

Surrey Heath Borough Council

Executive

31st May 2022

Local Community Improvement Fund Bids

Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Adrian Page, Planning & Control
Strategic Director/Head of Service	Gavin Chinniah, Head of Planning
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Key Decision:	No
Date signed off by portfolio holder	16 May 2022
Wards Affected:	Mytchett & Deepcut, Frimley, Frimley Green, Heatherside, Old Dean, Parkside, St Michaels, St Paul's, Town and Watchetts

Summary and purpose

To consider bids received for funding from the Local Community Improvement Fund for the period ending 1st February 2022 as detailed in Annex 1.

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that, in line with the CIL bids detailed in Annex 1,

- (i) £3,600 be awarded to Mytchett, Frimley Green & Deepcut Society for four new replacement litter bins (bid 1);
- (ii) £18,600 be awarded to Frimley Village Hall for the resurfacing of the front, side and driveway access to the hall (bid 2);
- (iii) £3,611 (net) be awarded to Heatherside ward (Councillor John Skipper) for five new wooden benches. (bid 3); and
- (iv) £15,200 (net) be awarded to Heatherside Ward Residents Association for the replacement of play equipment and surface area.(bid 4)

The Executive is advised to RECOMMEND to Full Council that projects 3 and 4 be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

1. Background and Supporting Information

- 1.1 In October 2020 the Executive agreed to pool the Neighbourhood CIL contributions to allow wards that don't deliver new development but that do experience its impact to have access to CIL funding and also to allow the community to bid for funding. Funding is only for small scale local capital

projects and is at the discretion of the Councils Executive subject to availability of funding.

- 1.2 Information on the Fund bidding process is published on the Councils website. There are two funding bid rounds each financial year and this is the second bid round to be considered by the Executive for 2021/22.
- 1.3 The scheme was opened for bids on 4th January and the bidding window closed at midnight on 1st February 2022.
- 1.4 This report has been prepared following consultation with the Community Partnership Officer.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The infrastructure that CIL will support in the Borough of Surrey Heath is listed in the adopted Strategic Infrastructure Spending Priorities. The priorities are set out in Annex 3. The bids accord with the spending priorities.

3. Proposal and Alternative Options

The Executive has the option to

- 3.1 Approve the bids in line with the recommendations set out in Annex 1 (funding bids) or
- 3.2 Not to approve the options outlined in Annex 1
- 3.3 Approve some of the options outlined in Annex 1

4. Contribution to the Council's Five Year Strategy

- 4.1 Health & Quality of Life – To nurture the strong sense of community across the whole borough, fostering a sense of respect and consideration. To promote active and healthy lives for all and a rich programme of cultural and community events.
- 4.2 Environment – To enhance and improve access to the boroughs cherished green spaces and natural environments for the enjoyment of generations to come.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 The funding for this is the local ward element of the CIL contributions received from developers. As at 30th January 2022 available funds for each ward are listed in Annex 2.

- 5.2 CIL income has reduced in 2020/21 as activity within the development industry has slowed down due to the economic impact of Covid19. The level of funding available for future bid rounds will be affected by this slow down.
- 5.3 In accordance with the Executive agreement in October 2020 to pooling Ward funding for projects, the costs of these projects will be distributed across other wards. Annex 2 also sets out how this will be achieved for this and future bidding rounds and has been agreed by the Portfolio holder for Finance.
- 5.4 For projects requiring capitalisation these projects will be managed by the Council's Greenspace team to ensure a consistency in delivery and approach. It is to be noted that any ongoing maintenance of the equipment will, unless indicated, fall outside of the responsibility of the Council, due to present budget restrictions. However should replacements be required it is suggested that further bids to CIL be considered.
- 5.5 Bids 1 & 2 include VAT. Surrey Heath Borough Council Business Services will oversee the delivery of the projects set out in bids 3 and 4. VAT would be reclaimed for these projects.

6. Section 151 Officer Comments:

- 6.1 No matters arising.

7. Legal and Governance Issues

- 7.1 CIL monies can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure in accordance with section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 59 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. The law allows the levy to be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities and other community safety facilities.

8. Monitoring Officer Comments:

- 8.1 No matters arising

9. Other Considerations and Impacts

Environment and Climate Change

- 9.1 No matters arising

Equalities and Human Rights

- 9.2 No matters arising

Risk Management

- 9.3 The key risk is that projects are not delivered. For this reason supporting evidence is required

Community Engagement

- 9.4 The Local Community Improvement fund and bidding process is promoted and updated on the Council's website and publicised through Social media.
- 9.5 All Councillors for the wards in which the funding bids have been received have been notified of the bids. All responses received have been noted in annex 1.

Annexes

Annex 1 - Bid summaries

Annex 2 – Table Pooled Fund Allocation

Annex 3 - Strategic Infrastructure Spending Priorities

Background Papers

See annexes – 1 – 3.