

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 14th April 2026	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3679
TITLE:	CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Eighteen	
WARD:	All wards in the city of Bath	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b>		
Appendix 1. Recommendations from Advisory Board		
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### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 As there is no parish council for Bath, the neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the city is managed by Bath & North East Somerset Council.
- 1.2 This report relates to applications received for the eighteenth funding round which have been recommended by the Bath Neighbourhood CIL Advisory Board.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 This report sets out the recommendations of the Advisory Board for the eighteenth funding round of Bath Neighbourhood CIL. The Leader is asked to agree the funding allocation of £270,260 for eight projects set out below in section 3.4 and detailed in Appendix 3.
- 2.2 Amend the Capital Programme as follows (details set out in section 5):
  - 2.2.1 Increase approved Bath Neighbourhood CIL Programme - £ 130,260 (This amount represents the funding grants allocated to external organisations outside B&NES Council).
  - 2.2.2 Increase Local Active Travel Safety Programme - £95,000 (This relates to the funding that will be allocated to the B&NES Highways department for new road crossing improvements).

2.2.3 Increase Parks Capital Improvement Programme - £45,000 (This relates to the funding that is allocated to the B&NES Council Parks department for the football cage located in Royal Victoria Park).

2.2.4 Amend provisional Bath Neighbourhood CIL programme - £130,452 (This relates to the funds that are still available for distribution in upcoming funding cycles of Bath Neighbourhood CIL).

### **3 THE REPORT**

3.1 The neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy comprises of 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 Council to hold and allocate the funding appropriately.

3.2 The purpose of the funding is set out in the Statutory Consideration, section 4 of this report.

3.3 Applications have been invited by organisations via a dedicated page on the Council's website. Applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria. Members of the public are invited to provide comments on each eligible application as part of a three-week public consultation exercise. An Advisory Board, made up of eight Bath Ward Councillors, meet to put forward recommendations to the Leader of the Council. 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 This report relates to the eighteenth round of funding:

3.4.1 Twenty-six applications for funding were received by the deadline of 31 August 2025. Ten of which were not considered by the Advisory Board these because:

- they did not meet the criteria for the fund.
- requests were made for revenue funding or:
- the organisations withdrew their projects after submission

3.4.2 From 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 until 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025, members of the public were invited to comment on the sixteen eligible applications. More details are provided in Appendix 2.

3.4.3 The Advisory Board met on the 9 December 2025 and considered all the public comments alongside the application forms. An additional application, relating to Newbridge Park, was also brought to the meeting. Although it was submitted after the application and consultation deadline, the Advisory Board acknowledged this and agreed that, as the project cost was under £10,000, they would consider it alongside the other applications.

3.4.4 The Advisory Board agreed to recommend eight of the seventeen applications. The recommendations of the Advisory Board are detailed in Appendix 1. Full details about each application are set out in Appendix 3.

3.5 The applications recommended for funding in the eighteenth round are as follows:-

- Football Cage Installation at Royal Victoria Park - £45,000
- Jewish Burial Ground Bath - Boundary Wall Restoration - £17,740
- Lambridge Pedestrian Safety Enhancements - £95,000
- Moorland Road Community Library - £13,500
- Newbridge Park - £7,000
- Riverside Youth Hub Renovation - £51,520
- Sensory Garden for Special Educational Needs Students at Oldfield Secondary School - £21,000
- WatermyPlot Project (Year 2), aimed at improving allotments in Bath - £19,500

3.6 The following applications were not recommended for funding:

- Accessible Studio Theatre Venue 4 - Theatre Royal Bath Ltd - £50,000
- Acoustic Panel Project – Percy Community Centre - £9,795.51
- Alice Park Play Park Phase Two - £100,000
- Friends of Sydney Gardens - Reservoir Project - £18,500
- Mission Theatre LED Lighting Upgrade - £32,077.20
- Odd Down Sports Ground Nature Trail - £143,707
- Outdoor Learning Space – First Steps, Twerton Community Nursery - £30,489
- Restoration and Reopening of The Old Infants School (Scout Hall) on Weston High Street as a Community Centre and Venue / Café – Our Club House Community Interest Company - £100,000
- Solar & Battery Installation – Petra Supportive Housing - £31,300

## **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 to comment on the projects.

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

- 5.1 The total funding allocation for the eighteenth round of Bath Neighbourhood CIL is £270,260. This will be drawn down from the central funding allocation set aside for the Bath Neighbourhood CIL. The Capital budget for approved Capital Grant Payments should be increased by £130,260, for Highways Improvements by £95,000 and Parks Improvements by £45,000.
- 5.2 All successful applicants are required to sign a grant funding agreement, that sets out the conditions of the funding, monitors activity and measures outcomes. The council may clawback funding if the applicant does not fulfil 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 £130,452 reflecting new CIL payments received in 2025/26 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 an 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 it meets the needs of the community.

## **8 CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 8.1 The Bath Neighbourhood CIL process enables infrastructure investment to positively contribute to sustainable communities within the city of Bath and all projects within this round support this approach.
- 8.2 The investment made will positively contribute to the Council's Corporate priority to tackle climate and nature emergency as the funding will:
- Improve local facilities and service provision;
  - Support local environmental projects and;
  - Improve pedestrian safety measures.

## **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 There are no other options available for processing funding requests for Bath Neighbourhood CIL.

## **10 CONSULTATION**

- 10.1 Members of the public were invited to comment on the sixteen eligible applications during the period of 15th October 2025 to 7th November 2025. A

total of 1500 submissions were received. The public offered feedback on the projects More details are provided in Appendix 2.

10.2 The Advisory Board were presented with the public's feedback, which helped to inform their recommendations

10.3 All applications are required to provide evidence of local consultation and engagement that has taken place in support of their application. In addition, applicants are asked to engage their Ward Councillor.

10.4 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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<b>Background papers</b>	Cabinet Decision E3007 - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) spending arrangements 08/11/17 <a href="https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1044">https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1044</a>  Cabinet Decision E3327 - Advisory Board for Bath CIL 16/02/22 <a href="https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1659">https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1659</a>
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