

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>		
DECISION MAKER:	<b>Cllr Kevin Guy, Council Leader</b>	
DECISION DATE:	<b>On or after 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E3477
TITLE:	<b>CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Fourteen</b>	
WARD:	All Bath Wards	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
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 fourteenth allocation of funding for projects from Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Community Infrastructure Levy.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Council Leader is asked to agree the following: -

- 2.1 An allocation of £15,000 to St Andrews Community Church towards the refurbishment of the community centre.
- 2.2 An allocation of £3,640 to Percy Community Centre for the replacement of the Annexe Doors
- 2.3 An allocation of £25,353 to Percy Community Centre for the resurfacing of the outdoor multi use sports court.
- 2.4 An allocation of £52,389 to Bath Youth for Christ for the refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen facilities at the Roundhill Hub
- 2.5 An allocation of £74,919 to Your Park Bristol & Bath to create the UK's first park to meet young females needs at Brickfields.

2.6 Amend the Approved Capital Programme as follows:-

- (1) Increase Bath Area Forum CIL Funded Schemes - £171,301

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

- 3.1 The funding allocation of £171,301 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. Payments to these projects will only be made once the finances have been allocated in this decision there are no other financial implications for the Council.

### **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. It 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 **15<sup>th</sup> August 2023**.

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

#### 5.3.1

<b>Allocation Amount:</b>	£15,000
<b>Recipient:</b>	St Andrews Community Church
<b>What the CIL funding will be used for:</b>	
<p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will provide funding for the refurbishment of the community centre's interior, including the decoration of the inside rooms and upgrades for the kitchen and office. Additionally, improvements will be made to the outside garden area and exterior walls.</p>	
<b>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:</b>	
<p>The proposed improvements will enhance the existing facilities, allowing the community facility to better serve both current and future residents in the area. The upgraded infrastructure will support the growing needs of the community.</p>	
<b>How the proposal supports development:</b>	
<p>This proposal aims to improve and maintain community facilities in order to meet the increased demand brought about by new development in the area. By addressing this demand, it reduces the need to provide similar facilities elsewhere. Planning Policy has recognised that infrastructure improvements are crucial in meeting the increased demands resulting from development in Bath. This proposal will help address the increased demand for services in the area and ensure that local accessible facilities are provided. This proposal supports the development of the relevant local area.</p>	

### 5.3.2

<b>Allocation Amount:</b>	£3,640
<b>Recipient:</b>	Percy Community Centre
<b>What the CIL funding will be used for:</b>	
<p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used to replace both sets of doors at the main entrance, and a fire exit.</p>	
<b>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:</b>	
<p>The proposed improvements will enhance the existing facilities, allowing the community facility to better serve both current and future residents in the area. The upgraded infrastructure will support the growing needs of the community.</p>	
<b>How the proposal supports development:</b>	
<p>This proposal aims to improve and maintain community facilities in order to meet the increased demand brought about by new development in the area. By addressing this demand, it reduces the need to provide similar facilities elsewhere. Planning Policy has recognised that infrastructure improvements are crucial in meeting the increased demands resulting from development in Bath. This proposal will help address the increased demand for services in the area and ensure that local accessible facilities are provided. This proposal supports the development of the relevant local area.</p>	

### 5.3.3

<b>Allocation Amount:</b>	£25,353
<b>Recipient:</b>	Percy Community Centre
<b>What the CIL funding will be used for:</b>	
<p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will cover the expenses for replacing the sports courts surface and painting the line markings.</p>	
<b>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:</b>	
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The proposed improvements to the sport and recreation facilities will enhance the existing infrastructure, allowing the community facility to cater to both current and future residents in the area.

**How the proposal supports development:**

The proposal aims to improve and maintain sporting and recreational facilities in order to meet the increased demand brought about by new development in the area. This will help address the need for local accessible leisure facilities and support the overall development of the relevant local area. Planning Policy has recognised the importance of infrastructure improvements in meeting the recreational demands arising from development in Bath. By implementing this proposal, we can ensure that the increased demand for these services is effectively addressed.

5.3.4

<b>Allocation Amount:</b>	£52,380.23
<b>Recipient:</b>	Bath Youth for Christ
<b>What the CIL funding will be used for:</b>	
<p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be allocated to the following improvements: an accessible, unisex toilet meeting current standards, reliable toilets for groups and the public, a safe food preparation kitchen, and increased space for private hire, exercise classes, and community group use.</p>	
<b>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:</b>	
<p>The proposed improvements will enhance the existing facilities, allowing the community facility to better serve both current and future residents in the area. The upgraded infrastructure will support the growing needs of the community.</p>	
<b>How the proposal supports development:</b>	
<p>This proposal aims to improve and maintain community facilities in order to meet the increased demand brought about by new development in the area. By addressing this demand, it reduces the need to provide similar facilities elsewhere. Planning Policy has recognised that infrastructure improvements are crucial in meeting the increased demands resulting</p>	

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### 5.3.5

<b>Allocation Amount:</b>	£74,919
<b>Recipient:</b>	Your Park Bristol & Bath
<b>What the CIL funding will be used for:</b>	
<p>The Neighbourhood CIL Funding will be used to install multiple seating areas made from natural stone boulders, logs, trees, and a dug-in semi-circular seating area at a viewpoint. These seating areas aim to create safe spaces for various groups of people to use green infrastructure, be active, and socialize. Additionally, a 5-way swing and somersault bars will be installed outside of the children's play area to provide equipment for play and socializing across different age groups. The swing will include a bucket swing, which is desirable for Disabled adults with learning disabilities. To enhance visibility and safety, the fence and hedging height will be reduced, particularly benefiting young females. Furthermore, the project will be promoted as the UK's first park designed to meet the needs of young females.</p>	
<b>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:</b>	
<p>This proposal will provide improvements and maintenance of green infrastructure.</p>	
<b>How the proposal supports development:</b>	
<p>This proposal maintains and enhances the park, while also increasing its utilisation. These improvements will alleviate the need for creating additional green spaces in the future. Planning Policy acknowledges that green infrastructure improvements are necessary to accommodate the development in Bath. Consequently, this proposal plays a crucial role in supporting the development of the local area.</p>	

## **RATIONALE**

5.4 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.

## **6 CLIMATE CHANGE**

7.1 No Recommendations to be made.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

7.2 The Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Advisory Board has considered a total of seven funding applications that requested support from the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 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.

8.2 All applications that were considered for Bath Neighbourhood CIL by the Advisory Board were included in an online consultation that took place on the Council Website between 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

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

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

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

9.1 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>	08.11.17 Cabinet Decision 142 - B&NES Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending arrangements 2018/19  Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting  Public Consultation Response  Project Applications
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