


Executive Decision Report

Details of Leadership Team meeting or (in the case of individual Lead Member or Executive Director decisions) by whom and the <u>earliest</u> date the decision will be taken	Sue Harris, Executive Director for Environment and Communities. Date of report: 13 November 2023	 THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
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Reporting officer	Amanda Reid, Director of Planning and Place	
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Access to information classification	Public	
Wards	All	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) must be spent on local priorities identified by the local communities.
- 1.2. As of June 2023, there was a total of £3.9mn of NCIL collected from developments which was available to spend in the Borough. This includes NCIL remaining after awards made in bidding rounds 1, 2, and 3 in addition to new NCIL that has accrued since the previous bidding round.
- 1.3. The six-week bidding period for the NCIL 2023 round opened on the 8 June and closed on the 30 July 2023 where the Borough's communities were invited to put forward bids for [NCIL funding](#). 63 separate project bids were received with a total value of c £1.77 million.
- 1.4. An initial review by officers was undertaken against NCIL assessment criteria. Ward councillors have now considered the project bids alongside the initial officer review and have awarded a total of £958,218 NCIL funds.
- 1.5. This report recommends that the Executive Director makes an Executive Decision to allocate these funds for the projects approved by ward councillors.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Executive Director for Environment and Communities is recommended to approve the allocation of NCIL funds according to the decisions taken by ward councillors, as set out in Table 4.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) ([CIL Reg 59A and 59F](#)) requires a proportion of CIL collected in the Borough to be apportioned as NCIL and [National Planning Practice Guidance \(NPPG\) on Community Infrastructure Levy \(paragraph 146\)](#) states that the Council as the Charging Authority, “*should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding*”. The use of NCIL funds should match priorities expressed by local communities – projects are expected to reflect the priorities that have been previously identified in June 2020 through consultation. Ward councillors have been guided by the identified community priorities (set out in paragraph 4.3) when making their NCIL allocation decisions. However, ward councillors are aware of the changing needs and priorities for their area through communication with constituents. As such the community priorities have not precluded spending on other local priorities if there has been clear support from ward residents / the community to do so.
- 3.2. Given that all ward councillors decide on the project funding allocations for their ward, for clear and transparent decision-making, it is appropriate that the ward councillor funding decisions are approved by the Executive Director of Environment and Communities.

4. BACKGROUND

Amount of Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL) available for allocation

- 4.1. CIL is a charge levied on new development. It is intended to help Councils deliver the infrastructure needed to support development. The Council has been collecting CIL from liable developments since 6 April 2015.
- 4.2. A portion of CIL must be spent on local priorities; this is called NCIL. As of June 2023, there is c £3.9 million of NCIL funds. The amount available in each ward is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1. NCIL funding available in each ward

Ward	NCIL funding available
Abingdon	£590,612
Brompton and Hans Town	£1,511,572
Campden	£88,682
Chelsea Riverside	£66,300
Colville	£99,113
Courtfield	£39,396
Dalgarno	£108,335
Earl’s Court	£23,273

Ward	NCIL funding available
Golborne	£71,415
Holland	£459,914
Norland	£50,761
Notting Dale	£20,921
Pembridge	£126,389
Queen's Gate	£8,102
Redcliffe	£70,777
Royal Hospital	£110,243
St Helen's	£62,458
Stanley	£391,726
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA BIDS	
St Quintin and Woodlands Plan area	£10,786
Norland Neighbourhood Plan area	£23,822
Total *Due to rounding the amounts may not add up precisely to the total	£3,934,601*

Community Priorities

4.3. NCIL is required to be spent in consultation with local communities. The Council consulted on community priorities between 11 February and 24 March 2020. The following top Boroughwide priorities were identified through consultation.

- Air Quality
- Policing resources and Emergency Services
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Streetscape
- Community Safety

4.4. The consultation also identified ward level priorities. These were adopted by [Key Decision](#) as part of the [NCIL Community Priorities document](#) on 18 June 2020 and have helped applicants to develop funding bids and to guide ward councillors in making project funding decisions.

Assessment Criteria

4.5. The framework for accessing NCIL and assessing bids is set out in the Council's adopted NCIL Community Priorities document mentioned above and detailed further in the supporting [applicant guidance](#). [Scoring criteria](#) has been developed and published to assist applicants and for transparency.

4.6. There are three categories of criteria, Mandatory, Project and Councillor support and Community support / consultation criteria. The first (of six) mandatory criterion relate to meeting CIL Regulation 59F 3) which states that,

“The charging authority may use the CIL to which this regulation applies, or cause it to be used, 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.

4.7. The other mandatory criteria include:

- consideration of enough funding being available in the ward,
- implications of future revenue funding by the Council
- location of the project to be limited within the borough
- a specific criterion for multi-ward bids
- involvement of stakeholders outside of the Council’s control.

4.8. Project bids that pass the Mandatory criteria were considered further. Those that did not, were not considered further. Project bids were scored against the two remaining categories of criteria and were considered for NCIL funding allocation by ward councillors.

4.9. The mandatory criteria is summarised at Appendix A. The full list of criteria is available on the [NCIL webpage](#).

4.10. In addition, the project must fall within established community priorities, benefit borough residents, be deliverable and offer value for money. These are considered as part of the Project criteria.

4.11. Ward councillors have been given the opportunity to prioritise their support for projects as part of the Community support and Councillor support criteria category. In making their decisions ward councillors provide a score based on the level of priority of the project for their ward.

Table 2. NCIL Councillor support Criteria

Broad NCIL criteria in adopted Community Priorities Document	Criteria	Scoring
22.	<p>Is the project a ward councillor priority?</p> <p>Ward councillors will provide a score for this criterion as part of their decision making. In doing so an explanation for the score given and for their final funding allocation decision will be provided.</p>	<p>6 – High 4 – Medium 2 – Low</p>

5. NCIL FUNDING DECISIONS

- 5.1. The Council undertook a six-week Call for NCIL funding applications between 8 June and 30 July 2023. The Call invited the Borough’s communities to put forward project bids for NCIL funding in their areas. Flexibility was provided to allow bids covering more than one ward and joint bids from organisations / Borough residents.
- 5.2. The 2023 bidding round received excellent response with 63 project bids submitted for funding consideration. Of these, 56 were single ward bids and 7 were multi ward bids.
- 5.3. **Single ward bids** are those where the applicant is seeking NCIL funding from one ward only. **Multi ward bids** are those where the applicant is seeking funding from more than one ward. These are denoted by an MW reference.
- 5.4. One bid was received which sought NCIL funding from and is within a [Neighbourhood Plan Area](#).
- 5.5. The various project bid submissions are set out in the Tables 4, 5 and 6 below.
- 5.6. In accordance with the adopted Neighbourhood CIL Community Priorities document (June 2020), officers undertook a due diligence review of the submissions against the NCIL assessment criteria to determine eligibility for NCIL funding. All projects were sent to ward councillors for information including those that did not meet the mandatory criteria. Members then made decisions on the projects to receive funding. As part of the initial officer review bid proposals were circulated to relevant council service areas for their input on deliverability and for their recommendation.
- 5.7. The NCIL 2023 bids were circulated to ward councillors on the 20 September 2023 with a decision form and instructions on how to complete it (see Appendix C).
- 5.8. The total value of all the NCIL 2023 bids received is £1,771,174 and a total of £958,218 has been awarded by ward councillors. Table 3 below shows the total

amount of NCIL funding sought and awarded for single ward, multi ward and neighbourhood plan area bids:

Table 3. Total amounts of NCIL funding sought and total amount of NCIL funding awarded categorised by type of bid.

Type of bid	Amount sought	Amount awarded
Single ward	£1,569,882	£880,443
Multi ward	£190,506	£66,989
Neighbourhood Plan areas	£10,786	£10,786
Totals	£1,771,174*	£958,218*
*Due to rounding the amounts may not add up precisely to the total		

- 5.9. The amounts awarded will fund a wide range of eligible projects including cycle hangars, EV waste collection, acoustic cameras, CCTV, traffic calming measures, public realm improvements and community initiatives. These projects have been put forward by Borough communities and organisations. Table 6 below lists the projects awarded funding and a full list of project bids and decisions is set out in Appendix B.
- 5.10. Awarded projects that are deliverable by council service areas, e.g. public CCTV, highways related projects, acoustic camera's, will be incorporated into service area work programmes for 2024/25. Where awarded projects are not deliverable by the council (projects that can only be delivered by the applicant), these will be delivered by the applicant and invoices paid directly by the Council upon project progress.
- 5.11. It is important to note that all funding awards are ringfenced subject to further work that may be necessary being completed. In some cases, projects will be ready to deliver. In other cases, NCIL will be ringfenced for projects until any further work necessary is done or until any final arrangements required for project delivery are made. Where it is known that further work is required, this was indicated in the initial officer review. NCIL funding will be released based on the outcome and completion of any further necessary work.
- 5.12. The single ward and multi ward project bids that have been awarded funding by ward councillors are set out in Table 4 below:

Table 4. NCIL Funding Awards

Ward	Ref	Project Title	Amount awarded to project bids	Total amount awarded for the ward
Abingdon	AB16	Streetscape: Abingdon Electric waste vehicle and driver (Extra waste collections)	£95,000	Single ward bids = £156,000 Multi ward bids = £0
	AB17	Transport: Lexham Gardens Traffic Calming speed humps	£61,000	
Brompton and Hans Town	BHT28	Public Realm: Beauchamp Place Christmas Street Lights	£9,780	Single ward bids = £234,280 Multi ward bids = £0
	BHT30	Public Realm: Drinking Fountain	£12,000	
	BHT31	Public Realm: Street Planters Thurloe St and Thurloe Pl.	£42,500	
	BHT34	Community Safety: Warden <i>Note: the community safety warden would also patrol other parts of the ward.</i>	£60,000	
	BHT35	Streetscape: Street Cleaning	£15,000	
	BHT36	Streetscape: Electric waste vehicle and driver <i>Note: the vehicle would also be available to service other parts of the ward or Borough.</i>	£95,000	
Campden	CD10	Community Safety: Estate CCTV	£15,200	Single ward bids = £20,200 Multi ward bids = £0
	CD11	Public Realm: Planter Broadwalk Court / Palace Gardens Terrace	£ 5,000	
Chelsea Riverside	CR18	Community Safety: Upgrade to 7-day service for security officers	£25,000	Single ward bids = £25,000
	CR19 (MW)	Public Realm: Old Church Street Enhancement Project	£7,000	

Ward	Ref	Project Title	Amount awarded to project bids	Total amount awarded for the ward
				Multi ward bids = £7,000
Colville	CV08	Community Safety: Longlands Court Automatic Gate and Sensor Lighting	£32,000	Single ward bids = £95,000
	CV09 (MW)	Public Art: Portobello Wall Public Art Project	£4,040	
	CV10	Parks and open spaces: 'Hands Off Mangrove' (garden relocation)	£33,000	Multi ward bids = £4,040
	CV11	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	£30,000	
Courtfield		No bids awarded funding.		Single ward bids = £0 Multi ward bids = £0
Dalgarno	DG11 (MW)	Community: Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Renewal and Community Room Renovation <i>Note: This is a multi ward that sought funding from two wards. As full funding has not been secured the project cannot be delivered in its entirety. Funding has therefore been agreed for the community room refurbishment.</i>	£6,000	Single ward bids = £35,076 Multi ward bids = £7,000
	DG13	Community Safety: Private CCTV	£6,000	
	DG15	Community Safety: Treverton and Raymede – Security Gate	£29,076	
	DG19 (MW)	Community Safety: Public CCTV <i>This is an award made by Dalgarno Ward Councillors to top up the bid STQWNP4 by an additional £1,000 to allow the project to be fully funded and deliverable for 5 years. A further £1,000 has also been agreed towards this by St Helen's councillors from their NCIL allocation.</i>	£1,000	

Ward	Ref	Project Title	Amount awarded to project bids	Total amount awarded for the ward
Earl's Court	EC24	Streetscape: Street Cleaning	£5,062	Single ward bids = £8,273
	EC26 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	£15,000	
	EC29	Parks and open spaces: St Cuthbert's Church Garden Improvement	£3,211	Multi ward bids = £15,000
Golborne	GB15	Community Safety: 375 Portobello Road - Security Package	£50,000	Single Ward bids = £71,000
	GB18	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£21,000	Multi ward bids = £0
Holland	HO22	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£12,600	Single ward bids = £52,600
	HO23	Community: Carbon Neutral Heating Project	£40,000	
Norland	NRD09	Transport: Speed Indicator Device	£7,000	Single ward bids = £22,000
	NRD10	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	£15,000	
Notting Dale	NTD15	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£12,600	Single ward bids = £17,600
	NTD16	Transport: Thomas Jones School Traffic Control Planters <i>£2,000 is awarded for a feasibility study to identify an appropriate highways scheme and highways consultation. The remaining £3,000 is ringfenced to deliver a highways scheme following outcome of the feasibility study and highways consultation.</i>	£5,000	

Ward	Ref	Project Title	Amount awarded to project bids	Total amount awarded for the ward
Pembridge	PB14	Public Realm: Barney McMahon Mural Restoration	£12,000	Single ward bids = £12,000 Multi ward bids = £0
Queen's Gate	No bids received.			
Redcliffe	RC09	Transport: Making Cresswell Place a materially safer road for pedestrians and residents	£10,000	Single ward bids = £46,200
	RC10	Transport: Speed Awareness Signs	£11,000	
	RC11	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£25,200	Multi ward bids = £15,000
	RC13 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	£15,000	
Royal Hospital	RH04	Streetscape / Public realm: Royal Avenue Public Realm Improvements	£34,663	Single ward bids = £45,663 Multi ward bids = £0
	RH05	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera (continuation of existing acoustic camera) <i>This bid arrived after the close of the bidding window and is delegated to the Director for Planning and Place for decision.</i>	£11,000	
St Helen's	SH10 (MW)	Community: St. Helens Church Basement Meeting Room 'Den' Refurbishment <i>St Helen's ward councillors have agreed to provide full funding for this project.</i>	£10,520	Single ward bids = £0 Multi ward bids = £11,520
	SH12 (MW)	Community Safety: Public CCTV <i>This is an award made by St Helen's Ward Councillors to top up the bid STQWNP4 by an additional £1,000 to allow the project to be fully funded and deliverable for 5 years. A further £1,000 has also been agreed towards</i>	£1,000	

Ward	Ref	Project Title	Amount awarded to project bids	Total amount awarded for the ward
		<i>this by Dalgarno councillors from their NCIL allocation</i>		
Stanley	ST10	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£12,600	Single ward bids = £39,550
	ST11	Community Safety: Public CCTV	£12,600	
	ST12	Public Realm: Dovehouse Green Bollard Lighting	£14,350	
	ST13 (MW)	Public Realm: Old Church Street Enhancement Project	£7,429	Multi ward bids = £7,430
St Quintin and Woodlands Plan area	STQW NP4	Community Safety: Public CCTV <i>An additional £1,000 per ward has also been awarded from the Dalgarno and St Helen's ward NCIL allocations towards this project.</i>	£10,786	Neighbourhood area plan bid =10,786
Norland Neighbourhood Plan area	No bids received.			
Total Awarded			£958,218*	
*Due to rounding the amounts may not add up precisely to the total				

5.13. Of the projects considered by ward councillors, the following were not awarded funding. Ward councillors were asked to provide a reason for their decisions to help applicants better understand the outcome of their bid. These have been included in the table below where they have been provided.

5.14. Where there has been differing views between Councillors in wards, the average councillor priority score was used to determine if an award could be made. In this circumstance, where projects scored less than 5 the bid has not been awarded.

Table 5. NCIL funding bids not awarded

Ref	Project Title	Summary of ward Councillors reason for not awarding	Project value
BHT29	Transport: Cycle Hangars	Tied up with urban garden	£4,600
BHT33	Streetscape: Rubbish / Waste Bins	-	£0 (Amount not provided by applicant)
BHT37	Beauchamp Place Website	-	£30,624
CR17 (MW)	Defence of the Chelsea Riverside	-	£6,000
CF10	Public Realm: Manson Mews Arch Restoration	The Head of Building Control has confirmed that refurbishment of the Manson Mews arch, which councillors strongly support, is on the programme for FY24/25 for funding out of the Council's Maintenance of Historic Built Assets capital budget line. NCIL funding is therefore not needed.	£39,000
DG12 (MW)	Community: St. Helens Church Basement Meeting Room 'Den' Refurbishment	<p>There were differing views on this project from ward councillors. The bid scored an average of 5 for councillor priority. However, St Helen's Councillors have decided to fully fund (£10,520) this bid therefore funding from Dalgarno is no longer necessary. Please see SH10(MW) in Table 4 above.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jedut: Score - 6, Decision - Award.</u> There are serious ASB issues in Dalgarno ward. The councillor supports the refurbishment of the church meeting room as it will provide a safe environment to access support.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ali: Score - 4, Decision - Not award.</u> The councillor feels that this should be funded from St Helen's Ward NCIL as the Church is in St Helen's Ward. The councillor is happy to reconsider this decision if St Helen's Ward does not have enough funds to cover the entire refurbishment.</p>	£5,260

Ref	Project Title	Summary of ward Councillors reason for not awarding	Project value
DG14	Community Safety: Renewal of Car Park and Pedestrian Gates St Clements House	<p>There were differing views on this project from ward councillors. The bid scored an average of 2 for councillor priority and therefore has not been awarded funding.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jedut: Score - 0, Decision - Not award.</u> The councillor's view is that the gate needs upgrading rather than replacing and that this is the responsibility of the freeholder/ Housing Trust.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ali: Score - 4, Decision - Part Award.</u> The councillor supports the bid. A partial award of £5,000 is supported and the remaining costs to be covered by the Housing Association.</p>	£20,000
DG16	Public Realm: Railings / Fencing repairs	<p>Both ward councillors agree that an award is not made due to limited NCIL funds.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jedut: Score - 0, Decision – Not award.</u> The councillor understands that the project is to be picked up by ground maintenance funds in the very near future. Dalgarno has limited NCIL funds and therefore the councillor has decided not to award funding.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ali: Score - 2, Decision – Not award.</u> There is not enough Dalgarno NCIL for the proposed fencing. Estate budget should be used to cover full costs of railings.</p>	£79,444
DG17	Community Safety: Estate CCTV (Notting Barns)	<p>There were differing views on this project from ward councillors. The bid scored an average of 4 for councillor priority and therefore has not been awarded funding.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jedut: Score - 6, Decision – Award.</u></p>	£10,000

Ref	Project Title	Summary of ward Councillors reason for not awarding	Project value
		<p>There are serious ASB issues in Dalgarno ward and the councillor supports this project.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ali: Score - 2, Decision – Not award.</u> The councillor has questions the data collected by the CCTVs and cannot award funding until he is satisfied with data and privacy of residents.</p> <p><i>Note: Housing Management have confirmed the type of CCTV system proposed will not result in data protection or privacy issues, but no amended decision has been made.</i></p>	
DG18	Community Safety: Public CCTV (Little Wormwood Scrubs)	<p>There were differing views on this project from ward councillors. The bid scored an average of 4 for councillor priority and therefore has not been awarded funding.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jedut: Score - 6, Decision – Award.</u> There have been many ASB and crime incidents at the park and the councillor supports the bid. Night vision cameras would be a benefit.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ali: Score - 2, Decision – Not award.</u> The councillor's view is that Dalgarno Ward on its own should not cover the whole cost and asks confirmation if the applicant has applied for funds from any other sources.</p> <p><i>Note: It has been confirmed that the applicant has not sought funding from other sources or NCIL from other wards.</i></p>	£25,200
EC23	Transport: Cycle Hangars	Limited NCIL funding as such other funding sources are available for this kind of project.	£9,200

Ref	Project Title	Summary of ward Councillors reason for not awarding	Project value
EC25	Community Safety: Public CCTV	Limited NCIL funding. Councillors are keen to progress this but insufficient funds available.	£14,000
EC27 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	This is the same project as EC26(MW) which has been awarded funding.	£15,000
EC28 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	Limited NCIL funding. Acoustic cameras are demountable and location can be experimented with.	£15,000
EC30	Community Safety: Public CCTV	Limited NCIL funds. Councillors are keen to progress this but insufficient funds available.	£14,000
GB16	Community Safety: Bollards	Pending Highways Officer advice, not grant in the meanwhile. <i>Note: A future bid may be considered subject to input from the highways team.</i>	£3,000
GB17(MW)	Public Art: Portobello Wall Public Art Project	Due to funding constraints, other projects regarding community safety took priority.	£4,040
NRD08	Transport: Speed Humps	This is more than the amount of Norland NCIL available and has limited support only.	£54,000
NRD11	Public Realm: Water Fountain Restoration	No decision yet, the proposal should be costed up and could be put forward for a future NCIL bidding round.	£20,000
PB13	Community Safety: Wardens and Crime Advice Leaflet	Councillors would like to see the newly restructured street enforcement team operating at full strength and how a Community Safety Warden dedicated to Pembridge would operate in the new team. NCIL funding is likely to only cover one year, given there are other past and current NCIL bids, so councillors would therefore like to reconsider this bid or a similar bid in a future NCIL bidding round so that it can be used most effectively for the ward.	£114,000

Ref	Project Title	Summary of ward Councillors reason for not awarding	Project value
RC12	Transport: Redcliffe Square Public Realm Scheme	-	£13,620
RC14 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	-	£15,000
RC15 (MW)	Community Safety: Acoustic Camera	-	£15,000
RH03 (MW)	Defence of the Chelsea Riverside	-	£6,000
SH07	Public Art: Brilliant in Blue	The councillors agree with officers' comments.	£1,500
SH08	Transport: Camera Traffic Lights	The road needs mitigation not a feasibility study.	£15,000
SH09	Transport: Bell Bollards	There are already bell bollards installed in this location.	£15,000
SH11 (MW)	Community: Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Renewal and Community Room Renovation	This does not relate to St Helen's ward.	£20,379

5.15. Table 6 describes the NCIL funding bids which did not pass the Mandatory Criteria or are otherwise undeliverable

Table 6. NCIL funding bids that failed the Mandatory Criteria or are undeliverable.

Ref	Project Name	Amounts Sought	Mandatory Criteria review
BHT32	Transport / Parks and open spaces: closure of Egerton Place and creation of urban park	£100,000	Fails mandatory criteria 3. No ongoing maintenance costs incorporated, given site constraints the budget is unrealistic. The RBKC Parks team have no capacity in

Ref	Project Name	Amounts Sought	Mandatory Criteria review
			their budgets to take on maintenance of extra/new sites.
BHT37	Beauchamp Place Website	£30,624	Does not meet NCIL Mandatory Criteria 1-6. The item is not infrastructure. The use of NCIL to pay for a website, charging subscription fees, is inappropriate. The applicant could seek a small contribution from all businesses / retailers along the street to set up and maintain the website.
CR17 (MW) RH3 (MW)	Defence of the Chelsea Riverside	£12,000	Does not meet NCIL Mandatory Criteria 1-6. The bid is not NCIL eligible. The item is not infrastructure. The item does not relate to anything else to address the demands that development places on the area. The use of NCIL to pay for Legal Advice / Representation is inappropriate.

6. FUNDING DECISION OUTSIDE OF THE NCIL PROCESS

- 6.1 Both Dalgarno and St Helen's ward councillors have decided to award an additional sum of £2,000 (£1,000 from each of the respective NCIL award fund pots) (in addition to the bid amount) towards the project proposal - STQWNP4 Community Safety: Public CCTV. Ward councillors' have made this decision to provide the project for a 5-year period. The additional funding is reported at Table 4, references DG19 (MW) and SH12 (MW).
- 6.2 Following close of the bidding window, Royal Hospital ward councillors requested further funding for the existing acoustic camera delivered by previous NCIL funding. The amount being requested and agreed from their NCIL fund is to allow the continued operation of the Lower Sloane Street acoustic camera for a further 3 years. The additional funding award is noted in Table 4 reference RH05
- 6.3 The RH05 proposal is a continuation of an existing project and meets NCIL assessment criteria,

6.4 The amount sought is £11,000. There is £75,580 NCIL remaining for the ward following the funding decisions for Round 4 bids to be able to provide this funding.

7. FUNDING IN ADVANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE DECISION

7.1. Brompton and Hans Town ward councillors provisionally awarded funding of £9,780 for BHT28, installation of Christmas light garlands along Beauchamp Place in August 2023. This was to help expedite permissions and licences necessary to take the project forward. The Brompton and Hans Town ward councillors reconfirmed their collective decision on 13 October 2023.

7.2. Following this and in advance of this Executive Decision report, the applicant confirmed that their contractors had scheduled installation for 18 November but were unable to progress with orders, licences, and installation until confirmation that funding was in place.

7.3. Authorisation from the Director of Planning and Place, under the financial scheme of delegation, was sought to release the funding in advance of this Executive Decision on NCIL Round 4 awards (Appendix D). This was to allow a Purchase Order to be raised so the Christmas lights can be ordered and installed in time for the Christmas period.

8. NCIL PROJECT DELIVERY

8.1. Following Executive Decision confirmation, the NCIL projects that have been awarded funding and are to be delivered by Council service areas will need to be incorporated into the relevant Council service area work programme for the coming years. The service area/s will commence with the project in line with their work programme timeframe/s.

8.2. The funding awards will be ring fenced for the NCIL project until any further work that may be necessary is undertaken or until any final arrangements required for project delivery are made.

8.3. NCIL will only be released for projects and projects will commence once any necessary community consultation, all approvals required have been gained and all funding for the project has been secured.

8.4. If NCIL projects that have been awarded funding do not come to fruition or insurmountable delivery issues arise, then NCIL amount will be returned to the NCIL fund for the relevant ward.

9. OPTIONS, ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS

9.1. The options are:

- Option A – Approve the recommendations as set out in para 2 of this report
- Option B – Approve the recommendations subject to any changes as the Executive Director of Environment and Communities sees fit

- Option C- Not approve the recommendations

9.2. The process for accessing and deciding funding allocation is set out in the adopted Community Priorities document which has been established through engagement with ward residents. The adopted Community Priorities document clearly sets out that ward councillors will make funding decisions by selecting the projects to receive NCIL funding following review and consideration. It is recommended that the Executive Director for Environment and Communities endorses **Option A**. **Option C** is not recommended for approval.

9. CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

9.1 Consultation and community engagement details are set out at paragraphs 4.3 and 5.1 to 5.4 of the report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Director of Law has considered the proposed allocation and expenditure of NCIL funds set out in this report and is satisfied that these fall within the Council's adopted Neighbourhood CIL – Community Priorities (June 2020) document and guidelines set out in the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

10. FINANCIAL, PROPERTY, IT AND ANY OTHER RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Financial implications are contained within the body of this report and the NCIL Community Priorities document.

10.2 This is a limited funding source dependant on future developments within the Borough. The NCIL Community Priorities document provides guidance on what this funding can be used for and sets out the governance arrangements for accessing the funding and monitoring expenditure.

10.3 Some projects may incur significant on-going running costs over and above the NCIL allocation for that project. To achieve value for money, funding needs to be secured to cover these on-going costs before committing to any expenditure. Until this happens, NCIL funding can be ringfenced for a particular project.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no human resources implications.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The Council completed an [Equality Impact Assessment for the NCIL Community Priorities document](#). This concluded that the adoption of the document containing details of the community priorities, bid making process and decision-making process, will have a neutral impact on protected characteristics.

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