

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	POLICY COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	PROGRESS OF PROJECTS ALLOCATED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY 15% LOCAL FUNDS		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report deals with the 15% of collected Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which should be allocated to the local area in which development takes place. The report updates on the progress of the projects which were allocated funds in November 2018 and June 2021. In certain cases, it proposes reallocating unspent funds.
- 1.2 Appendices:
Appendix 1: Equality Impact Assessment
Appendix 2: Update on 15% local CIL projects allocated funds in November 2018
Appendix 3: Update on 15% local CIL projects allocated funds in June 2021

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the progress on the projects benefitting from the 15% local CIL allocated by Policy Committee on 26th November 2018 (Appendix 2) and 14th June 2021 (Appendix 3) be noted.
- 2.2 That the reallocation of £0.050m originally allocated to additional community facilities at Whitley Wood towards the following projects allocated funds on 7th March 2022 be agreed:

£0.020m for improvements to South Whitley Park
£0.010m for Gateway area pedestrian crossings (Imperial Way and Basingstoke Road)
£0.020m for Lulworth Road communal area improvements

- 2.3 That the reallocation of £0.020m originally allocated to reinstatement of two sculptures in the town centre towards the following project allocated funds on 14th June 2021 be agreed:
£0.020m for town centre monuments and statues/war memorials and public art**
- 2.4 That spend approval be delegated to the relevant officers in accordance with the funds approved at 2.2 and 2.3 above. Any variation to the allocations above be delegated to the relevant officers in consultation with the Lead Members for Planning and Assets and Corporate Services and Resources and the Assistant Director of Finance.**

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Since 1st April 2015, the Council has operated the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within Reading. This is a levy that is applied to new development, and which is to be used to fund infrastructure to support growth. The collection and spend of CIL is governed by the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).**
- 3.2 Under the CIL Regulations, where there is no neighbourhood development plan in place and where development was not granted permission by a neighbourhood development order, 15% of CIL money arising must be spent in the ‘relevant local area’ in which development takes place (this is referred to hereafter as ‘15% local CIL’). In many authorities, this means passing the relevant proportion of collected CIL to the parish councils or town councils in whose area development takes place, but Reading requires different arrangements.**
- 3.3 A CIL Spend Protocol, originally approved at Policy Committee on 16th July 2018 (Minute 26 refers) and amended at Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 (Minute 97 refers) sets out a focus for the use of 15% local CIL as below and subject to the project according with a number of principles:**
- Open space improvements/small scale leisure;**
 - Local highway improvement projects;**
 - Air quality;**
 - Community improvements;**
 - Renewable energy infrastructure;**

- Economic Support;
- Other measures which help to mitigate the impact the development has on the area.

3.4 The protocol further states that allocations of 15% local CIL must accord with the following:

- Support:
 - (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of local facilities and/or infrastructure; or
 - (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on a local area.
- May be included in the IDP and/or Approved Capital Programme.
- May enable other funds that would not otherwise be available or offer a financial return on investment, e.g. needed to match or draw grant funding;
- Address a specific impact of new development beyond that which has been secured through a S106 obligation or S278 agreement;
- Contribute to the delivery of key development sites in the district to realise the Local Plan proposals.

3.5 The process for allocating 15% local CIL is set out in full in the amended CIL Spend Protocol. In summary, the steps are as follows:

- Projects nominated by officers, members, community groups or members of the public, to be made by the end of the calendar year to feed into final allocations in the following Spring;
- Initial proposals will be discussed with lead councillors;
- Given that funds are limited the use of 15% local CIL funds will be normally allocated to small scale projects or around £100k or less;
- Public consultation on the general spending priorities under the local community 15% spend will take place every 3-4 years, at the beginning of the calendar year;
- The final allocation of funds will be made annually by the Policy Committee, based on the following considerations:
 - Deliverability (timescales, risks, resources required, dependence on external partners)
 - Financial considerations (value for money, additional capital funding required, revenue considerations)
 - Accordance with spending priorities identified in consultation
 - Relationship with identified strategic priorities
 - Degree to which projects meet infrastructure needs arising from or enabling development.
- Annual progress report to Policy Committee.

4. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Current Position

4.1 Allocations of 15% local CIL totalling £4.519m have already been made towards 61 projects. Allocations were made as follows:

- A first allocation of £1.204m to 23 projects was agreed at Policy Committee on 26th November 2018 (Minute 49 refers).
- Additional funds were allocated towards two of the selected projects by Decision Book in August 2020, bringing the total allocated to £1.339m (Decision Book reference 608).
- A further allocation of £1.557m was made by Policy Committee on 14th June 2021 towards a further 20 projects. Committee also decided to make some minor amendments to some of the existing allocations that did not change the overall amount of 15% local CIL funds allocated (Minute 7 refers).
- A reallocation of £0.035m between two of the projects allocated funds in June 2021 was made by Decision Book in January 2022, which did not change the overall amount of 15% local CIL funds allocated (Decision Book reference 647).
- A further allocation of £1.623m was made by Policy Committee on 7th March 2022 towards a further 18 projects (Minute 80 refers).

4.2 This report updates on the progress of the projects allocated funds in November 2018 and June 2021, as subsequently amended. The report does not update on the projects allocated funds in March 2022, as there is little to report so far. Progress on these latter projects will be reported to a future meeting after the end of the 2022-23 financial year.

(b) Option Proposed

4.3 It is recommended that Committee note the progress of the projects allocated funds in November 2018 (Appendix 2) and June 2021 (Appendix 3).

4.4 The projects allocated funds in November 2018 have now almost all been completed. One of the outstanding projects is the High Streets Heritage Action Zone programme, which is in any case a four-year project running up to 2024 in which the 15% local CIL contribution provides match funding to Historic England funding. This project is ongoing. The other two projects outstanding are Whitley Wood Community Centre and the reinstatement of two sculptures in the town centre, and it is not expected that there will be further progress on these as currently allocated.

4.5 In terms of Whitley Wood, £0.050m was originally allocated towards additional community facilities as part of, or near to, improved health

care provision in Whitley Wood. This was originally identified to be used towards the development of a new church centre and health centre on the St Paul's church hall site on Whitley Wood Lane. There has been a resolution to grant planning permission for this development at Planning Applications Committee subject to the signing of a legal agreement, but the final decision is not yet issued, and it is likely that this development will not come forward for several years. Therefore, Policy Committee on 14th June 2021 agreed that the funds should be identified for the Whitley Wood Community Centre (Minute 7 refers). However, subsequently a structural survey has found significant issues with the existing building, and a way forward in terms of permanent provision may take some time. It is therefore considered that the funds should be retained within Whitley Wood, and spent on the three projects in the area already agreed by Policy Committee on 7th March 2022, all of which are within a few hundred metres of the community centre, as follows:

- Improvements to South Whitley Park - an additional £0.020m to make a total allocation of £0.190m
- Gateway area pedestrian crossings (Imperial Way and Basingstoke Road) - an additional £0.010m to make a total allocation of £0.160m
- Lulworth Road communal area improvements - an additional £0.020m to make a total allocation of £0.130m.

4.6 The other project was the £0.020m allocated towards the reinstatement of two sculptures in the town centre. The sculptures, known as Bagged and Karen, Libbie and Adam are currently being held by the Council, and work was undertaken in conjunction with Reading Civic Society to identify suitable locations for their reinstatement. However, after a considerable amount of time, this work has been unable to identify sites, and it is now recommended that this money is best reallocated to another project. The projects for war memorials and public art and town centre monuments and statues, which have now been combined into a single project, allocated funds in June 2021, provide a broadly similar form of infrastructure within a similar geographical area, and it is recommended that this would be an appropriate reallocation of the funds. This would increase the combined allocation to £0.170m. In particular the intention would be to repair the cartwheeling boys public art located in front of the site of the old Civic Offices.

4.7 A number of the projects allocated funds in June 2021 have also now been completed, whilst most others are well underway. At this stage, there is not considered to be a need to reallocate any of these funds.

(c) Other Options Considered

4.8 The alternative option to reallocating the unspent funds from the 2018 allocations is to return the funds to the 15% local CIL pot for the next

round of allocations. However, this would mean that funds continue to remain unspent for some time whilst there are projects needing funding that have already been approved by Policy Committee that help to fulfil the broad aims of the original allocations, i.e. community provision in Whitley Wood and town centre public art.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The allocation of 15% local CIL supports a number of strategic aims. Given the allocation of the majority of funds to transport, open space and leisure, community and general environmental enhancements the recommendations set out in this report mainly support the following priorities in the Corporate Plan 2022/25:
- Healthy environment;
 - Thriving communities; and
 - Inclusive economy.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The allocation of 15% local CIL is towards the improvement of infrastructure such as open spaces and play areas in areas where residents live, as well as improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure, which should help to reduce the need to travel by car.
- 6.2 The proposed reallocation of 15% local CIL in Whitley Wood would be towards projects that: improve walking infrastructure through provision of pedestrian crossings thus reducing the need to travel by car; implement drainage improvements that will ensure that an open space is less vulnerable to extreme weather; and improve open spaces and play facilities close to where people live thus helping to minimise travel distances.
- 6.3 The proposed reallocation of funds to public art in the town centre will have minimal environmental and climate implications, that would be limited to the impact of carrying out the works.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 7.1 Consultation on the first round of allocations of 15% local CIL took place between 20th July and 14th September 2018, and informed the allocations made in November 2018. Consultation on the second round of allocations took place between 19th February and 16th April 2021, and informed the allocations made in June 2021. No further consultation is required at this stage.

8. EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The Scoping Assessment, included at Appendix 1 identifies that an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is relevant to this decision. The

EqlA (also at Appendix 1) identifies that, where there are identified impacts upon specific groups, these are expected to be positive. Compliance with the duties under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 can involve treating some persons more favourably than others, but it is not considered that there will be a negative impact on other groups with relevant protected characteristics.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The collection and application of CIL is governed by the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). Regulation 59F states that, where there are no parish councils, the portion of CIL that would otherwise have been passed to parishes (which, where no neighbourhood plan is in place, is 15%) should 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.”*
- 9.2 The ‘relevant area’ in this instance is the part of an authority’s area not covered by a parish council area, which in this case means the whole Borough.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 CIL funds can be used flexibly to fund any infrastructure projects as defined within the regulations and are not tied to a specific development or the provision of specific infrastructure. Of the total CIL receipts, 80% will be used to fund strategic infrastructure through the Council’s capital programme. 15% will be spent in the ‘relevant local area’ in which development occurs. The 15% local CIL does not have to be spent on items in the Infrastructure Funding Statement. Up to 5% of CIL will be allocated to cover CIL administration costs.
- 10.2 The amended CIL Spend Protocol agreed at Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 set out procedures for dealing with the allocation and monitoring of the use of all CIL receipts and provides a framework for identifying projects that contribute to achieving the Council’s strategic priorities while meeting CIL regulations. This enables the optimum use of the finite resources available.
- 10.3 The summary position in relation to 15% local CIL funds collected up to 31st March 2022 is set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary position for 15% local CIL collected

15% local CIL collected up to 31/03/2022	£4.717m
Allocated in November 2018 by Policy Committee	£1.204m
Allocated in August 2020 by Decision Book	£0.135m
Allocated in June 2021 by Policy Committee	£1.557m
Allocated in March 2022 by Policy Committee	£1.623m
15% local CIL remaining unallocated	£0.198m

- 10.4 These sums would not be altered by this report, which seeks only a reallocation of £0.070m to other existing projects.

Value for Money (VFM)

- 10.5 The allocated schemes have been assessed as being deliverable and a worthwhile use of 15% local CIL funds. The agreed protocol includes financial considerations among the assessment criteria, and this includes assessment of value for money.

Risk Assessment

- 10.6 There are no direct financial risks associated with the recommendations of this report. In the event that schemes identified as part of the allocation are not delivered, remaining funds will be available for future allocations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None



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APPENDIX 1 (TO DRAFT POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT): EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Provide basic details

Name of proposal/activity/policy to be assessed:

Allocation of 15% local CIL funds

Directorate: DEGNS - Directorate of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Service: Planning

Name: Mark Worringham

Job Title: Planning Policy Manager

Date of assessment: 06/06/2022

Scope your proposal

What is the aim of your policy or new service?

To update on the progress of allocations of funds received through CIL receipts to local projects within the Borough, and to reallocate funds where necessary.

Who will benefit from this proposal and how?

The local community benefits through a range of capital and other improvements - including highway enhancements, improved leisure/open space enhancements and community enhancements.

What outcomes will the change achieve and for whom?

The outcome will be to secure improved facilities, improved accessibility and improvements to community facilities.

Who are the main stakeholders and what do they want?

The local community, wider public and community groups. The public will want to ensure allocations of funds are to projects that meet infrastructure needs and identified priorities, particularly where it arises from new development.

Assess whether an EIA is Relevant

How does your proposal relate to eliminating discrimination; promoting equality of opportunity; promoting good community relations?

Do you have evidence or reason to believe that some (racial, disability, gender, sexuality, age and religious belief) groups may be affected differently than others? (Think about your monitoring information, research, national data/reports etc)

Yes No

Is there already public concern about potentially discriminatory practices/impact or could there be? Think about your complaints, consultation, feedback.

Yes No

If the answer is **Yes** to any of the above you need to do an Equality Impact Assessment.

If **No** you **MUST** complete this statement

An Equality Impact Assessment is not relevant because: N/A

Assess the Impact of the Proposal

Your assessment must include:

- **Consultation**
- **Collection and Assessment of Data**
- **Judgement about whether the impact is negative or positive**

Consultation

Relevant groups/experts	How were/will the views of these groups be obtained	Date when contacted
A public consultation was undertaken on the future priorities for allocation of 15% local CIL, and results were reported to Policy Committee on 14 th June 2021.	An e-mail highlighting the consultation was sent to contacts on the Council's Citizen's panel list, as well as being included within the consultations list on the website.	February 2021

Collect and Assess your Data

Describe how could this proposal impact on Racial groups

No specific impacts are identified

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Gender/transgender (cover pregnancy and maternity, marriage)

No specific impacts are identified.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Disability

Projects allocated funding will need to ensure appropriate access for all.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Sexual orientation (cover civil partnership)

No specific impacts are identified.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Age

The proposed reallocated funding would include additional funding of children's a children's play area at Lulworth Road, which will have a positive impact on the quality of facilities available for children.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Religious belief?

No specific impacts are identified.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Make a Decision

Tick which applies

1. **No negative impact identified** Go to sign off
2. **Negative impact identified but there is a justifiable reason**

You must give due regard or weight but this does not necessarily mean that the equality duty overrides other clearly conflicting statutory duties that you must comply with.
Reason
3. **Negative impact identified or uncertain**

What action will you take to eliminate or reduce the impact? Set out your actions and timescale?

How will you monitor for adverse impact in the future?

Individual projects will need to ensure that appropriate access for all is taken into account in each scheme.

Signed (completing officer) Mark Worringham Date: 6th June 2022

Signed (Lead Officer) Mark Worringham Date: 6th June 2022

APPENDIX 2: UPDATE ON 15% LOCAL CIL PROJECTS ALLOCATED FUNDS IN NOVEMBER 2018

Name	Allocation	Scheme description	Delivery date (actual/expected)	Latest update
Ivydene Play Area improvements	£100,000	Refurbishment of play area	September 2019 (completed)	Completed
Coley Recreation Park outdoor gym	£65,000	New outdoor gym stations and associated infrastructure	September 2019 (completed)	Completed
Avon Place Play Area improvements (Canal Way)	£100,000	Installation of new children's playground.	November 2020 (completed)	Completed
Cintra Park play area improvements	£95,000	Refurbishment of playground - Including removing some existing outdated items of play equipment and replacing. Retaining items in good working order, improving surface below. Ensuring slope into playground is accessible.	July 2021 (completed)	Completed
Long Barn Lane Recreation Ground Improvements	£155,000	Installation of a new inclusive outdoor gym. Refurbishment of the existing BMX track.	Outdoor gym: May 2021 (completed) BMX track: February 2021 (completed)	Completed
Prospect Park Improvements	£88,000	Creating a family outdoor leisure destination. Providing a safe and welcoming environment for children, including vulnerable and SEND children, to develop physical and social skills. Proposal includes: low ropes adventure course, archery range, climbing wall, family golf and a café. Facility will	June 2022 (completed)	Completed

		complement existing facilities and be adjacent to proposed new playground.		
Broad St refurbishment of the seating areas Phase 1	£55,000 (originally £15,000, increased to £65,000 by August 2020 Decision Book, reduced to £55,000 by June 2021 Policy Committee)	Repairs to the damaged wooden seating slats, to wooden seat backs, to stainless steel parts and to areas of granite. Cleaning and wood treatment.	June 2021 (completed)	Completed
Reinstatement of two sculptures (Karen, Libbie and Adam and Bagged (shopping bags)) in the town centre area	£20,000 (supplemented by £26,000 of Section 106 funds)	To find and agree appropriate new sites for the 2 pieces of artwork. Obtain planning consent and carry out installation on 2 bespoke display plinths.	N/A - Proposed reallocation of funds	It has not been possible to identify a suitable site. See comments in main body of report.
Dog fountain in St Lawrence's Churchyard (Grade 11 listed).	£25,000 (originally £30,000, reduced to £15,000 by August Decision Book, increased to £25,000 by June 2021 Policy Committee)	To repair damaged stonework (croquets, copings, finial and floral embellishments and clean the fountain.	April 2022 (completed)	Stoneworks completed, water connection still to be completed and funded through revenue.
Additional community facilities as part of, or near to, improved health care provision in Whitley Wood. Allocated to Whitley Wood Community Centre by June 2021 Policy Committee.	£50,000	To support the improvement of community and healthcare provision within Whitley Wood. Application includes new church, medical centre community use space & residential.	N/A - Proposed reallocation of funds	See comments in main body of report.
Southcote Community Centre improvements - freezer	£700	To install a new fridge-freezer to complement the Southcote Hub Improvement	2018-19 (completed)	Completed

		Works by addressing kitchen needs and making it more useable for groups including Food 4 Families and other cookery sessions.		
Southcote Community Centre improvements - blinds	£1,000	To install new blinds to complement Improvement Works for the Southcote Hub by limiting solar gain. This would make existing and new parts of the building more user friendly, e.g. toddler groups where making experience as comfortable as possible improves learning capability.	2018-19 (completed)	Completed
Gosbrook Road Zebra Crossing	£50,000	Installation of a zebra crossing at the end of the Christchurch Meadows footpath. This has evolved into a tiger crossing, as recommended by officers to 'future-proof' the scheme.	March 2021 (completed)	Completed
Ridgeway School Zebra crossing	£50,000	Installation of a zebra crossing across Whitley Wood Road, near to Ridgeway Primary School. Design also includes proposal for additional uncontrolled pedestrian crossing enhancement.	August 2021 (completed)	Substantive scheme completed March 2021, additional enhancements completed August 2021.
Reading Girls School Extension of 20mph zone	£40,000	Extend the existing 20mph zone south, past Reading Girls School.	March 2021 (completed)	Completed

		Design also includes a number of uncontrolled pedestrian crossing enhancements.		
Enforcement of 20mph areas South (Redlands)	£100,000	Measures to support compliance 20mph speed limit.	October 2021 (completed)	Completed
Elgar Road Signs for HGVs	£50,000	Implement a signing strategy to guide HGV's to key destinations, avoiding Elgar Road and Berkeley Avenue weight limit.	October 2020 (completed)	Completed
Brunswick St and Western Rd 20mph zone	£50,000	Implement a new 20mph zone, with required supporting traffic calming measures.	November 2020 (completed)	Completed
Southcote Road and Westcote Road Speed reduction	£30,000	Implement a new 20mph zone, with required supporting traffic calming measures. Members and officers recommended this zone be extended to include Parkside Road also - this has been included in the design.	December 2020 (completed)	Completed
Grovelands Rd double roundabout signing	£15,000	Implement a scheme that will better highlight the double-mini-roundabouts to approaching traffic, therefore reducing approach speeds and improving compliance. Ward Councillors requested any surplus funding be used to improve the road surface condition prior to implementation of the scheme.	November 2020 (completed)	Completed

Oxford Road and Overdown Road pedestrian Crossings	£50,000	<p>Implement pedestrian crossing facilities.</p> <p>Officers evolved proposals to include a tiger crossing at Oxford Road (linking existing facilities) and uncontrolled crossing enhancements on Overdown Road.</p>	November 2021 (completed)	Completed
High Street Heritage Action Zone covering the high streets of the three conservation areas within town centre area	£150,000 (previously £50,000 - increase via August 2020 Decision Book)	<p>The HSHAZ project has been awarded a grant of up to £806,500 from Historic England to be match funded from S106 and CIL funding and other sources.</p> <p>The Programme aims to make the high street a more attractive, place through physical, community and cultural activities.</p>	End of the financial year 2023/24 (expected)	Forms match-funding towards High Streets Heritage Action Zone programme. Two dedicated project officers in place, and the scheme commenced November 2020. Capital spend will be over a four-year period to 2024. Detailed information on the latest situation is available on the Council website: www.reading.gov.uk/hshaz

APPENDIX 3: UPDATE ON 15% LOCAL CIL PROJECTS ALLOCATED FUNDS IN JUNE 2021

Name	Allocation	Scheme description	Delivery date (actual/expected)	Latest update
Borough-wide graffiti removal project	£75,000	Highway and cleansing inspections	March 2022 (completed)	Completed
Town centre monuments and statues	£50,000	Inspection, cleaning and repairs	To be confirmed	Working with Reading Civic Society to prioritise refurbishment works needed. Maiwand Lion in Forbury Gardens is the most urgent priority and a quote has been obtained for refurbishment works.
War memorials and public art	£100,000	Inventory, maintenance and cleaning of war memorials & public art	See above	Now combined with town centre monuments and statues - see above
Thames cycle/path route at Kings Meadow	£100,000	The surface of the cycle/footpath along sections is cracked and broken from tree routes. Given its continual use by pedestrians and cyclists is in need of attention.	July 2022 (expected)	Footway repairs completed February 2022. Slurry surfacing expected to start 27 th June 2022.
High Street Heritage Action Zones project	£275,000	Ongoing programme to make the high street within three town centre conservation areas a more attractive place through physical, community and cultural activities. Awarded £150,000 of 15% local CIL in previous allocations.	End of the financial year 2023/24 (expected)	Forms match-funding towards High Streets Heritage Action Zone programme. Two dedicated project officers in place, and the scheme commenced November 2020. Capital spend will be over a four-year period to 2024. Detailed information on the latest situation is available on the Council website: www.reading.gov.uk/hshaz
Improvements at Shinfield Road Recreation Ground, Linden Road, involving improving upgrading the park and facilities	£75,000	Upgrading the park and facilities. Removal of the carpet style surfacing within the play area along with some of the fencing and returned to parkland. New furniture. Resurfacing of footpaths.	July 2022 (expected)	Tree planting completed January 2022. Works on ball court commenced April 2022, and path/base and fencing installed in May 2022. Ground reinstatement completed June 2022. Tarmac and marking due to be completed by early July.

Skate park at John Rabson Recreation Ground	£95,000	Installation of skate park. Previous consultation in 2018 proposed that this could be located at Cintra Park, but proposal is now that it be delivered at John Rabson Recreation Ground.	To be confirmed	Identified as being potentially suitable for funding from strategic CIL (see Policy Committee report of 7 th March 2022), which is currently under consideration. Work on preparing a planning application is underway.
Play area improvements at Waterloo Meadows	£95,000	Some items of play equipment need replacing along with safety surfacing.	2022	Priorities established were the replacement of the ball court and replacement zip wire. The fencing/goals and ground works are completed, and tarmac/markings due to be completed by end of June 2022. New zip wire has arrived, and installation due to commence by end of July. Funds for additional works allocated 7 th March, to be reported separately.
Arthur Newbery Park play area improvements	£65,000 (originally £100,000 but reduced to £65,000 by Decision Book report January 2022)	The large main play unit is over 30yrs old and needs replacing. Parts are obsolete and have to be specially hand made.	December 2021 (completed)	Completed
Oxford Road Recreation Ground play area improvements	£130,000 (originally £5,000 but increased to £130,000 by Decision Book report January 2022)	The play equipment is very old and in need of replacement.	June 2022 (completed)	Completed
Pedestrian crossing on Norcot Road, close to number 91	£50,000	Convert refuge island to a full pedestrian crossing, as the island is too small for push chairs. This would also be a safety benefit for school children. This is a significant distance from the nearest	2022-23 (expected)	Statutory consultation on crossing took place in October 2021. Traffic Management Sub-Committee (TMSC) agreed to implementation but also consultation on removal of some parking to accommodate relocated bus stop. This consultation took place February 2022, and objections were received. TMSC did not agree

		controlled crossings and near to the linking footway between Norcot Road and Wealden Way. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation.		changes to parking, so a revised location is required. Statutory consultation on revised location commenced 12 th May, TMSC in June agreed implementation of revised crossing.
Dover Street play area improvements	£85,000	Equipment and surfacing is at the end of its life. Steep sloping site restricts improvement and is unsuitable for children with disabilities. It suffers from regular drug abuse and anti-social behaviour.	January 2022 (completed)	Completed
New laptops for Coley Park Community Centre	£2,000	Replace 8 old laptops with fully functioning new hardware to be used by the Community Centre, so that more members of the community could benefit from education and support.	March 2022 (completed)	Completed
Improvements and tidy up of wooden bridge area at Brook Street West	£100,000	Open out the area to make it more desirable for local people to visit and less desirable for drug users. Need for a full project plan. Could include cycle path link to Berkeley Avenue and/or nature trail.	End of 2022-23 (expected)	Project plan established with Nature Nurture and partners, and work commenced on site in February 2022. Community engagement and conservation work underway.
Moriston Close play area improvements	£30,000	Play equipment is old and has little play value. The size of the site limits potential improvements.	June 2022 (expected)	Approval for additional funds required for safety surfacing in order to progress scheme was given on 7 th March 2022. Works to replace play equipment ongoing during June 2022, and post works inspection due by end of June.
Palmer Park play area improvements	£100,000	Offer for disabled children and for toddlers of all abilities needs to be improved. Investment in all-inclusive	Summer 2022 (expected)	Two elements - Palmer Park North (formerly ERAPA) and toddler play area. Roundabout at Palmer Park North installed December 2021/January 2022.

		play a priority. Loose fill surfacing requires replacement to improve access. Several swing units require replacement for health and safety reasons.		Phase 1 of toddler play area (retaining wall, path, picnic area) commenced work during June 2022. Phase 2 (installation of new play equipment) to follow.
Road marking on Morpeth Close, involving parking bay markings	£5,000	Installing parking bay markings to assist in easing some of the area parking issues.	February 2022 (completed)	Completed
Pedestrian crossing on Addington Road, between the junctions with Erleigh Road and Eastern Avenue	£50,000	Provision of controlled crossing at this location. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation. May necessitate removal of some on street parking to enhance crossing visibility. Aspects of the scheme will require legal public consultation. Will require independent Road Safety Audit.	July 2022	Statutory consultation on crossing took place in October 2021. November TMSC agreed to implementation. Electrical works commenced May 2022, and works on crossing commenced.
Pedestrian crossing on Church End Lane, in the vicinity of Moorlands Primary School	£50,000	Installation of controlled pedestrian crossing facilities at this junction, as requested by 2017 petition. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation. May require some on street parking restrictions to enhance crossing visibility and locating the crossing among the many driveway accesses will be challenging, if it is feasible at all. Aspects of the scheme will require legal public consultation. Will require independent Road Safety Audit.	May 2022 (completed)	Completed, subject to Road Safety Audit

Lining alteration on The Meadway at the roundabout with St Michael's Road	£10,000	Review lining on approaches ('unnecessary' 2 lane approaches) to encourage correct use of the roundabout and reduce the number of vehicles cutting across it. May require independent road safety audit.	October 2021 (completed)	Completed
Landscaping improvements at South Whitley Park	£15,000	Re-landscape the area next to the ballcourt and swings to support informal play, look attractive and make best of areas that will drain.	June 2022 (completed)	All works under this funding completed. Further allocation of funding to complete works made on 7 th March 2022 (to be reported separately).