

MAYOR & CABINET			
REPORT TITLE	Response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee comments on the priorities for the Borough Wide Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) fund		
KEY DECISION	No	Item No.	
WARD	N/A		
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CLASS	Part 1	Date	12 February 2020

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the response to the comments made by Sustainable Development Select Committee comments on the priorities for the borough-wide NCIL fund

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Mayor and Cabinet notes the comments made by the Sustainable Development Select Committee and agrees to receive a full report on the priorities for the Borough Wide Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) fund on 11 March 2020.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The information set out in the body of this report is consistent with the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities (contained within the new Corporate Strategy 2018-22).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. On Wednesday 11 September 2019, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on the work of Lewisham's economy and partnerships team.
- 4.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
 - The Committee recommends that funding should be made available from borough wide Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) funding for an employment training and business support programme.

- 4.3 Community Infrastructure Levy is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new development in their area. Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, which can include a wide range of infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, roads, open space, and leisure facilities. The full background to the approach to CIL and NCIL (including the ward based allocations) is set out in the paper that was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019, which is attached as appendix 1.

5. RESPONSE

- 5.1 The report on the CIL Strategy agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019 set out the principles and the broad approach to the allocation of the ward based funding. It provided relatively little detail on the process for allocating the Borough-wide pot beyond that projects must meet CIL regulations and:
- Align with a priority within the Corporate Strategy 2018-2022
 - Make a significant contribution to two or more wards and/or have significant borough wide value
 - Make a significant contribution to addressing issues of deprivation (where necessary taking into consideration the Indices of Multiple Deprivation); a
 - Offer value for money
- 5.2 Since this report officers have undertaken further work in order to inform recommendations to further refine the criteria and priorities for applications to the borough wide pot.
- 5.3. This process is currently on-going but includes a review of the priorities identified through the NCIL consultation process at a ward level, alongside corporate priorities and the level of funding and other resources available for work on both of the above.
- 5.4 Officers will also consider this referral when developing recommendations which will be brought to Mayor and Cabinet for formal agreement on 11 March 2020.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

9. EQUALITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equalities or environmental implications directly arising from this report.

Background Documents

Mayor and Cabinet paper on Community Infrastructure Levy neighbourhood CIL strategy, 5 June 2019

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s65802/NCIL%20Strategy.pdf>

Referral from Sustainable Development Select Committee to Mayor and Cabinet, 30 October 2019

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s68579/Comments%20of%20the%20Sustainable%20Development%20Select%20Committee%20on%20employment%20training%20and%20business%20support.pdf>

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