 9.3 The projects recommended in this report were considered by the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Advisory Board for Bath 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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Background papers	<p>08.11.17 Cabinet Decision 142 - B&NES Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending arrangements 2018/19</p> <p>Minutes from Advisory Board Meeting</p> <p>Project Applications</p>
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