

# Surrey Heath Borough Council

## Executive

14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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### Local Community Improvement Fund Bids

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<b>Strategic Director/Head of Service</b>	Gavin Chinniah, Head of Planning
<b>Report Author:</b>	Steven Appleby, Community Infrastructure Levy Delivery Officer
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Date signed off by portfolio holder</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	St Michaels, Parkside

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#### Summary and purpose

To consider bids received for funding from the Local Community Improvement Fund for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 as detailed in Annex 1.

#### Recommendation

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

- (i) £6,410 (net) be awarded to Parkside ward for the installation of an additional lamp and column and to replace the 3 lamp heads on the existing columns to LED at Southcote Park, Camberley; and
- (ii) £55,000 (net) be awarded to St Michaels ward for the resurfacing of damaged tarmac pathways at London Road Recreation Ground.

The Executive is advised to RECOMMEND to Full Council that

- (i) £6,410 be added to the Council's Capital Programme for the installation of an additional lamp and column and to replace the 3 lamp heads on the existing columns to LED at Southcote Park, Camberley; and
- (ii) £55,000 be added to the Council's Capital Programme for the resurfacing of damaged tarmac pathways at London Road Recreation Ground.

#### 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. Councillors, local groups and stakeholders can apply to this fund.

- 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 bidding round to be considered by the Executive for 2022/23.
- 1.3 The scheme was opened for bids on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and the bidding window closed at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- 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

## **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. Ensuring the borough is a safe place to live for all sectors of our community.
- 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.

- 5.2 In accordance with the Executive agreement in October 2020 to pooling Ward funding for projects, the costs of these projects can be distributed across other wards. As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, the ward balances were as follows;

Mytchett & Deepcut £0, Frimley £0, Frimley Green £29,216, Heatherside £0, Old Dean £0, Parkside £22,190, St Michaels £44,304, St Pauls £46,850, Town £388,088, Watchetts £10,571.

A schedule of non-parish wards of CIL funds available and funds allocated is appended to this report. (Annex 2)

- 5.3 Camberley Tennis Club has agreed to take on the additional running costs of the new lamp column (Bid 1).
- 5.4 The balance of funding for the resurfacing of the footpath at London Road Recreation Ground in St Michaels ward (Bid 2) will come from the pooled fund (see Annex 2).
- 5.5 Surrey Heath Borough Council Business Services will oversee the delivery of both of these projects as set out in Annex 1. VAT would be reclaimed for these projects.

## **6. Section 151 Officer Comments:**

- 6.1 No matters arising. The financial implications are covered in the report.

## **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 ward 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 of Funding

Annex 3 - Strategic Infrastructure Spending Priorities

### **Background Papers**

See annexes – 1, 2 and 3.