

Background:

The Local Improvement Fund will be available to all elected members and District Teams to support District Priorities. The Fund will be made up of £500k capital funding in 2019/20. This funding will be reviewed annually.

The funding will support Districts to:

- Encourage the active participation of residents and local organisations in improving the quality of life in the local area.
- Improve community buildings, equipment and other facilities.
- Engage with residents to prioritise schemes that matter to them.

Local Improvement Fund Oversight:

Applications to the Fund will be overseen by a Cabinet sub-committee made up of:

- The Council Leader
- The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods
- The Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources

In addition, a nominated Shadow Cabinet Member will attend in a non-voting capacity.

Advisory members:

- Members of SMT as appropriate – no voting rights

Local Improvement Fund Criteria:

To submit an application to the Fund the following criteria must be met:

- A majority of elected members in each District must support the application for funding.
- In the first instance an Expression of Interest (EOI) should be submitted to the sub-committee for consideration. The EOI should be no longer than one side of A4, providing a summary of the proposed scheme; engagement with the local community; and the costs associated with delivery.
- If the EOI is successful you will be invited to submit a formal application for funding.
- The Fund sub-committee will meet quarterly to approve applications. Application submission dates will be published in the new municipal year.