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CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LIF) Supplementary Agenda

Date Tuesday 16 April 2024

Time 12.00 pm

Venue Shaw Room, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or in advance of the meeting.

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Item No

6 Considering Revised LIF Proposals (Pages 1 - 14)

To consider revised proposals submitted by applicants.

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Report to CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

The Local Improvement Fund – Considering Revised LIF Proposals

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Arooj Shah, Council Leader

Officer Contact: Steve Hughes (Assistant Director, Strategy and Performance)

Report Author: Jonathan Downs (Corporate Policy Lead)

16 April 2024

Reason for Decision

The Local Improvement Fund (LIF) in 2023/24 includes £400,000 allocated as “capital grants” for projects of £10,000 or more to improve Oldham’s neighborhoods for the benefit of residents.

Following the LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting held on the 19th February 2024, four applicants were asked to submit revised proposals before funding was released. This paper outlines these revised proposals.

Recommendation

Review the revised proposals and agree which should receive LIF Funding.

Considering Revised LIF Proposals

1 Background

- 1.1 In 2023/24 the Local Improvement Fund (LIF) has again been divided into two, with £400,000 distributed as capital grants and £100,000 as “fast grants” of between £500 and £3,500. This paper focuses on the administration of the £400,000 capital grants.
- 1.2 The deadline for expressions of interest to the capital fund was 20th October 2023. In total 32 proposals were received. After scoring of the initial proposals by the Advisory Panel, 19 of the expressions of interest were invited to submit full applications. The deadline for receiving full applications was Friday 26th January 2024. In total 19 full applications for the capital fund were received.
- 1.3 On the 19th February 2024, the LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee met to agree which of the 19 full applications should receive LIF funding, totalling no more than £400k. In total, £381,758.41 was allocated, funding 16 projects, leaving a reserve of £18,241.59. However, four projects were asked to submit revised proposals, reflecting the funding allocated by the Cabinet Sub-Committee. These projects are:
- **Wendlebury Green Playground (High Crompton):** To provide improved play equipment at the small park at Wendlebury Green. The project was provisionally allocated £25,000 by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and asked to submit a revised proposal, reflecting this allocation.
 - **Micro Wood, Granby Street Wetlands (Chadderton South):** To improve and transform this area of green space in our neighbourhood with natural solutions to improve the environment, manage flood and drought risks, create a mosaic of habitats for nature and improve access to quality green space supporting the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors. The project was provisionally allocated £23,000 by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and asked to submit a revised proposal, reflecting this allocation.
 - **Whitehall Lane Park Refreshment (St James):** To refresh the Whitehall Lane Park playing area, ensuring that good quality play equipment is available to residents in the Moorside area. The project was provisionally allocated £15,000 by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and asked to submit a revised proposal, reflecting this allocation.
 - **Arundel Park Multi Games Area (Waterhead):** To create a multi-game space in the heavily built-up area of Clarksfield, with a significant population under 18. The project was provisionally allocated £26,000 by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and asked to submit a revised proposal, reflecting this allocation.

1.4 To date, two of the projects have submitted revised proposals: Micro Wood, Granby Street Wetlands (Chadderton South) and Arundel Park Multi Games Area (Waterhead). Wendlebury Green Playground (High Crompton) and Whitehall Lane Park Refreshment (St James) are outstanding and will be brought to a future LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting for approval.

1.5 The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee are asked to review the final applications for Micro Wood, Granby Street Wetlands (Chadderton South) and Arundel Park Multi Games Area (Waterhead), allocating funding if they demonstrate they meet the required criteria.

2 Options/Alternatives

2.1 Do Nothing – This is not a preferable option as the funding needs to be allocated in this financial year.

2.2 Review the revised proposals and agree which should receive LIF Funding – The purpose of the LIF is to support district priorities, allocating funding to projects that demonstrate they meet the required scoring criteria.

3 Recommended Option

3.1 Review the revised proposals and agree which should receive LIF Funding.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 The Capital Programme includes £0.400m to support the Local Improvement Fund for Districts as outlined in this report. Colleagues are reminded that expenditure on all approved schemes must meet the statutory definition of expenditure for capital purposes.

5 Legal Services Comments

5.1 Following the consideration of recommendations from the Local Improvement Fund Advisory Panel, the purpose of the Local Improvement Fund Sub-Committee is to allocate funding from the Local Improvement Fund to projects across the borough which promote and pursue the aims and objectives of the individual District Priorities.

5.2 The Sub-Committee is a constituted meeting of the Council and is subject to the Council's procedure rules, Cabinet procedure rules and the access to information procedure rules, as set out in the Council's Constitution, unless stated otherwise in the terms of reference. (Colin Brittain, Assistant Borough Solicitor).

6 Co-operative Agenda

6.1 As a co-operative council, we are committed to reforming public services and encouraging innovation, leading to better outcomes and delivery. The Local Improvement Fund will ensure that Districts are best able to meet the needs of

both elected members and the residents they represent. (Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead).

7 Human Resources Comments

7.1 None

8 Risk Assessments

8.1 None

9 IT Implications

9.1 None

10 Property Implications

10.1 None

11 Procurement Implications

11.1 None

12 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

12.1 None

13 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

13.1 None

14 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

14.1 No

15 Key Decision

15.1 No

16 Key Decision Reference

16.1 N/A

17 Background Papers

17.1 Establishing a Local Improvement Fund for Districts – 24.06.2019

17.2 The Local Improvement Fund 2022/23 – 14.11.2022

17.3 CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LIF) Minutes – 19.02.2024

18 **Appendices**

18.1 Appendix 1 - Micro Wood, Granby Street Wetlands (Chadderton South) revised application and supporting finance document.

18.2 Appendix 2 - Arundel Park Multi Games Area (Waterhead) revised application.

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Granby Street Park, Chadderton

General information about the park

The site currently has two full size football pitches, multi-use games area (MUGA), two gym pods, car park, allotment site, wetland area and footpath network that connects Chadderton south residents to the Hollinwood tram stop and beyond. The site has a good tree line between the M60 and the park, which helps reduce pollution and noise for local residents and park users.

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Wetland area

This has become overgrown with self-sown trees, mainly willow, which have taken the water from the surface so the bio diversity that was present a few years ago has changed. Local residents have asked for the self-sown trees to be removed, to help bring back the wetland area. Costs have been shared with local Cllr's for this work, which could be submitted in a LIF bid in September.



Potential community orchard site

This area could be used for a potential community orchard site, roughly 1,200m².

This could be led by a local Community group and supported by Northern Lilly, if funds are found.

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1	Trees Standard	50	£270.44 per tree	
2	Tree (whips) native woodland 200	200	£2.29 each	
3	Trees (hedging native fruiting mix)	500	£2.29 each	
4	Wire Tree Guards 1.2m x 300mm (Dia)	300m	£18 per 1.2M	
5	Tree stakes large round post 1.8m	100	5.28 each	£528.00
6	Soft wooden stakes	200	£0.96	£192.00
7	U fencing staples 20mm x 2mm	20kg	20kg	£102.00
8	Spiral tree guards	200	£1.15 each	£230.00
9	Tree ties	100	£1.50 each	£150.00
10	Establishment costs (watering/mulching)	12	*see below	£3,000.00
11	Bodegrable mulch mats & natural pegs	450 total	*see below	£289.90
12	Mulch	150	£55.00 per ton bag	
13	Wooden field gates	2	£612.00	£1,224.00
14	Natural rest and play spaces	3	£900.00	£2,700.00
15	Natural signage	3	£300.00	£900.00
16	Large leaky woody dam (3-5m)	2	£762.42	£1,528.84
17	Supply and plant per tree	750	£1.72	£1,290.00
18	Native plug plants	1000	£2.25	£2,250.00
19	Site design and land preparation	7	£350.00	<u>£2,450.00</u>
	Total			£15,610.74
	Community Engagement: schools/residents			<u>£6,000.00</u>
			TOTAL	£21,610.74
10	4 per annum @ £250 x 3 years = 12 days	£3,000.00		
11	mulch mats 200 @£121.20 per 100 pack	£242.40		
11	250 pegs @ 0.19p each	£47.50		

Local Improvement Fund COMPLETE APPLICATION (STAGE 2)

OVERVIEW

The Local Improvement Fund is available to all elected members and District Teams to support our corporate priorities:

- Supporting the Don't Trash Oldham campaign
- Transforming and improving Oldham's neighbourhoods
- Boosting Oldham's economy by creating jobs, supporting businesses, and attracting investment

The Fund is made up of £400k capital funding in 2023/24.

Once completed, your application will be submitted to the Local Improvement Fund Advisory Group for consideration. If approved by the Advisory Group, your application will be submitted to the Local Improvement Fund sub-committee for final sign-off.

Please include any plans, pictures or supplementary information that will help the Advisory Group accurately score your application.

For help and support completing this application please speak to your District Coordinator.

Please submit your completed Expression of Interest to lif@oldham.gov.uk

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name	Arundel Park Multi Games Area
District / Ward	Waterhead
Proposed Start Date	Spring 2024
Proposed Completion Date	Summer2024

1. Aims

Creating a multi-game space in the heavily built-up area of Clarksfield, with a significant population under 18. The multi-game space can become a focal point for the community, encouraging interaction and a sense of togetherness. It can be used for community events and activities that bring residents closer

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2. Benefits and Outcomes

The project aims to provide a space for exercise and physical activity, which can contribute to the well-being and health of the community, especially children and young people.

Access to recreational spaces can help reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour by providing constructive and engaging activities for young people.

The space can facilitate exercise classes and organized sporting events, which can be a source of physical activity and community engagement.

Overall, this project has the potential to create a healthier, more connected, and engaged community in Clarksfield, addressing the demands and requests of local residents.

3. Dependencies

Big Local have approved £60,000, money needs to be spent before September 2024.

4. Asset Management

The area is already a maintained parks team , the multi games area would require almost no more input , in maintaining the area .

5. Procurement Strategy (if applicable)

Tendering will be carried out by the Parks Department , Parks team will be over seeing the work , working with the 3rd party contractors .

6. Key Risks & Risk Management

Are site management during construction , this would be supported by Clarksfield Community Group .(CCG)

The park as significant input from the community lead by CCG . Who monitor the safety of the park , and would organise and supervise events for girls and boys .

7. Outline Programme

Please programme outline below

Site preparation early April ,
Groundwork April./ May
Erecting metal work . June
Finishing landscaping June

8. Resident Consultation and Support

There has been a demand for this type of facilities for a number of years, at community meetings and requests from many local groups such as Clarksfield Community group and Big Local.

9. Delivery Partners

Our Partners will be

- Big Local
- CCG
- Park Team

10. Financial

Prices have been sought from the Parks team

Costing

Metal works.	£33,035
Ground work.	£30,000
Surfacing.	£26,000
Insulation.	£8,000
Lining.	£680

Total.	£ 97,715
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Funded by

Big Local.	£60,000
LIF bid.	£26000
Councillors.	£4710

Leader emerging priorities.	£ 7000
Total.	£ 97,715

11. Ongoing Sustainability

This area is currently a well maintained park ,multi games area would require no extra maintenance.

12. District Support

All the membership are in full support of this project

Signed Cllrs Peter Dean, Nadeem Iqbal, Ros Birch _____

Dated _____
26/02/2024 _____