



Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

Report title: NCIL Update Cover Report

Date: 7th November 2023

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

The purpose of the slides is to provide an update on the next round of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Grant Programme. The presentation identifies key points from the review of the previous programme and considerations for delivery of the next round of grants.

Members of the Select Committee are asked to note and comment on the update.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Mayor & Cabinet Approval of overall NCIL strategy – June 2019

Borough-wide NCIL programme Launch – May 2021

Ward NCIL Programme Launch – September 2021

Agreement of Recommended Ward Projects by Mayor and Cabinet – March 2022

Project delivery – June 2022 for up to a maximum of 2 years

Review of previous programme – June – Sept 2023

1. Summary

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on “chargeable” new development in their area. The Levy is collected and monitored by the Council’s planning department. An element of these funds is to be spent at a local level and is known as Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL).

Lewisham’s NCIL strategy was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019 and Full Council 24 July 2019.

The borough-wide fund was launched in May 2021 and funded 25 projects amounting to £877,094.

The ward NCIL grant programme was launched in September 2021 and 150 projects across 18 wards were funded, amounting to £2,931,270

Projects were to be delivered across a maximum of two years, beginning in June 2022.

It was recommended at the Mayor & Cabinet Meeting of 5th June 2019 that a holistic review of the NCIL process take place once the programme had been completed or partially completed to review what was successful and what was challenging throughout the process with a view of improving the programme for future rounds. The outcome of the review would be presented to Mayor and Cabinet with any recommendations on amendments to the process.

This update provides key points from the review undertaken, our learning from the previous programme and considerations for delivery of the next programme.

2. Recommendations

Members of the Select Committee are asked to note and comment on the update.

3. Policy Context

This report aligns with Lewisham's Corporate Priorities, as set out in the Council's [Corporate Strategy \(2022-2026\)](#):

- Cleaner and Greener
- A Strong Local Economy
- Quality Housing
- Children and Young People
- Safer Communities
- Open Lewisham
- Health and Wellbeing

4. Financial implications

There are no specific financial implications as a result of this update..

5. Legal implications

There are no legal implications contained in this update.

6. Equalities implications

There are no specific equalities implications as a result of this update.

However, it should be noted that a equalities will be a key consideration in allocation of NCIL grants once decisions about the process are agreed.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

There are no specific climate change or environmental implications to this report.

8. Crime and disorder implications

There are no specific crime and disorder implications to this update.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

There are no specific health and wellbeing implications to this update.

10. Background papers

None

11. Glossary

Term	Definition
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13. Appendices

None