

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Councillor Kevin Guy, Council Leader	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 21 June 2025	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E3611
TITLE:	CIL for Bath Advisory Board Supplementary Funding Request	
WARD:	All wards in the city of Bath	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
1 Appendix 1 – Recommendations from Advisory Board		
2 Appendix 2 - Public consultation responses from Round Seventeen		
3 Appendix 3 - Outline of project recommendation from Round Seventeen		
4 Appendix 4 - The Bath Preservation Trust - Project List		
Links		
1 Single Member Decision (E3508) - Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund Round Fifteen https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1979		
2 Single Member Decision (E3605) - Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund Round Seventeen https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2191		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 As there is no parish council for the city of Bath, the neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is managed by Bath & North East Somerset Council.
- 1.2 This report relates to:
- (i) one outstanding application received in Round Seventeen that was recommended for approval by the Bath Neighbourhood CIL Advisory Board, subject to confirmation of landlord permission, and;
 - (ii) the release of funding to The Bath Preservation Trust to support their Bath World Heritage Enhancement Fund and three projects that have applied to it, as detailed in Appendix 4. The funding was approved in Round Fifteen of the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund but there was outstanding requirement for outline the projects to be pursued.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Leader is asked to agree the funding allocation of:
- (i) £6,661 for Percy Community Centre Floodlights Upgrade as set out below in section 3.4.1 and detailed in Appendix 3 and;
 - (ii) to agree the release of £20,000 to the Bath Preservation Trust for three projects as part of the agreement.
- 2.2 Amend the Capital Programme as follows:
- (1) To increase the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund by £6,661.
 - (2) To note funding allocated in 2.1(ii) has already been allocated as per Single Member Decision E3508 and is therefore not shown in this amendment of the Capital Programme.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy for Bath comprises 15% of the total CIL amount generated from development within the city of Bath. In the absence of a town or parish council, it is for Bath & North East Somerset Council to hold and allocate the funding appropriately.
- 3.2 The purpose of the funding is to fund 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.
- 3.3 Opportunities to apply for the funding are promoted and can be made online via a dedicated webpage on the Council's website. Applications are assessed to ensure they meet the funding criteria. The public are asked to give feedback on the eligible projects to indicate the level of support within the community. An Advisory Board made up of eight Ward Councillors considers all eligible applications and makes recommendations. The final decision is made by the Leader of the Council. The application process may take up to six months from submission of the application. Details of the process is set out on the Council's webpage:- <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/community-infrastructure-levy-neighbourhood-fund-bath>
- 3.4 The funding requests that are the subject of this report relate to:
- 3.4.1 **The Percy Centre Floodlight Upgrade:** The funding will complete the transition of the current lighting system to a fully LED lighting system. The application was submitted in the seventeenth funding round. The application met the funding criteria and was included in the public consultation that took place during October and November 2024. The Advisory Board met on the 11 November 2024 and agreed to fund the project, subject to the necessary approvals to carry out the work from B&NES Council Property Services as landlord. The recommendations of the Advisory Board meeting are detailed in Appendix 1 and full details about each application are detailed in Appendix 3. The Percy Centre have confirmed that permission has now been obtained, and the project can proceed for final decision.

3.4.2 **The Bath Preservation Trust:** Funding has been allocated from the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund to enable Bath Preservation Trust to continue to run the Bath World Heritage Enhancement Fund. The total funding was approved in Round Fifteen (E3508) subject to approval of all projects through the single member decision process. Bath Preservation Trust has now asked to draw down £20,000 in 2025/26 to fund the following three projects:

- Restoration of a street sign in Westgate Street
- Repair Elim Church windows
- Installation of a new opening in the railings at High Common Gate

Details of the projects are provided in Appendix 4.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

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 In the absence of any parish or town council for Bath, Bath & North East Somerset Council hold the Neighbourhood portion of CIL funding for Bath.

4.3 In allocating funding, the Council is required to engage with the community in the area where development has taken place and seek their views on how best to allocate the funding. During each funding round, the Council invites members of public via an online consultation to comment on the projects.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The total funding allocation for the seventeen round of Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund is extended by a further £6,661 and drawn down from the central funding allocation. The Capital budget for approved Capital Grant Payments will be increased by £6,661. The funding for Bath Preservation Trust has previously been added to the Capital budget.

5.2 All successful applicants are required to complete a grant funding agreement that sets out the conditions of the funding, monitors activity and measures outcomes. The council may request that funding is returned if the applicant does not fulfil all or part of the conditions of the grant funding agreement.

5.3 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. The balance of CIL funding currently received and not yet allocated is updated to £229,946.79

reflecting new CIL payments received in 2024/25 to date and the adjustments due to the allocations above.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 There are no risks identified from the report recommendations and the CIL allocations have followed the allocation process.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The application process has undergone a public sector Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). No negative impacts were identified.

7.2 All applicants are asked to provide evidence of community engagement and feedback to ensure their projects meet the needs of the community.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund for Bath process enables infrastructure investment to positively contribute to sustainable communities within the city of Bath.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 There are no other options available for processing funding requests for Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund for Bath

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 All applications are required to provide evidence of local consultation and engagement that has taken place in support of their application. The public have previously been invited to comment on the projects. Appendix 2 provides details of the public consultation in Round Seventeen. Projects submitted to Bath Preservation Trust are subject to their own processes and scrutiny.

10.2 Applicants are encouraged to engage their Ward Councillor/s.

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

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Background papers	Decision regarding the application process for the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund for Bath: Cabinet Decision E3007 - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending arrangements 08.11.17 https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1044 Cabinet Decision E3327 - Advisory Board for Bath CIL 16.02.22 https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1659
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