

Committee: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 18 September 2019

Subject:	2019-20 Strategic Spending Board CIL Allocations
Lead Officer:	Jamie Pourier-Benham
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Planning Services
Link to Council Priorities:	P3
Exempt information:	None
Delegated status:	For decision
Key Decision:	Yes

Executive Summary:

On 4 September 2019, the Strategic Spending Board considered the bids for strategic funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Nine applications were received, and the total amount requested from the CIL budget for these strategic projects was £1,434,810.60.

The Board made the recommendation to Cabinet that seven of the applications be fully or partially funded to the total value of £688,806.10. This report sets out the decisions and recommendation.

Recommended: that

- (a) Cabinet agree the recommendation made by the Strategic Spending Board as set out in Appendix A.**

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.

The CIL Regulations stipulates that when allocating funds, the Council must first allocate an initial:

- 5% to the Borough Council for administration costs; and the
- 15% neighbourhood portion to the Local Spending Boards (and in the case of Claygate, to the Parish Council).

After which the remaining CIL receipts can be allocated in accordance with the regulations and the approach adopted by Cabinet and Council in July 2017. Historically the 15% for the neighbourhood portion has been allocated as a portion of the remainder. The allocation has been amended retrospectively to correct the issue.

To maintain the proportional split of the remaining funds as agreed by the Council in 2017 the percentages for the further three CIL segments have been amended. Therefore, the remaining CIL receipts are allocated (post allocation to Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)) as:

- 47% of CIL collected is ringfenced to fund a programme of strategic infrastructure projects to be agreed and approved through Cabinet and Council;
- 41% 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; and
- 12% of CIL is ringfenced for maintenance purposes as agreed and approved through the capital application programme, Cabinet and Council.

1.2 For the 41% of CIL funds outlined above, the Council has adopted an annual process whereby funding is allocated to specific projects with a clear delivery plan proposed by infrastructure providers. The Strategic Spending Board has been established to act as an advisory body for these funds and to make CIL spending recommendations to Cabinet.

1.3 The Council Regulation 123 List details the types of infrastructure improvements that might be required within the borough and therefore the types of projects that the Council will consider for CIL funding through the Strategic Spending Board for this round of funding.

1.4 Amendments to the CIL Regulations are in force from 1 September 2019, which will see the removal of the Regulation 123 list and it being replaced with an Infrastructure Funding Statement.

2 2019-20 Applications received by the Strategic Spending Board and recommendations

2.1 For the allocation of CIL funds, strategic infrastructure providers submitted funding proposals to the Council. Funding applications were invited from strategic infrastructure providers from 3 May 2019 – 16 June 2019. Applications received by the closing date had until 14 July 2019 to supply additional information.

2.2 The nine applications considered by the Board for strategic funding from CIL, which were deferred or received during the application period, were originally requesting a total amount of £1,447,150.60. One applicant informed the Board they had secured further funding, so the total amount requested reduced to £1,434,810.60.

2.3 Seven of the applications were recommended for full or partial funding for a total value of £688,806.10, as set out in Appendix A.

The projects were:

- Outdoor Sports Provision
- Pre-School Facility
- Public Engagement Vehicle
- Claygate Swimming Pool for All
- IT Operations Project
- Walton Playhouse Retractable Seating
- Provision of GP services at Walton Community Hospital

3 Cabinet's consideration

3.1 Cabinet Members are asked to review and agree the funding recommendation of the Strategic Spending Board.

Financial implications:

The recommendation made by the Strategic Spending Board in this report is to allocate £688,806.10 from the strategic CIL funds with any remaining funds being carried over.

Environmental/Sustainability Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

Legal implications:

The decision made by the Council as to the allocation of CIL must be in conformity with the relevant legislation governing CIL (the Planning Act 2008 and the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)). Infrastructure providers 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 risks for the Council associated with this funding is the reputational risk to the Council of not supporting the required infrastructure and financial risk of non-delivery of projects. To manage financial and legal risks, funding agreements will be put in place with infrastructure providers to ensure that CIL funding is spent in line with Council expectations. All spending and delivery will be monitored through an Annual CIL Report.

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:

Minutes from the Strategic Spending Board meeting included as Appendix A.

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