

Committee: **Weybridge CIL Local Spending Board**

Date of meeting: **25 March 2019**

Subject:	Local spending applications for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds for Weybridge
Lead Officer:	Jamie Pourier-Benham, Infrastructure Delivery Co-ordinator
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor James Browne, Portfolio Holder for Planning Services
Link to Council Priorities:	P3
Exempt information:	Included within the following Appendices to the report is exempt information, which is not for disclosure to the press and public by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended): Appendix D – Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3 and Annex 4; Appendix E – Annex 1 and Annex 2.
Delegated status:	For decision

Executive Summary:

This report sets out the six applications for funding from the Weybridge portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds for 2019. The total amount requested from the CIL budget for these projects is £413,059.

As at January 2019 the total funds available to allocate towards local infrastructure improvements in the Weybridge settlement area is £510,268.90 (this figure excludes funding previously allocated towards projects), so there are sufficient funds for all applications under consideration.

RECOMMENDED: that

(a) the Local Spending Board for Weybridge consider the applications outlined within the report and award funding as appropriate.

Report:

1. CIL Background

1.1 The Council adopted CIL in April 2013. CIL allows the Council to raise funds from some forms of new development to pay for infrastructure that is, or will be, needed to mitigate the impacts of development. As set out in the CIL Regulations, an initial 5% is retained by the Borough Council for administration costs.

The remaining CIL receipts are spent in accordance with the regulations and the approach adopted by Cabinet and Council in July 2017. That is:

- 40% of CIL collected (post allocation to administration and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)) is ring fenced to fund a programme of strategic infrastructure projects;
- 35% of CIL is allocated through the Strategic Spending Board to more ad-hoc strategic improvements required to address the impacts arising from

development across the Borough;

- 15% is allocated through the Local Spending Boards (and in the case of Claygate, to the Parish Council); and
- 10% of CIL is ringfenced (post allocation to administration and SANG) for maintenance purposes.

1.2 For the 15% of CIL funds outlined above, the Council has formed settlement area committees known as Local Infrastructure Spending Boards where local Councillors will decide on how these local CIL funds will be allocated. In the case of Claygate, the local proportion of CIL funds will be passed directly to the Parish Council.

2 2019 Applications to be considered by the Local Spending Board

2.1 For the allocation of CIL funds, applicants are required to submit funding proposals to the Council. Funding applications were invited from 10 September 2018 – 21 October 2018. Applications received by the closing date had until 30 November 2018 to supply additional information required to validate their application.

2.2 The applications that have been put forward are shown in the following table and further details can be found in appendices to this report. The Board should note that the amount of funding available exceeds the amount that has been applied for. Any remaining funds are carried over to the allocation process for the following board.

Scheme name and description	CIL funding sought
Application 1 - Streetscape Project (Elmbridge Borough Council) Further details can be found in Appendix A	£128,000
Application 2 - Artificial Pitch & Garden Area (Manby Lodge Infant School) Further details can be found in Appendix B	£17,000
Application 3 - Paved Area & Outdoor Shelter (ElmWey Learning Trust - Heathside School) Further details can be found in Appendix C	£58,859
Application 4 - Clubhouse Access Project (Brooklands Museum) Further details can be found in Appendix D	£170,000
Application 5 - Broadwater Lake Remedial Works (Templemere Residents Society Ltd) Further details can be found in Appendix E	£8,000
Application 6 - Broadwater Lake Surveys (Broadwater Conservation Society) Further details can be found in Appendix F	£31,200
Total	£413,059

3 Project assessment and officer recommendations

3.1 The first consideration is whether the schemes are eligible for funding based on the Legislation, which states that these funds must be spent on projects that meet the following criteria:

- 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.

- 3.2 The definition of infrastructure is broad and includes:
- Roads and other transport infrastructure
 - Flood defences
 - Schools and other educational facilities
 - Medical facilities
 - Sporting and recreational facilities
 - Open space
- 3.3 All applications submitted have been assessed by officers against a number of criteria to indicate the suitability and value in considering CIL funding. Criteria used were:
- The extent to which the project mitigates the impact of development within the Borough
 - The level of benefits to residents, including evidence of community support
 - The level of match funding attached to the project
 - Value for money of the scheme and added value that CIL could deliver, and
 - Deliverability

The assessment summary is included at Appendix G.

Application 1 - Streetscape Project (Elmbridge Borough Council) - Appendix A

- 3.4 The application requests £128,000 to deliver the standard required for materials, electrical and water requirement for the project. These upgrades will be delivered during construction and installation of the various components. The project will deliver an improved town centre space for the community and businesses.

The Council had a successful application to this Local Spending Board in 2017 receiving £329,038.56 for this project.

- 3.5 Based on the upgrade of the project to improve facilities, community support and the funding already secured the project scores 17.5 / 25 (see Appendix G).

Application 2 - Artificial Pitch & Garden Area (Manby Lodge Infant School) – Appendix B

- 3.6 The application requests £17,000 to install an artificial grass pitch and enlarge the garden area. The project would replace the ball court area with weather resistant facility that can be used throughout the year, as well as a larger garden space for outdoor learning. These new facilities would be utilised by the students as well as the community outside of school hours.

The school had a successful application to this Local Spending Board in 2017 receiving £17,820 for upgraded play surfacing.

- 3.7 Based on upgrading the facilities to increase capacity, community support and funds already secured the project scores 18.5 / 25 (see Appendix G).

Application 3 - Paved Area & Outdoor Shelter (ElmWey Learning Trust - Heathside School) – Appendix C

- 3.8 The application requests £58,859 to install a canopy and paved area to create an outdoor shelter. Area that is created would provide the additional space needed for lunch, breaks and outdoor learning, as all students currently attending aren't able to

fit within the dining hall at one time. The new shelter would also be rented out for community use outside of school hours.

The school has had successful applications to this Local Spending Board, in 2016 receiving £18,000 to improve cycle storage and in 2017 receiving £2,000 for cycle racks, as well as to the Strategic Spending Board in 2019 receiving £330,000 for modular temporary block replacement.

- 3.9 Based on supporting growth through new facilities, benefits to the users and funding already secured the project scores 18.5 / 25 (see Appendix G).

Application 4 – Clubhouse Access Project (Brooklands Museum) – Appendix D

- 3.10 The application requests £170,000 to install a lift and step free access to the Clubhouse. The installation of these new components would upgrade the building, which is the main space used by the public to be fully accessible. It will enable all members of the community to move through the building independently to be able to use the educational and community activities.

The museum had a successful application to this Local Spending Board in 2015 receiving £25,000 toward the Aircraft Factory & Race Track Revival Project.

- 3.11 Based on improvements to the facility to increase accessibility, community support and funding already secured the project scores 16.5 / 25 (see Appendix G).

Application 5 - Broadwater Lake Remedial Works (Templemere Residents Society Ltd) - Appendix E

- 3.12 The application requests £8,000 to carry out remedial works to the north-east end of Broadwater Lake. The works would clear the silt and overgrown vegetation, which will improve the flow and health of the overall lake. Residents will benefit from the improved biodiversity created and water carrying capacity of the lake.

The society had a successful application to this Local Spending Board in 2015 receiving £8,000 for remedial work to Broadwater Lake.

- 3.13 Based on supporting growth through connecting the facilities, community benefits, and increased safety of the users the project scores 18 / 25 (see Appendix G).

Application 6 - Broadwater Lake Surveys (Broadwater Conservation Society) - Appendix F

- 3.14 The application requests £31,200 to carry out two surveys of the lake. The silt volume and works needed to reinstate the lake surveys would provide the information needed to develop an overall strategy for the management of the lake. The details would feed into the development of the strategy and future funding applications to various sources to carry out the works.

No CIL funding has been awarded to Broadwater Conservation Society to date.

- 3.15 Based on supporting growth, community support, and deliverability of the surveys the project scores 16 / 25 (see Appendix G).

4 The Board's consideration

- 4.1 In assessing all of the details provided for the seven bids the Local Spending Board should consider the criteria used in the scoring assessment:
- How the project addresses impacts created by new development
 - The potential impact of a project
 - Deliverability of the project
 - Match funding and value for money
- 4.2 Members are asked to consider the funding of these projects and make the allocation decisions.

Financial implications:

The Local Spending Board will make the final decision on allocation of CIL funding. £510,268.90 is available for the settlement of Weybridge. Funding applications totalling £413,059 have been received, so there are sufficient funds for all applications under consideration.

Environmental/Sustainability Implications:

Improvements to infrastructure within the Borough will assist in improving the sustainability of the area.

Legal implications:

The decisions made by the Local Spending Board as to the allocation of CIL must be in conformity with the relevant legislation governing CIL (CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)). Applicants that are awarded funding sign up to terms and conditions ensuring that CIL monies are spent in line the project as submitted.

Equality Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

Risk Implications:

The key risk for the Council associated with this funding is the financial risk of non-delivery of projects. To manage this, approved funding will be paid on the submission of verifiable invoices ensuring that money is used for the projects as submitted.

Community Safety Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

Principal Consultees:

Officers, CMB, Legal, Finance

Background papers:

None for the purpose of this report.

Enclosures/Appendices:

All applications and the scoring sheets are included as appendices A-G.

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