London Borough of Enfield

Portfolio Report

Report of: Brett Leahy, Director of Planning and Growth

Subject: Revisions to decision-making arrangements to spend the

Enfield Neighbourhood Fund

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Caliskan, Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for

Regeneration and Economic Development

Executive Director: Sarah Cary, Executive Director – Place

Ward: All

Key Decision: KD 5458

Purpose of Report:

1. To agree revisions to decision-making arrangements and composition of the neighbourhood element of the Enfield Community Infrastructure Levy, known as the Enfield Neighbourhood Fund.

Proposal(s)

- 2. Agree that funding for 2022-23 (Round 2) will be increased to £1.2m and the split between Local Authority and community projects will be as set out in this report.
- 3. Create a separate funding stream aimed at micro voluntary and community sector organisations to be entitled Enfield Residents' Priority Fund.
- 4. Agree the proposed changes to evaluation criteria, which now focus on delivery of the Council Plan 2020-22.
- 5. Agree the processes for receiving, assessing, and awarding funding for both internal and external projects.
- 6. Delegate authority to approve decision-making on the award of the Neighbourhood CIL (Enfield Neighbourhood Fund) to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Management Team (EMT). The Leader to be informed of the recommendations prior to a decision being taken.

7. Note progress to date on projects awarded funding in Round 1, the proposed timeline for Round 2, and advance notice that Round 3 will be delivered in 2023.

Reason for Proposal(s)

- 8. Section 106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) are used to fund the provision of supporting infrastructure in association with development. They maximise the benefits and opportunities from growth such as employment opportunities and affordable homes.
- 9. Round 1 of the Enfield Neighbourhood Fund (the Neighbourhood CIL element) proved successful, with 8 community and 6 Local Authority projects receiving funding totalling £587,278. Details of these bids are shown below at paragraphs 28 and 29 respectively.
- 10. Learning from Round 1 has been used to evaluate how best to proceed with future rounds of funding, and changes are proposed.
- 11. It is proposed that the evaluation criteria be linked to the Council Plan 2020-22 going forward, that available funding is increased in line with increased CIL receipts. It is recognised that further developments may be required going forward in line with future iterations of the Council Plan.

Relevance to the Council Plan

- 12. The approach to infrastructure funding and delivery set out in this report (including the proposed decision-making structure) has been developed to support the overarching priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2020-22.
- 13. Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods
 - CIL/S106 income will be used to effectively plan and coordinate the delivery of infrastructure alongside new development (e.g., affordable homes) to meet the future needs of the borough.
 - Neighbourhood CIL provides an opportunity to support residents to thrive in areas affected by new developments.
- 14. Sustain strong and healthy communities
 - CIL/S106 income will be spent in a way that supports development and the creation of sustainable and healthy communities set out in the existing Local Plan, especially in terms of the provision of new infrastructure (e.g., physical, social and community) and supporting services.
 - Neighbourhood CIL provides an opportunity to support residents to thrive in areas affected by new developments.

- 15. Build our local economy to create a thriving place
 - CIL/106 income will make a significant positive contribution to infrastructure investment and place-making in the borough.
 - Neighbourhood CIL provides an opportunity to support residents to thrive in areas affected by new developments.

Background

- 16. This report proposes amendments to the key governance and reporting arrangements of the Neighbourhood element of the Community Infrastructure Levy (known locally as The Enfield Neighbourhood Fund). Previous decisions on this element of funding were taken under KD 5029 and KD 5236.
- 17. The current system of securing developer contributions (Enfield CIL and section 106 agreements) has been in operation since April 2016, following the adoption of the Enfield CIL Charging Schedule and the Enfield Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document. This report focuses solely on the Enfield CIL and does not propose any changes to S106 or address Mayoral CIL matters.
- 18. The Enfield Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tariff-based charge on most developments to help fund the delivery of infrastructure that is needed to support the borough's future growth. The Enfield CIL Charging Schedule sets out the rates on which the levy is based (depending on the extent of floorspace and the nature and location of the proposed development). Since the adoption of the Charge in 2016 Enfield have collected £14.9M in CIL receipts. An increase in receipts in 2021/22, combined with Round 1 carry forward, has enabled the Council to increase the neighbourhood allocation to £1.2m for Round 2.
- 19. Unlike section 106 agreements, CIL is non-negotiable and can be levied on a much wider range of developments (although there are some exceptions, such as affordable housing and self-build projects).

In Enfield, CIL is divided into three parts:

Туре	Percentage of total receipts	Commentary
Strategic	80%	Receipts can only be spent on capital projects to fund a wide range of infrastructure projects.
Neighbourhood	15% (or up to 25% in a neighbourhood planning area)	Receipts can be spent on both capital projects and revenue projects, such as the maintenance of infrastructure. However, it does not have to be spent in the same area as the development.

Administration	5%	This covers administrative expenses (e.g.,
		staff costs).

20. Arrangements for administering the CIL and S106 funds were set out in KD 5029, and this included the Neighbourhood CIL.

21. Allocation & distribution of Enfield's CIL

Strategic CIL

- 22. CIL funding is no longer restricted to the infrastructure items or projects identified in the Regulation 123 List (which has been now revoked following amendments to the regulations).
- 23. Instead, the council must now publish an annual infrastructure funding statement setting out the types of infrastructure and projects it intends to fund through the levy over the next reporting period. The latest 2020/21 statement is available online here: https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/planning-obligations
- 24. CIL spending priorities will then be determined on an annual basis as part of the budget-setting process set out in the capital programme (taking account of the specific and cumulative needs arising from development) and in line with the emerging Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- 25. The neighbourhood portion of the Enfield CIL can be used to fund a wide range of community projects that relate to the provision of infrastructure or address the demands arising from development in an area. Voluntary and community sector organisations are provided with support in the form of workshops and guidance, but projects may include:
 - cultural spaces and cafes;
 - youth facilities;
 - public realm works (e.g. street furniture);
 - drainage improvements (e.g. SUDS);
 - pedestrian and cycle routes;
 - community events (e.g. festivals and galas) in association with long term regeneration programmes (e.g. town centres);
 - community gardens/orchards;
 - skills and training hubs (e.g. digital technology); and
 - security measures to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (e.g. CCTV).
- 26. The internal element of the funding is governed in the same way, but the following project examples may be considered as eligible for the funding:
 - Summer university holiday youth activities

- NEXUS work with partner organisations on youth support and activities
- Debt and welfare services
- Energy pilots
- Outdoor gyms
- Black History Month/ related activities

27. Round 1 Update and Progress on Projects

- 28. In Round 1, bids from external and internal sources were reviewed. Full details of the projects are contained within the relevant operational DARs.
- 29. In Round 1, total funding of £700,000 was made available and was evenly split between internal (£350,000) and external (£350,000) applications.
- 30. The following organisations were awarded funding in the external element from a total pot of £350,000:

Project	Funding	Progress (as of July 2022)
	Awarded	
Enfield Vineyard Community Gym Café	£10,000	New coffee machine and contactless payment machine now in operation. Gym opening times have been extended to 35hrs per week and gym membership has increased by 80% in two months. Café has been registered with the Council.
Enfield Methodist Church Supporting development of 'The Space' intergenerational neighbourhood Centre	£60,000	Construction of the shell of the new neighbourhood centre is underway. Fundraising continuing to raise further funds for the fit out of the centre. NCIL contribution represents partial funding.
Friends of Firs Farm Community Hub	£70,000	Planning permission granted, however going back to planning for material amendments etc. Project meetings have commenced with stakeholders - LBE, Sports England, Thames Water. Further £80k secured from Sport England. Match funding of £20,000 has been found.
Hearts & Helpers Alma Estate Allotments Project	£35,076	Open Day on 19 th May was well attended and included the new Ward Councillor. Workshops have been well attended, sometimes having to re-jig space to accommodate additional people who haven't booked. 19 families

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		have benefited from gardening
		sessions and 8 groups of young
		people volunteer each week from
		Oasis Academy. Enough food to
		support over 40 families has been
		produced so far and the next crop
		will be donated to Enfield
		Foodbank.
Tottenhall Recreation	£54,000	Proposals from different
Ground	,	companies have been received for
Additional and improved		the play equipment. Committee
equipment for disabled		met to decide on top two and they
people, the elderly and age		have been put forward to the
groups 0-3 and 10-15		group for comment and voting.
groupe e e aria re re		Benches should be installed in
		September. The design and build
		of play equipment for young
		people has been completed, and
		an open day was held on 21st
		July. It has proved to be very
		popular with local residents.
Skills and Training Network	£37,592	Phase 1 has successfully
Vocational skills project for	237,332	recruited over 40 BAMER
BAMER communities		participants; mainly single parents
BAINER Communities		& over 50's with basic skills.
		Referrals being received from Job
		Centre Plus, social prescribers
		and Enfield Advisory Service, as
		well as other local organisations.
		Phase 2 will involve an upskilling
		training programme with face-to-
		face classroom-based sessions in
		Community House. Very positive
		feedback received from
		participants and referring
		organisations.
Edmonton Community	£22,880	Teaching assistant and mentor
Partnership	LZZ,000	building strong relationships with
Expansion of Eastern		pupils and parents. Mentor also
European Hub project in		acting as a role model for pupils
schools		who are having trouble in school.
30/100/3		Also running coffee mornings to
		improve attendance.
Chickenshed Theatre	£60,000	•
Renovation of communal	200,000	Meetings have taken place with Contractors to overcome issues
		found on site.
space to develop a Network Hub		
TIUD		Work starting in the café area in
		August. Work will take 2.5 weeks to complete in time for activities to
		re-commence in September.
TOTAL	£349,548	re-commence in September.
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31. The following organisations were awarded funding in the internal element from a total pot of £350,000:

Project	Funding Awarded	Progress (as of July 2022)
Raynham Doorstep Green Equipment updates and seating	£20,930	Project has attracted further funding and is now expanding its scope.
Ordnance Road Library Community space in library	£30,000	In process of ordering equipment needed. Site assessed and quotes being sourced. Contacted various organisations to work in partnership with the library.
Wilbury Wetlands Creation of wetlands	£60,000	A public consultation was held in October 2021. Funding so far spent on design and feasibility has been from capital.
Boundary Brook Watercourses Improved access along Boundary Brook Park.	£60,000	Vegetation and Rivers cleared. Public consultation held in February, followed by online consultation in March. Construction of new improved footpath commenced March 2022.
Edible Playgrounds Healthy foods project	£50,000	Conversations have taken place with the supplier and final agreements in place by summer 2022.
Cooperation Town Model Access to healthier foods through voluntary sector model	£16,800	Contract has been agreed with the supplier and commenced in April 2022. The supplier is recruiting a local person to lead on coordination of food co-ops.
TOTAL	£237,730	

32. The remainder of the £350,000 internal funding will be carried forward to Round 2. This stands at £112,270.

Main Considerations for the Council

- 33. A review of the delivery of Round 1 by the NCIL Board established that the broad criteria set out as the priorities in the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission (EPIC) report resulted in an overly wide scope, which led to inconsistent quality and cost across bids.
- 34. A sharper focus on key Council priorities can be achieved by amending the criteria to align them to the Council Plan 2020-22. The following criteria is proposed for the next round of funding (future iterations of the Council Plan will be looked at in due course) and an Equalities Impact Assessment is being

produced to support the Council Plan and exists in the form of the Local Plan Equalities Assessment¹:

Council Plan Theme	Council Plan Priority	Question
Good homes in well-	Deliver housebuilding	How will your project
connected	and regeneration	contribute towards estate
neighbourhoods	programmes with our	regeneration schemes?
_	residents	-
Safe, healthy and confident	Keep communities free	How will your project
communities	from crime	support the safety and
		security of children and
		young people, schools,
		parents and carers?
		How will your project help
		How will your project help make public spaces safer,
		across all age groups, as
		part of a wider strategy of
		reducing crime and anti-
		social behaviour with
		partners?
	Inspire and empower	How will your project
	young Enfield to reach	provide inspiring activities
	their full potential	for children and young
		people?
		How will your project
		provide help and support for
		children and young people
		to fulfil their potential?
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	Deliver essential	How will your project
	services to protect and	contribute to the mental
	support vulnerable	health and wellbeing of
	residents	residents (particularly those
		in harder to reach groups)?
		How will your project
		How will your project contribute to the individual
		health care needs of
		residents?
	Create healthy streets,	How will your project
	parks and community	provide healthy
	spaces	activities/spaces for
		residents?
An economy that works for	Create more high-	Does your project offer an

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 $^{{1\}atop {https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/integrated-impact-assessment-2021-planning.pdf}}$

everyone	quality employment	opportunity to alleviate poverty and social exclusion, especially those on low wages and the unemployed?
	Enhance skills to connect local people to opportunities	How will your project increase volunteering opportunities to boost skills and employment opportunities among unemployed adults?
Modern Council	Accessible and efficient services	How will your project help residents to access local community spaces?
	Working in Partnership	Does your project involve work with the voluntary and community sector?
Climate Action	Work to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 and create a carbon neutral borough by 2040	contribute towards
Fairer Enfield	Deliver the 27 recommendations of the EPIC	, , ,
	Reduce inequality by implementing measurable equalities objectives	Does your project promote inclusion and diversity in the borough?
Early Help	Increase income through claiming the right benefits	How will your project help people to avoid debt and financial crisis?
	One to one parenting support	How will your project provide support to parents?
	Connect into things going on in the local community	

	and services?

- 35. The additional income received in CIL receipts (per paragraph 16 above) plus carry forward has resulted in additional monies to be used for NCIL purposes. Money being collected in this current financial year will be adding to this amount. Given the current size of the NCIL pot it is proposed to increase the available funding amount for Round 2 onwards.
- 36. It is proposed that the total funding envelope for Round 2 be uplifted from £700,000 to £1,200,000. Administrative costs associated with running the programme will be drawn from the 5% allowance within the overall CIL funding (see KD 5029).
- 37. It is proposed that this is split between external (voluntary sector) and internal (Council) projects.
- 38. It is proposed to create an Enfield Residents' Priority Fund to increase access for smaller local community and grass roots groups based in Enfield to deliver locally focused projects that can visibly benefit Enfield residents and improve neighbourhoods across the borough.
- 39. The funding for this element will be apportioned from the overall £1.2m allocation.
- 40. The overall funding for Round 2 will therefore be as follows:

Element			Allocation
Enfield No	eighbourhood	Fund	£700,000
(Internal)			
Bids from £5,0	000 to £100,000 no	minal	
Enfield No	eighbourhood	Fund	£400,000
(External)			
Bids from £5,000 to £100,000 nominal			
Enfield Residents' Priority Fund		£100,000	
Bids up to £4,000			
TOTAL		£1,200,000	

- 41. Previous delegation provided authority for the Executive Director of Place to authorise funding awards, subject to assessment against an agreed set of criteria approved on KD 5236 by the Leader of the Council (having previously been delegated on KD 5029).
- 42. During the initial phases of the programme, a board and panel of officers was established to oversee implementation and evaluation. Responsibility for administration of the fund was transferred from Place to People, and as such it is proposed that going forward decisions will be taken by the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with EMT.

- 43. As with the previous round of funding, all bids recommended by panel for funding (according to their evaluation against the agreed criteria) will be provided to the Leader of the Council for information, prior to a decision being taken.
- 44. However, learning from Round 1 has established that whilst it is sensible to set out a clear window for each funding round for external bids, this places significant restrictions on the delivery of Council initiatives.
- 45. It is therefore recommended that the timeline and processes for the external element and the new Enfield Residents' Priority Fund remain as originally proposed for Round 2.
- 46. The funding window for internal bids will be opened at the same time, with all bids subject to the same scrutiny and due process, however:
- 47. The funding window for internal bids would remain open and bids can be provided on a rolling basis for consideration by the panel.
- 48. The panel will be stood up on a monthly basis (as required) to address any new internal bids that have been provided.
- 49. The sign-off arrangements for internal bids will remain the same as external bids.
- 50. If successful, this approach could be considered for the wider fund from Round 3 onwards, subject to future agreement.
- 51. Details of Residents' Priority Fund bids, including details of those recommended by panel as well as those that have not been progressed, will also be provided for information to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion, as this element of the fund is within this Members' portfolio.
- 52. Governance will therefore be as follows:

Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Management	Operational Decision-making relating to the award of funds
Team	
Executive Management Team	Approval of panel recommendations
(for information to the Leader of	ahead of final sign-off
the Council (for all bids) and the	
Cabinet Member for Community	
Safety and Cohesion (for	
Residents; Priority Fund bids)	
NCIL Panel (cross-	Evaluation of bids and putting forward
departmental, derived from NCIL	recommendations on award
Board)	
NCIL Board (accountable to	 Oversee the process of
Strategic Planning Board)	administering the fund and agree

- the operational responsibilities across People and Place (to be reviewed, agreed, and implemented prior to the next funding round);
- Receive applications from internal and external bidders, submitted in the approved format;
- Review all applications against the criteria defined in the funding documentation;
- Stand up the NCIL Panel to assess and recommend bids
- Oversee the release of funds and monitoring arrangements for successful applications;
- Provide updates on the usage of the fund to relevant groups.

Safeguarding Implications

53. The criteria for the bidding process states that all organisations applying to the fund must have and supply their safeguarding policies, which will be reviewed by the Council prior to award.

Public Health Implications

54. Better and more effective coordination of infrastructure delivery and financing is vital to the future health and wellbeing of the borough. CIL income will be used to address the impact of development (e.g., carbon offsetting) and secure adequate provision of infrastructure (including health and education facilities, green-grid connections and community facilities) to the support future needs of the borough.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

- 55. Local authorities have a responsibility to meet the public-sector duty of the Equality Act 2010. The act gives people the right not to be treated less favourably because of any of the protected characteristics. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been provided with this report.
- 56. Equality issues will be addressed and integrated into the process of preparing the new Enfield Local Plan and the review of the CIL Charging Schedule through the Integrated Impact Assessment, which includes an equalities impact assessment (see para 33).

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

57. Environmental considerations will be met through ensuring that all projects are now assessed against the Council's key priorities, as set out in the Council Plan.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

Key risk	Action to mitigate
Failure to implement these	Ensure effective decision-making
arrangements would undermine	structures/processes are in place to
the ability of the council to	coordinate the future planning and
effectively coordinate the provision	delivery of infrastructure in parallel
and maintenance of infrastructure	with the Enfield Local Plan.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

Key risk	Action to mitigate
Lack of	Produce and publish an
accountability/transparency: failure	infrastructure funding statement
to disclose CIL/S106 income and	before 31 December of each
expenditure activities	calendar year (as per the CIL
	regulations)
Legislative: Risk of legal challenge	Ensure a new governance system is
from developers and landowners	put in place to prioritise CIL and
	S106 receipts
Lack of adequate funding could	Ensure adequate resources are
adversely affect collection and	available to implement CIL/S106
allocation of CIL/S106 monies.	governance in a timely manner in
	line with the regulations.
Failure to allocate sufficient funding	Ensure that decision-makers direct
could undermine the viability of	CIL/S106 income to delivery of
development and inhibit the	critical infrastructure to support
delivery of infrastructure	development
Community engagement and	Ensure all S106/CIL receipts are
accountability: Neighbourhoods	spent within set deadlines and on
and stakeholders may not be given	the projects identified in the legal
the opportunity to influence how the money is spent at the local level	agreement/capital programme.
	The dedicated support officer will
	have responsibility for carrying out
	monitoring and reporting this to the
	NCIL Board, with scheduled updates
	then being provided to Cabinet.

Financial Implications

- 58. CIL receipts can only be spent on capital projects, although associated revenue spending to maintain those capital items is also permissible.
- 59. It is the responsibility of the section 151 officer (Executive Director of Resources) to ensure that decisions relating to the expenditure of Enfield's community infrastructure levy accords with the annual budget. CIL will be used as a resource to help finance the borough's capital programme based on priorities set out in the Corporate Plan in line with the regulations.
- 60. Enfield's CIL will be integrated with the medium-term financial strategy and budget setting process and formally allocated through the capital programme (before the end of each financial year).
- 61. Since its introduction in April 2016, Enfield's CIL has raised £14,900,399 million.
- 62. The level and timing of CIL funding will, however, depend on the nature and scale of the development, the number of implemented planning permissions, build-out rates, and the phasing of development etc. Due to the uncertainty over forecasting, the amount of CIL funding will be based on the total receipts collected from the previous financial year and any unspent receipts from previous financial years.
- 63. Future projections (beyond the current capital programme) will be dependent on the outcome of the review of the Enfield CIL Charging Schedule undertaken to support the new Local Pan 2036. Enfield's charging rates will need to be updated to reflect the emerging infrastructure and growth requirements set out in the Local Plan (taking account of changing market conditions, such as increasing housing prices and the viability of development) in line with the regulations.

Legal Implications

- 64. The Planning Act 2008 ('the Planning Act') (as amended) and The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 ('the CIL Regulations') (as amended) provide the powers for local planning authorities, or "charging authorities", to choose to develop and charge a CIL on development in their area. CIL monies can only be spent on infrastructure, as defined in the Planning Act. Obligations can be obtained from section 106 agreements for any purpose, provided they comply with the requirements of section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Regulation 122 of the CIL Regulations. Monies and obligations pursuant to a section 106 agreement must be spent or provided in accordance with any contractual provisions contained therein.
- 65. Neighbourhood CIL is defined through Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 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, 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." Infrastructure includes facilities such as roads and other transport facilities, educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces.
- 66. CIL spend is governed by Part 7 of the CIL Regulations. For any financial year in which CIL receipts are received, an infrastructure funding statement outlining receipts and expenditure must be prepared and published on the Council's website (pursuant to Regulation 62).
- 67. Although the CIL Regulations do not prescribe a specific process on agreeing how NCIL funding should be spent, the Council is required, pursuant to Planning Practice Guidance on CIL ('Government Guidance') (updated 5 April 2022) to engage with local communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend such funding, utilising existing consultation and engagement processes (e.g. neighbourhood groups, business networks and councillors) where possible. The Government Guidance notes that "This should include working with any designated neighbourhood forums preparing neighbourhood plans that exist in the area, theme specific neighbourhood groups, local businesses (particularly those working on business led neighbourhood plans) and using networks that ward councillors use. Crucially this consultation should be at the neighbourhood level. It should be proportionate to the level of levy receipts and the scale of the proposed development to which the neighbourhood funding relates". However, in doing so, the Council will need to comply with the CIL Regulations to ensure that any funding supports the development of its area.
- 68. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and advance equality of opportunity, as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Act). 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. Section 149 of the Act requires public authorities to have due regard to several equality considerations when exercising their functions. The main objective of the duty is to ensure public policies and programmes are implemented fairly, in particular with regard to their impact on the protected characteristics identified above and the weight to be attached to it is a matter for the decision maker, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. In this respect, it is noted that paragraph 46 of this report confirms proposed actions to be taken.
- 69. Clear and transparent governance mechanisms will ensure robust and effective expenditure and reporting in line with the above requirements and ensure that funds are spent appropriately, in compliance with the CIL Regulations and Government Guidance to which the Council must have regard.

Workforce Implications

70. There are no adverse workforce implications envisaged. Sufficient staff will be required to administer the programme and ensure that projects are delivered.

This has been accounted for within the funding envelope outlined in this report.

Property Implications

71. This report does not of itself commit the council to any expenditure on its property portfolio. Any related proposals with cost implications would need to be subject to separate reports and full financial appraisal.

Other Implications

72. None.

Options Considered

- 73. Round 2 of the Enfield Neighbourhood Fund could be run in the same manner as Round 1.
- 74. However, this would remove the opportunity to benefit from the learning from Round 1, which, if applied, is likely to increase the quality of bids and more closely align them to the Council Plan 2020-22 priorities.
- 75. It would also prevent the uplift of funding, which has been made possible by the increase in CIL receipts.

Conclusions

- 76. This approach will be implemented to ensure that:
 - Bids are encouraged of a high quality and relevant to the Council Plan 2020-22 (future iterations of the Council Plan will be looked at in due course)
 - Learning from the first round of funding is applied
 - Governance reflects the administrative changes in delivering the fund
 - Residents and local organisations (including the Council) can access additional funding being made available through an increase in CIL receipts

Indicative timeline for Round 2

Event	External and Resident Priority Fund	Internal
Portfolio Decision	August 2022	
Launch of Round 2 funding window	September / October 2022	

Closing date for bids	December 2022	Rolling programme
Bids assessed	December 2022	Monthly on an ongoing basis
Leader briefing, EMT and Executive Director of Resources Sign-Off	December 2022 / January 2023	Monthly (as required)
Notification of Award	January 2023	Rolling programme
Update report to Cabinet	July 2023	

77. Notwithstanding reforms to the Infrastructure Levy, this will form the indicative timeline of events for Round 2.

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Appendices

Background Papers

The following documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

Enfield Council Plan 2020-22 Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission Report (2020) Key Decisions 5029 and 5236 Equalities Impact Assessment (enc.)