

**CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LIF)**  
**19/02/2024 at 2.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor  
Councillors Jabbar, Shah and Taylor

Also in Attendance:  
Jonathan Downs                      Strategy, Partnerships and Policy  
Andrew Mather                      Constitutional Services  
Simon Shuttleworth                District Co-ordinator

1                      **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Resolved -That Councillor Shah be elected chair for the duration of the meeting.

2                      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

3                      **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4                      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Shah, Jabbar and Taylor declared non-pecuniary interests as ward councillors in the grant applications pertaining to their wards.

5                      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions for this meeting of the Sub-Committee to consider.

6                      **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

7                      **CONSIDERATION OF LIF BIDS 2023/24**

A report of the Assistant Director, Strategy and Performance on recommendations for the funding of capital projects from the Local Improvement Fund (LIF) was submitted.

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

The deadline for expressions of interest to the capital fund was 20th October 2023. In total 32 proposals were received. After scoring the initial proposals 19 of the expressions of interest were invited to submit full applications. The deadline for receiving full applications was Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. In total 19 full applications for the capital fund were received.

The LIF advisory panel had scored the full applications and had made recommendations which were attached to Appendix 1 to the report. The LIF Sub-Committee was asked to review the final

scores and comments provided by the advisory panel and to agree which applications should receive funding.



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RESOLVED –

1. That the following requests for funding from Districts were considered and determined as follows:

Application	Amount Allocated	Decision
<b>Central District</b>		
1 Eldon Street Estate Play Area	£35,155.00	Agreed
2 Shadowbrook/Sandringham Play Area:	£17,303.00	Agreed
3 Oldham Edge Play Area	£23,017.59	Agreed
4 West End Street Kickpitch	£0.00	Refused: The Sub-Committee gave reassurance that the facility will be retained for community use. Alternative funding approaches should be explored, with the support of Council officers.
5 Installation of a non-turf pitch at The Meadows Sports Courts	£43,125.00	Agreed
<b>East District</b>		
6 Cooper Street Road Safety	£0.00	Refused: The Sub-committee recommended exploring other options, including the new 20mph zone pilot scheme.
7 Dobcross Park	£28,583.50	Agreed
8 Stoneleigh Park Play Area	£30,000.00	Agreed
<b>North District</b>		
9 Improvement to Growing Hub	£17,850.00	Agreed
10 High Crompton Park Toilets & Sports Facilities Improvements	£0.00	Refused: Alternative funding has been found to support the

11	Wendlebury Green Playground	£25,000	project Agreed: Applicants be asked to revise proposals to omit some equipment to meet the lower level of funding approved.
<b>South District</b>			
12	Creating a safe green space for the Medlock Vale Community	£15,724.32	Agreed
13	Wildbrook Community Food & Growing Hub (Food Hub Renovation):	£32,000.00	Agreed
14	-Coppice Pathway Project: Bridging Oldham's Communities:	£0.00	Refused
<b>West District</b>			
15	Victoria St Pocket Park	£10,000.00	Agreed
16	Car Park, Crossley Playing Fields:	£20,000.00	Agreed: Except for the installation of a barrier. This to be a Pilot Project for possible similar schemes.
17	Improving Road Safety in Chadderton	£0.00	Refused: Alternative Highway funding to be examined
18	Improving Facilities in Chadderton Hall Park	£20,000.00	Agreed
19	Micro Wood, Granby Street Wetlands	£23,000	Agreed: to fund 50 percent of the application to support community use of the land.
<b>East District</b>			
20	Whitehall Lane Park Refreshment	£15,000.00	Agreed: Subject to a revised proposal being submitted at the lower level

21 Arundel Park Multi Games Area £26,000.00

of funding provided. Agreed: Subject to a revised proposal being submitted at the lower level funding provided.



**Total Funding Allocated £381,758.41**

2. Ward Councillors be thanked for their assistance in the submission of applications and members of the LIF Advisory Panel be also thanked for scoring the submitted applications.

The meeting started at 2.30 pm and ended at 3.20 pm

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