



Mayor and Cabinet

Ward Based Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)

Date: 9th March 2022

Key decision: Yes

Class: 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

Following agreement by Mayor and Cabinet in September 2021 the Council launched the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) ward fund on 11th September 2021. The fund is generated from a Levy on new development within the borough and is topped up each year.

This round of NCIL ward funding comprising of £2,931,270 was collected between 2015-2020 and is available to fund projects which support and benefit Lewisham's communities and neighbourhoods.

This report sets out a summary of the NCIL ward fund programme, the criteria for assessing applications, involvement by councillors and ward assemblies and a list of projects for each ward that have been recommended for funding.

It is recommended that Mayor and Cabinet:

- Approve the list of recommended projects in Section 10 to be awarded NCIL ward funding.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

5th June 2019 – Mayor and Cabinet. Approval of the NCIL strategy

24th July 2019 – Full Council. Approval of the NCIL strategy

11th March 2020 – Mayor and Cabinet. Approval of priorities for the NCIL borough-wide fund

10th March 2021 - Mayor and Cabinet. Approval for the top up of the NCIL borough-wide fund and additional borough-wide priority

14th September 2021 – Mayor and Cabinet . Approval for the top up of the NCIL ward fund, additional overarching priority to be added to the existing agreed priorities for each of the 18 wards and revisions to original ward strategy

3rd November 2021 – Mayor and Cabinet. Approval of recommended projects for the NCIL borough-wide fund.

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1. Summary

- 1.1. 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).
- 1.2. Lewisham’s NCIL strategy was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019 and Full Council 24 July 2019. The agreed strategy allocates 25% of CIL receipts as NCIL and uses the ward structure as the basis for distribution. A portion of receipts are to be retained in each ward where they were generated; a portion redistributed across the wards based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), and a portion set aside for projects that contribute to a borough-wide benefit (borough-wide fund). As such two separate funds were established: the NCIL borough-wide fund and the NCIL ward fund.

NCIL borough-wide fund

- 1.3. The NCIL borough-wide fund was launched on 28th May 2021 and at its meeting on 3rd November 2021 Mayor and Cabinet agreed the allocation of £977,094 towards 25 projects and an Air Quality fund that met the borough-wide priorities agreed by Mayor and Cabinet at its meeting on 10th March 2020.

NCIL ward fund

- 1.4. At its meeting on 14 September 2021 Mayor and Cabinet agreed to top up the NCIL ward fund with NCIL funds collected between 2018 and 2020 (increasing the NCIL ward fund by a further £1,188,483 to £2,931,270) and agree an additional overarching Covid-19 recovery priority to be added to all 18 wards. This Covid-19 recovery priority will support projects that assist in Lewisham’s Covid-19 recovery and demonstrate a benefit to Lewisham’s communities at a ward level. Revisions to the original NCIL ward fund strategy were also agreed at this meeting.
- 1.5. This paper sets out the NCIL ward fund programme, the criteria for assessing applications, the involvement of ward councillors and ward assemblies and a list of projects for each ward that are recommended for funding.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Mayor and Cabinet:
 - Approve the list of recommended projects in Section 10 to be awarded NCIL ward funding.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The contents of this report are consistent with the Council’s policy framework.
- 3.2. NCIL will contribute to the implementation of the Council’s seven corporate priorities from the Corporate Strategy 2018-2022 through supporting local projects that are aligned with those objectives.
- 3.3. NCIL provides funding and a system to help support the implementation of the Corporate Strategy, and this report is consistent with the seven priorities identified:
 - Open Lewisham – Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.

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- Tackling the housing crisis – everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.
 - Giving children and young people the best start in life – every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
 - Building and inclusive local economy - Everyone can access high quality job opportunities, with decent pay security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
 - Delivering & defending: Health, Social Care and Support – Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
 - Making Lewisham greener – Everyone enjoys our green spaces and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
 - Building safer communities – Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.
- 3.4. The recommended projects in Section 10 meet priorities selected by the wards plus the additional Covid-19 recovery priority. This will ensure that the ward based NCIL funded projects directly contribute to the borough’s four themes at the heart of the Council’s response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic as set out in the Future Lewisham document:
- A greener future.
 - A healthy and well future.
 - An economically sound future.
 - A future we all have a part in.

4. Background

- 4.1. CIL is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new development in their area. The Levy is collected and monitored by the Council’s planning department. Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support development within the borough, which can include a wide range of infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, roads, open space and leisure facilities. An element of these funds is to be spent at a local level and is known as Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL).
- 4.2. NCIL is defined through R59F of the CIL Regulations (2010) which enables the Council to allocate a portion of CIL receipts to be spent on local priorities, with spending of this portion subject to a wider definition of *“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.”*
- 4.3. Lewisham’s NCIL strategy was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019 and Full Council 24 July 2019. The agreed strategy allocates 25% of CIL receipts as NCIL and uses the ward structure as the basis for distribution. A portion of receipts are to be retained in each ward where they were generated; a portion redistributed across the wards based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), and a portion set aside for projects that contribute to a borough-wide benefit (borough-wide fund). As such two

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separate funds were established: the NCIL borough-wide fund and the NCIL ward fund.

NCIL borough-wide fund

- 4.4. At its meeting on 10 March 2021 Mayor and Cabinet agreed to top up the NCIL borough-wide fund with NCIL funds collected between 2018 and 2020, increasing the NCIL borough-wide fund from £580,933 to £977,094. At the same meeting Mayor and Cabinet agreed an additional Covid-19 recovery priority to allow funding to be awarded to projects that will assist in Lewisham's recovery from the pandemic.
- 4.5. The NCIL borough-wide fund was launched with an open call for projects on 28th May 2021 and closed on 25th July 2021. During this period the Council received 122 applications amounting to £4.7 million.
- 4.6. At its meeting on 3 November 2021 Mayor and Cabinet approved 25 recommended projects for the NCIL borough-wide fund which amounted to £877,094. The recommended projects addressed the following agreed priorities:
 - Initiatives that seek to support local community groups to contributing to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Provision of high quality mentoring services and those designed to keep Lewisham's children and young people safe from exploitation, violence and serious youth crime
 - Support for people with learning disabilities and/or issues with mental health to find employment opportunities
 - Projects that will assist in Lewisham's Covid-19 recovery by demonstrating a benefit to Lewisham's communities at a borough-wide level
- 4.7. The final £100,000 was allocated to projects which would increase community involvement in projects to improve Air Quality in the borough. The full background to the borough-wide fund and the projects allocated funding is set out in the report presented to Mayor and Cabinet at its meeting on 3rd November 2021.
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s90944/NCIL%20Borough%20recommendations%20for%20funding.pdf>

NCIL Ward Fund

- 4.8. The NCIL ward fund was launched with a priority setting consultation exercise in August 2019. By March 2020, 17 out of 18 wards in the borough had ratified their NCIL priorities before the process was paused due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 4.9. On 14 September 2021 Mayor and Cabinet agreed to top up the NCIL ward fund with NCIL funds collected between 2018 and 2020, increasing the ward funding by a further £1,188,483 to £2,931,270. At this meeting Mayor and Cabinet also agreed an additional overarching Covid-19 recovery priority to be added to all 18 wards that will assist in Lewisham's recovery from the pandemic.
- 4.10. The NCIL ward fund was re-launched with the ward priorities (See Appendix A) for the remaining ward (Downham) agreed on 3 August, 2021 and an open call for projects launched on 26 September 2021 closing on 21 November 2021.
- 4.11. During the open call for projects the Council received a total of 250 applications from across the 18 wards requesting a total of £9.4 million. In total 150 projects from 18 wards requesting £2,931,270 have been recommended for funding.

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5. NCIL and other Council Funding

- 5.1. NCIL sits alongside and complements other Council funding streams
- 5.2. In addition to NCIL, the Council operate the Main Grants, Greening Fund and Section 106 fund programmes. Each have a positive impact on Lewisham's communities at both a borough-wide scale and more locally within specific neighbourhoods.
- 5.3. Below is a brief summary of each of the main funding streams available through the Council, which the NCIL fund compliments.

Main Grants

- 5.4. The Main Grants programme provides funding to a range of local organisations from the voluntary and community sector. Over the next 3 years the Main Grants programme will invest over £7 million of grant funding to local groups to support their work in the community. The Main Grants programme's priorities are:
 - **An economically sound future, specifically**
 - Advice Services and
 - Enabling Digital Access for All
 - **A healthy and well future**
 - **A future we all have a part in**

Greening Fund

- 5.5. The Greening Fund provides grants of up to £40,000 to support volunteers and community groups working to make the borough greener. The funding was secured from Section 106 money. The Greening Funds priorities are:
 - **Access to open spaces**
 - **Young People and Play**
 - **Biodiversity and Sustainability**

Section 106

- 5.6. Section 106 funding can address a range of infrastructure priorities which are linked to the mitigation of the specific impacts of a development. The exact contributions are determined through a Section 106 agreement which is legally attached to a specific development. Projects delivered through Section 106 have to be delivered within the vicinity of the development or in a pre-determined area as specified within the Section 106 agreement. Further details on Section 106 monies and spend can be found in the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) on the Council's website.
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/cil>

6. Summary of the NCIL ward fund

- 6.1. The agreed strategy for the allocation of the NCIL ward fund began with each of Lewisham's 18 wards selecting its own priorities for funding. The agreement of priorities was undertaken at ward assemblies following consultation using the online platform *Commonplace*. This allowed residents to identify local priorities and support suggested projects they would like to see delivered within their locality.

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- 6.2. In total 13,000 unique visitors participated across the *Commonplace* website and over 17,500 contributions were provided making suggestions on local priorities, projects and/or commenting on suggested priorities or projects. This data was collated by officers and used to inform a series of ward assemblies to agree NCIL priorities.
- 6.3. By March 2020, 17 out of 18 wards in the borough had ratified their NCIL priorities before the process was paused due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The remaining ward (Downham) which had to be postponed was subsequently held on Tuesday 3 August, 2021 to agree its priorities – see appendix A for the agreed ward priorities.
- 6.4. The significant postponement of the programme due to the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a review of the overall programme to ensure NCIL ward funding could be delivered in a timely manner to aid the Covid-19 recovery. At its meeting on 14 September 2021 Mayor and Cabinet approved a number of revisions to the NCIL ward fund programme including:

Ward allocations

- 6.5. At its meeting Mayor and Cabinet approved the recommendation that the NCIL ward fund be topped up with the NCIL funds collected during 2018-20.
- 6.6. The funding available for each ward increased as set out in the table below.

Ward	Ward amount 2015-2018 (original allocation)	New ward amounts 2015-2020 (revised allocation)
Bellingham	£49,057	£86,040
Blackheath	£76,262	£128,765
Brockley	£54,466	£94,864
Catford South	£19,931	£30,958
Crofton Park	£29,382	£43,959
Downham	£52,794	£88,589
Evelyn	£595,306	£691,020
Forest Hill	£32,921	£65,926
Grove Park	£32,274	£63,499
Ladywell	£49,062	£62,923
Lee Green	£16,193	£39,349
Lewisham Central	£82,402	£465,884
New Cross	£265,816	£405,109
Perry Vale	£38,838	£145,181
Rushey Green	£198,884	£253,097
Sydenham	£35,447	£88,084
Telegraph Hill	£65,340	£96,167
Whitefoot	£48,411	£81,855
Total	£1,742,787	£2,931,270

Banded funding

- 6.7. Mayor and Cabinet also approved the introduction of funding categories for ward pots over £50k. These would include small, medium and large grants and would be bespoke based on the individual ward's allocation. This approach aligned with the NCIL borough-wide fund and provided a steer to residents and community organisations about the scale of project they may wish to bid for.

Additional priority

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- 6.8. At the same meeting Mayor and Cabinet agreed an additional Covid-19 recovery priority to allow funding to be awarded to projects that will assist in Lewisham's recovery from the pandemic.

7. NCIL Ward fund support programme

- 7.1. The open call for projects was launched on 26 September 2021 and ran until 21 November 2021. During this period officers provided a programme of support to assist residents and organisations with the application process. The programme included:
- A dedicated telephone line for NCIL enquiries
 - A dedicated e-mail inbox for NCIL enquiries
 - Application workshops for organisations and residents
 - One to one meetings with applicants
- 7.2. All of the application information regarding the NCIL ward fund could be found on the Council's community funding website. On this website, applicants could access the application forms, guidance notes and information on how to attend workshops and how to contact officers to assist in their applications.
- 7.3. During this period officers held 13 workshops focused on aiding the application process that were attended by over 200 residents and community organisations. Officers also held individual meetings, when requested to assist residents and community organisations with the application process. Applicants could choose to attend a workshop focused on a particular ward or theme or attend a workshop that provided a general overview of the application process.

8. Applications received

- 8.1. The number of applications received and the total funding requested during the open call for projects is set out below:

NCIL Ward Fund Applications Breakdown	
NCIL Ward Funding Pot	£2,931,270
No. of applications	250
No. of applications not meeting due diligence	5
Total NCIL funding requested pre due diligence	£9,479,511.47

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Total funding requested post due diligence	£9,006,852.43
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8.2. The total number of applications submitted by ward, funding available in each ward and the total amount of funding requested is set out below:

NCIL Fund 2022 – 2024			
Applications Breakdown by Ward			
Ward	Fund Pot	Funding Requested	Number of Applications (Includes cross ward)
Bellingham	£86,040	£189,880	9
Blackheath	£128,765	£205,860	7
Brockley	£94,864	£384,926	19
Catford South	£30,958	£79,747.50	10
Crofton Park	£43,959	£52,690.81	6
Downham	£88,589	£135,645.50	6
Evelyn	£691,020	£2,967,868.55	36
Forest Hill	£65,926	£200,412	12
Grove Park	£63,499	£184,417.04	10
Ladywell	£62,923	£88,310	14
Lee Green	£39,349	£51,894	9
Lewisham Central	£465,884	£1,144,629.40	26

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New Cross	£405,109	£1,643,443.89	24
Perry Vale	£145,181	£361,803	18
Rushey Green	£253,097	£836,307.32	25
Sydenham	£88,084	£235,313.17	19
Telegraph Hill	£96,167	£118,305	6
Whitefoot	£81,855	£125,399.25	10

9. Assessment of applications

Due diligence

9.1. The initial stage of the assessment process was a due diligence check on all applications ensuring:

- The application met with one or more of the agreed ward priorities.
- The application met the definition of infrastructure set out in the CIL regulations as outlined in section 4.2.
- The applicant was a resident of the ward that they were applying for funding from.
- And/or that an organisation applying for over £10,000 had at least three years of financial records.

Scoring and moderating

9.2. Each application that passed the due diligence check was then assessed and scored separately by two officers. The applications were scored in line with the criteria agreed by Mayor and Cabinet:

- How successfully the application met one or more of the agreed ward priorities.
- Whether the application offered value for money.
- Whether the application demonstrated it had community and councillor support.
- How successfully the application demonstrated the benefits of the project to the wider community.

9.3. Individual officer scores were then moderated to agree a final moderated score.

9.4. The small grants (up to £35,000) were scored out of 29, with a score of 17 required for further consideration. The large grants (£35,000 or above) were scored out of 33 with a score of 19 required for further consideration.

Assessment panels

9.5. Project applications that met the scoring thresholds were then presented at a series of assessment panels made up of council personnel from departments responsible for the delivery of infrastructure including Highways; Green Scene and youth services. The purpose of these panels were to discuss if the project was technically feasible and deliverable against the budget submitted as part of the application and/or if other

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funding methods were available to deliver the project.

- 9.6. Following this process a draft list of recommended projects was presented at the final assessment panel with the Director of Communities, Partnerships and Leisure and the Director of Planning. This panel then agreed the final draft list of recommended projects for each ward.

Councillor and ward assembly support

- 9.7. The final draft list of recommended projects was presented to the Ward Councillors, in their position as chair of the ward assemblies to confirm that they had given support to the projects and that they considered the overall spread of projects to be positive for the ward based on their local knowledge..
- 9.8. The recommended projects were also presented to each of the ward assemblies where there was an opportunity to share any observations or feedback. All 18 ward assemblies confirmed their support for the list of recommended projects. A summary of the feedback received during each ward assembly can be found in appendix B.
- 9.9. A full list of recommended projects by ward can be found in Section 10 of this report. These represent the projects that scored the highest in the assessment process, by meeting the local priorities and and other NCIL criteria. The projects provide a mix of both capital and revenue projects from each of the NCIL funding categories and will deliver a positive impact to Lewisham's communities.
- 9.10. The dates of when each ward assembly was held through the assessment process can be found in the table below:

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Ward Assembly	Date of Assembly
Lee Green	18th January 2022
Telegraph Hill	18th January 2022
Catford South	20th January 2022
Ladywell	20th January 2022
Evelyn	22nd January 2022
New Cross	22nd January 2022
Sydenham	22nd January 2022
Downham	24th January 2022
Perry Vale	24th January 2022
Bellingham	25th January 2022
Brockley	25th January 2022
Crofton Park	25th January 2022
Grove Park	29th January 2022
Forest Hill	29th January 2022
Rushey Green	29th January 2022
Lewisham Central	1st February 2022
Whitefoot	1st February 2022
Blackheath	3rd February 2022

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10. Final Ward Recommendations

10.1. The project recommendations are presented individually by ward in the tables below:

Bellingham Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of Project	Delivery Organisation	Recommended Funding
Carols on the Green	Christ Church United Reformed Church	£3,000.00
Speech Bubbles	London Bubble Theatre	£5,045
Draw your dream' art workshop for kids (Cross ward with Catford South ward)	Mythical Canvas	£9,900
#CollectiveCultivation	Coco Collective- Ital Community Garden	£10,000.00
Kids Kitchen Collective CIC	Kids Kitchen Collective CIC	£13,892
Home Park- Bins (cross ward with Sydenham ward)	Council	£14,575
Brent Knoll and Watergate Co-operative Trust	Holiday clubs for children and young people with SEND	£14,628.00
Catford to Forest Hill/Sydenham Walking & Cycling Route (feasibility study)	Council	£15,000.00

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Blackheath Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Welcome Centre at St Margaret's Church	MammaKind	£9,666.00
Parkside and Blackheath & Community Engagement Project	Parkside Residents Association	£13,484.09
St Margaret's Church Playground	The parochial church council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Margaret of Antioch, Lee	£20,146.91
Greening Blackheath Hill	Council	£25,000.00
Play Area for Blackheath	Council	£60,468.00

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Brockley Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Opening Night of Brockley Max 2021	Max Media Arts CIC	£3,834.00
Florence Green	Florence Road Residents Group (FRRG)	£6,434.00
Brockley Health and Wellbeing Covid-19 Recovery Programme	Therapy 4 Healing	£12,800.00
St. Peter's Brockley Food Bank & Social Supermarket	St. Peter's Church Brockley	£34,800.00
Breakspears Mews Community Building	Brockley Society	£2,400.00
Stop Fly Tipping in St Donnat's Road and improve the environment	Council	£2,655.00
Brookmill Park: Remedial works to Terrace, Playground and Pond	Council	£23,285.00
Songs for the Battle of Lewisham	St John's Church	£2,300.00
Brent Knoll and Watergate Holiday Club	Brent Knoll and Watergate Co-operative Trust	£6,356

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Catford South Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Forster Memorial Park	Council	£3,348.00
Therapy 4 Healing - T4H	Bringing Sunshine, Fun and Wellbeing to Elders of Catford South	£3,600.00
Diamond for Catford South and Rushey Green	Diamond Club	£4,560.00
St Andrews Community Garden Project	St Andrews Community Garden Project	£5,000.00
South Lewisham Secure Cycle Storage Project - Catford South	Council	£6,950.00
Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre	Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre	£7,500.00

Crofton Park Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Name of Delivery Organisation:	Recommended Funding
Olive Leaf Circle - a green space for vulnerable groups	Fourth Reserve Foundation	£6,470.00
Stillness Eco Garden	Stillness Junior School	£9,820.81
Enhancing Crofton Park Railway Garden for families and biodiversity	Friends of Crofton Park Railway Garden	£9,840.00
Rock-iorganisation Community Project	Rock-iorganisation Community Project	£10,000.00
Crofton Park Community Link	The Brockley Green Collection a Living Museum	£6,560.00

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Downham Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Downham Detached Youth Project	St Luke's Downham	£10,000
Durham Hill Park Improvement Project	Council	£64,000
Girls –R-Us (8years to 13 years)	Downham (Wesley Halls) Community Association	£14,589

Evelyn Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Name of Delivery Organisation	Recommended Funding
Pepys Power and Hyper-Greening Project (Pepys Power Project for short)	Bence House Tenants and Residents Association	£10,000.00
Pepys Estate Public Realm Site Opportunities Feasibility Map	Clements and Pendennis TRA	£10,000.00
Cre8coffee	Cre8coffee	£10,000.00
Holiday club delivered by Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust for Evelyn Ward	Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust	£19,628.00
Stay and Play Sessions	Clyde Nursery School	£19,970.00

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Up-skilling Evelyn Residents For A Digital World	Inspiring Your Imagination	£20,000.00
Evelyn Young Women Changemakers - building solidarity for community safety and resilience	Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts	£28,000.00
Sayes Court Park Playground	Council Department	£30,000.00
Greening Evelyn (a greenspace masterplan for Evelyn)	DeptfordFolk	£30,000.00
Empowering Deptford	South East London Community Energy	£32,702.05
Surrey Canal Forest School and Ecology Walk	Bence House TRA/Council	£34,900.00
Deptford Park Play Area	Council Department	£39,724.00
Legendary Community Club	Lewisham Homes	£40,000.00
Evelyn Youth Street based Project	Youth First Ltd	£42,389.00
Evelyn Play Project	Council Department	£43,037.00
All Ages and Inclusive Surrey Canal Linear Park Play and Gym Areas	Bence House TRA/Council	£50,000.00
EPF Family Support at Deptford Park Playclub	Evelyn Parents Forum	£60,669.95
Folkestone Gardens Playground	Council Department	£80,000.00
Revive and Grow (RAG) Project	2000 Community Action Centre (2000CAC)	£90,000.00

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Forest Hill Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Name of Applicant/Delivery Organisation	Recommended Funding
Forest Hill Library Community Room Development	V22	£2,075
High Street Happenings – community events programme	SEE3	£2,100
Forest Hill Library Children’s Library room rejuvenation	V22	£2,900
Horniman Triangle/Great North Wood Restoration	Street Trees for Living/Council	£7,000
Baxter Field Park Improvements	Friends of Baxter Field/Council	£8,900
Library Garden “Hands-On” project	Library Garden	£9,451
Devonshire Road Nature Reserve Improved Access	Devonshire Road Nature Reserve	£15,500
Forest Hill Station Parklet	Forest Hill Society/TfL/Arriva	£18,000

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Grove Park Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Grove Park Carnival	Grove Park Carnival & Chinbrook Dog Show	£5,000.00
Grove Park Youth Club (GPYC)	Grove Park Youth Club / Rio Ferdinand Foundation	£30,000.00
Growing Together in Grove Park	Wild Rangers Ltd	£6,000.00
Planting Trees in Grove Park and its Urban District Park	Street trees for living	£10,000.00
The Railway Children District Park Masterplanning (Cross ward – Grove Park & Whitefoot)	The Baring Trust	£12,499.00

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Ladywell Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Art In The Park	Max Media Arts CIC	£2,000
Thriving Ladywell: A Street Tree planting scheme for Embleton Road & Ellerdale Street	Council department	£5,000
Enhancing visitors' experience in the Cemeteries	Friends of Brockley & Ladywell Cemeteries	£500
Better Streets - Hilly Fields	Council department	£10,000
Hilly Fields Community Exercise Project	Council department	£17,514
Ladywell Women's Safety Project (LWSP)	Ladywell Women Group	£5,000
The Ladywell World Folk Music Festival	The Ladywell Society	£8,000
From Age 1 to 18 - Building Resilience and Support for our children and young people towards a Brighter Future	St. Andrews Centre	£4,000
The Curve Community Garden	The Curvy Block Residents Association	£3,500
Ladywell Assembly Organising Group	Ladywell Assembly Organising Group	£2,409
Greenbanks Community Project	Greenbanks Community Project	£5,000

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Lee Green Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Baseline Recommendations Report to improve Active Travel Safety in Grove Park and Lee Green	Council	£2,550.00
Better Facilities for Manor House Library	V22 Communities	£6,316.80
Lee Forum CIC - Burnt Ash Hill Street Tree Planting	Council / Street Trees For Living	£1,019.08
Lee Green Consortium – All in it Together	Lochaber Hall Community Association	£8,549.00
Lee Green Health & Wellbeing	Lee Green Lives	£6,440.00
Lee Manor Society – Burnt Ash Road Tree Planting	Council / Street Trees For Living	£3,000.00
Renewing and updating aspects of the planters in Staplehurst Road Reinstating the FUSS Christmas Fair in 2022	Friends & Users of Staplehurst Road	£5,000.00
Staying healthy, safe & connected in the Community	Lee Fair Share	£6,476.00

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Lewisham Central Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Gilmore Road and Clarendon Rise	Gilmore Road, Clarendon Rise Residents	£18,961.00
New Playground in Lewisham Park	Council	£166,928.00
On Your Bike Lock it or lose it	Council	£46,800.00
Putting the Green in Hither Green - Street Trees	Council	£65,000.00
Lewisham Health and Wellbeing	Therapy 4 Healing	£35,000.00
Lewisham Youth Theatre	Lewisham Youth Theatre	£35,000.00
Food and fun in the field	Rushey Green Time Bank (RGBT)	£4,060.00
Clarendon Car Park	Council	£4,746.00
Ennersdale Road: Pavements for Pedestrians	Council	£30,000.00
Friends of St Mary's - St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School	St May's Forest School Garden	£25,000.00
Lewisham Central street based youth team	Youth First	£42,389.00

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New Cross Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
When Trees Breath Out	The Purple Ladies	£7,260
Welcome Hatcham *part funded	Council Department	£7,770
IT face-to-face, online skills and access for individuals, families and children on low income	New Cross Learning	£8,420
Football for Girls in Deptford	Deptford Lionesses	£9,072
Coffee shop/barista training for 16-25 year olds	Peak Barista Academy CIC	£10,000
Achilles Street Community Garden	Lewisham Homes	£10,000
Somerville: Investing in Futures *cross ward bid with Telegraph Hill	The Somerville	£17,779
Moonshot Community Centre Refresh *part funded	IRIE! Dance Theatre	£23,788
Feed the Hill Social Supermarket	Bold Vision	£27,792
Our Well-being Matters	New Cross Gate Trust	£29,754
hARTslane Gallery refurbishment	hARTslane CIC	£35,000
New Cross Street Based Youth Service	Youth First	£42,398

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Deborah Astell	Capture Arts and Creative Projects Ltd	£48,700
Deptford Ragged Trust	The Ragged Project	£37,000
Advocating for New Cross	Community Advice Works	£90,376

Perry Vale Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Name of Applicant/Delivery Organisation	Recommended Funding
Brent Knoll School and Watergate Co-operative Trust - Holiday Clubs	Brent Knoll School and Watergate Co-operative Trust	£5,000
Youth Engagement Hub @Rockbourne	Oaks and Acorns in Harmony CIC	£10,000
Meeting Up (Community Engagement Project)	Sydenham Garden	£16,200
Repairs and renovation of conservatory room (Improvements to community venue)	Stanstead Lodge Senior Club Ltd.	£20,000
Early years Outstanding Outdoor Spaces	Kilmorie Primary School	£23,981
Mayow Park Children's Playground Project	Friends of Mayow Park	£70,000

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Rushey Green Ward Project Recommendations

Name of Project	Applicant / Delivery Organisation	Recommended Funding Amount
Playground improvements – Feasibility study and irrigation system	Friends of Holbeach Primary School	£4,500
Ravensbourne Park Gardens play and connect -	Ravensbourne Gardens Community Association. Glendale	£35,000.00
Reclaiming Catford's Corners	Ringstead Road Community Org	£15,600.00
The Feast	Kings Church Jericho Road Project	£12,000.00
Catford Saturday Food Projects Together –	Rushey Green Time Bank	£13,075.00
Kitchen improvements	Lewisham Irish Community Centre	£18,000.00
Every Rushey Green Resident Deserves a Voice - Community Development worker and activities. -	Resident application. Lewisham Local RGBT delivery	£57,372.00
Investing in Rushey Green Libraries - support for primary school libraries and the new library in Catford Town Centre	Resident Application LBL Regeneration delivery	£65,000.00
Festoon Lighting For Catford Broadway	Resident Application LBL Regeneration delivery	£50,000.00

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Sydenham Ward Project Recommendations

Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Rhyme Time	Friends of Sydenham Library	£1,410
Adults' and children's crafts at Sydenham Library	Friends of Sydenham Library	£1,650
Ageing Well in Lewisham	Lewisham Churches Care	£9,000
Community Facilities Improvement	Venner Road Hall Community Association	£9,700
High Street Happenings	SEE3 Ltd	£9,800
JRHYS Community Workshop 1-2-1	James Ross Hunter Youth Support CIC	£10,000
Home Park Trim Trail	Resident applicant / Lewisham Council	£13,729 (plus £14,575 funding recommended from Bellingham)
Legendary Community Club	Youth First	£15,000
Street SmART: An Intergenerational Women's project, Safer Streets through Creative Awareness	Sydenham Arts Ltd	£17,795.00

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Telegraph Hill Ward Project Recommendations

Name of the project	Delivery Organisation	Amount recommended
Friendsbury Garden Roof Repair	Friends of Friendsbury Garden	£5,000.00
Hill Station Cafe Development – training for people with learning disabilities	Hill Station Cafe	£18,000.00
TH Community Network Reaching Out	Bold Vision	£17,400.00
All About Youth - an additional day of the “Walking Bus” for Turnham primary school	Bold Vision	£29,988.00
Edmund Waller Nature Zone	Edmund Waller PTA	£8,000.00
Somerville: Investing in Futures	Somerville Youth and Play Provision	£17,779.00

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Whitefoot Ward Project Recommendations		
Name of project	Applicant / Delivery organisation	Recommended funding
Lewisham Churches Care	Lewisham Churches Care	£6,000
Making Verdant Lane Greener	Verdant Lane Green Action Group	£3,000
Open Hither Green	Goldsmiths Community Association	£30,000
The Railway Children District Park Masterplanning	The Baring Trust	£6,405
Advice, Health and Wellbeing Drop In Centre	Whitefoot and Downham Community Food + Project	£15,000
Creating a safe, inclusive, welcoming play and exercise space	LBL – Parks and Open Spaces/Greenscene	£21,450

11. Financial implications

- 11.1. 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 are to be spent at a local level and is known as Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL).
- 11.2. This round of NCIL ward funding comprises of £2.9m which was collected between 2015-2020 and is available to fund projects which support and benefit Lewisham’s communities and neighbourhoods.
- 11.3. The NCIL strategy was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 5 June 2019 and Full Council 24 July 2019. The agreed strategy allocates 25% of CIL receipts as NCIL and uses the ward structure as the basis for distribution. A portion of receipts are to be retained in each ward where they were generated; a portion redistributed across the wards based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), and a portion set aside for projects that contribute to a borough-wide benefit (borough-wide fund). As such two separate funds were established: the NCIL borough-wide fund and the NCIL ward fund which is the focus of this paper. The List of recommended projects for the ward fund is set out in Section 10 of this report
- 11.4. There are no risks to the Council’s general fund as payments made to projects will be drawn down from the NCIL pot sitting on the balance sheet.

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12. Legal implications

- 12.1 Under S1 of the Localism Act 2011 the Council has a general power of competence to do anything which an individual may do unless it is expressly prohibited.
- 12.2 The giving of grants to voluntary organisations is a discretionary power which must be exercised reasonably taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring irrelevant considerations.
- 12.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution the decisions required in this report are reserved to Members. The decision will be a key decision under Article 16.2(c) (xiii) of the Constitution
- 12.4 Regulation 59 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 requires that a charging authority must apply CIL to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area. Section 216 of the Planning Act 2008 defines infrastructure as including—
- (a) roads and other transport facilities, (b) flood defences, (c) schools and other educational facilities, (d) medical facilities, (e) sporting and recreational facilities, and
 - (f) open spaces
- 12.5 Where some or all of a chargeable development takes place in an area for which there is a Parish council, the charging authority (other than the Mayor of London) for that area is under a duty to pass to that Parish Council a proportion of CIL receipts, calculated in accordance with CIL Regulations 59A and 59B.
- 12.6 The amount of the proportion to be passed depends upon the precise circumstances, for example In England, where all or part of a chargeable development is within an area that has a neighbourhood development plan in place the charging authority must pass 25 per cent of the relevant CIL receipts to the parish council for that area, however where all or part of a chargeable development is not within an area that has a neighbourhood development plan in place, and was not granted permission by a neighbourhood development order made under S61E of the TCPA 1990 or by a community right to build order made under S61Q of the TCPA 1990 of the amount to be passed is 15% of the 'relevant CIL receipts' to the parish council for that area.
- 12.7 Regulation 59F provides that where all or part of a chargeable development is in an area which is not a parish council, which is the position within the London Borough of Lewisham, then a charging authority, which in this instance is the Council, may use or cause to be used the CIL which would have had to have been passed to a parish Council, (the 15% or 25% set out in paragraph 12.6 subject to the restriction in 59A(7) set out in paragraph 12.8 below), to support the development of the 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.

The report at paragraph 9 confirms that the projects were assessed by officers against a number of criteria including whether or not they met the requirements set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of regulation 59F. Members also need to be satisfied that they meet this legal requirement. The conditions attached to any grant agreement will also need to ensure that the money is applied for the purposes for which they were received and permitted by law.

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12.8 Regulation 59A(7) states that the total amount of CIL receipts passed to a parish council in each financial year, in accordance with paragraph (5), shall not exceed—

$$(\text{£}100 \times N) \times (IY / IO)$$

where—

IY is the index figure for the calendar year in which the amount is passed to the parish council (as determined in accordance with paragraph 1(5) of Schedule 1);

IO is the index figure for 2013 (as determined in accordance with paragraph 1(5) of Schedule 1); and

N is the number of dwellings in the area of the parish council

Therefore members will need to be satisfied that the amount passed for use does not exceed this amount.

12.9 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

12.10 In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its function, have due regard to the need to:

(a) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act;

(b) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not;

(c) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

12.11 The duty continues to be a “have regard duty”, and the weight to be attached to it is a matter for the decision maker, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

12.12 The Equality and Human Rights Commission has recently issued Technical Guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty and statutory guidance entitled “Equality Act 2010 Services, Public Functions & Associations Statutory Code of Practice”. The Council must have regard to the statutory code in so far as it relates to the duty and attention is drawn to Chapter 11 which deals particularly with the equality duty. The Technical Guidance also covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty. This includes steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The guidance does not have statutory force but nonetheless regard should be had to it, as failure to do so without compelling reason would be of evidential value. The statutory code and the technical guidance can be found at:
<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technicalguidance-public-sector-equality-duty-england>

12.13 The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has previously issued five guides for public authorities in England giving advice on the equality duty:

1. The essential guide to the public sector equality duty

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2. Meeting the equality duty in policy and decision-making
 3. Engagement and the equality duty
 4. Equality objectives and the equality duty
 5. Equality information and the equality duty
- 12.14 The essential guide provides an overview of the equality duty requirements including the general equality duty, the specific duties and who they apply to. It covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty including steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The other four documents provide more detailed guidance on key areas and advice on good practice. Further information and resources are available at: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/publicsector-equality-duty-guidance>

13. Equalities implications

- 13.1 In addition to the Public Sector Duty under the Equality Act 2010, the NCIL ward based fund seeks to further positively address the disproportionate impact Covid-19 has had across many of our communities including; BAME communities, people with disabilities, individuals with no recourse to public funds and those living in more deprived areas of the borough.

14. Climate change and environmental implications

- 14.1 Air Quality is recommended as one of the priorities in 14 or 18 wards and Open/Green Spaces has been selected by all wards. Projects funded through this fund will have a positive impact in reducing air quality and improving the environment although the nature of this cannot be determined ahead of the application and assessment process

15. Crime and disorder implications

- 15.1 Community Safety is recommended as one of the priorities in 15 of the 18 wards. The fund overall will have a positive impact in reducing crime and disorder.

16. Health and wellbeing implications

- 16.1 The purpose of all NCIL funding is to offset any impacts of development and population growth. Any and all projects that receive funding will improve the wellbeing of the local community.

17. Glossary

Term	Definition
CIL	The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on “chargeable” new development in their area.

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Term	Definition
NCIL	An element of the CIL funds (see above definition) are to be spend at a local level and are known as Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL).

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21. Appendices

Appendix A – Ward priorities

Appendix B – Summary of feedback received during each ward assembly

Appendix C – NCIL Ward Recommended Project Breakdown

Appendix D – NCIL Ward Non- recommended projects list

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