

Report to CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

The Local Improvement Fund – Project Recommendations

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Reason for Decision

Following the District Review a £500k Local Improvement Fund (LIF) was established to support district priorities. The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee are asked to review the final scores and comments provided by the advisory panel and agree which applications should receive funding.

Recommendation

Review the Advisory Panel recommendations and agree which should receive LIF Funding.

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1 Background

- 1.1 At Annual Council on the 22nd May it was agreed that a Local Improvement Fund (LIF) should be established to support district priorities. The LIF is a £500k capital fund that all elected members and District Teams can access through a bidding process.
- 1.2 The LIF launched in July 2019 and required elected members to submit expressions of interest for funding by the end of September 2019. In total the LIF received 24 expressions of interest.
- 1.3 The LIF Advisory Panel met in November and scored the expressions of interest, recommending that 20 of the expressions of interest be invited to submit full applications.
- 1.4 The deadline for receiving full applications was Friday 13th December 2019. In total the LIF received 19 full applications.
- 1.5 The LIF advisory panel met on Monday 16th December 2019 and scored the full applications. The Advisory Panel's recommendations and comments are included in Appendix 1.
- 1.6 The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee are asked to review the final recommendations and comments provided by the advisory panel and agree which applications should receive LIF funding, totalling no more than £500k.

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 full Advisory Panel recommendations 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 Advisory Panel recommendations and agree which should receive LIF Funding.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Capital Programme includes £0.500m to support the Local Improvement Fund for Districts. Funding requests total around £0.845m of which £0.385m are recommended for approval. Provided the sub-committee approve only the recommended schemes then £0.115m of funding remains available. If the sub-committee wishes to approve additional schemes then the total should not exceed the approved capital programme allocation of £0.500m. Colleagues are reminded that expenditure on all approved schemes must meet the statutory definition of expenditure for capital purposes. (Andy Moran, Assistant Director of Finance)

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
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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).

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).

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

18 **Appendices**

18.1 Appendix 1 – Advisory Panel Recommendations and Comments