

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

28 FEBRUARY 2018

ITEM NO 8 - WARD PRIORITY FUND

Councillor Hopper to move:

“This Council notes that 15% of monies received from the Community Infrastructure Levy should be allocated “locally” and, according to RBCs CIL Draft Spend Protocol document, these funds can be focused on:

- Open space improvements / small scale leisure
- Local highway projects
- Air quality
- Community Improvements
- Renewable energy infrastructure
- Economic Support
- & other measures

This Council also notes that as of 15 January 2018, the total amount of CIL collected by RBC was just over £4.5 million and that 15% of this therefore equates to in excess of £675,000.

This Council further notes that Oxfordshire County Council recently agreed to allocate a sum of £15,000 per year for the next two years to each of their County Divisions, which are represented by a single Councillor per Division. These funds are to be spent on local priorities within the Division.

This Council therefore resolves to request Officers to investigate the deliverability of a similar scheme for Reading, such that each Ward be allocated £15,000 per year, broken down as £5,000 per Councillor, to be allocated by individual Councillors on ward specific issues subject to:

- Scheme to start in 2018/19
- No funds to be allocated to individuals
- No funding to be committed beyond the end of the annual funding window
- Ward councillors can pool funds within their ward
- No roll over of unallocated funds
- All funding decisions to be approved by Policy Committee”