



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES

Cabinet CIL Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet CIL Committee** held on **Wednesday 25th July, 2018**, Room 3.4, 3rd Floor, 5 Strand, London, WC2 5HR.

Members Present: Councillors Richard Beddoe (Chairman), David Harvey and Tim Mitchell

Also Present: Ezra Wallace, Head of City Policy and Strategy, Michael Clarkson, Principal Policy Officer, and Reuben Segal, Acting Head of Committee & Governance Services.

1 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 There were no changes to the membership.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2018 be approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record of proceedings.

4 WESTMINSTER CIL AND POOLED SECTION 106 FUNDING - PROJECT ALLOCATIONS (Q1) (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

4.1 Michael Clarkson, Principal Policy Officer, introduced the report.

4.2 The Committee considered the next round of funding allocations for the strategic CIL expenditure and pooled section 106 resources.

4.3 Members then considered progress on Councillor proposed priority projects and were invited to comment on individual proposals. Councillor Beddoe expressed concern that some proposals were still being assessed despite being submitted in March and that the ward councillors have not been

updated on the progress of their proposals. He requested that officers expedite the evaluation of these proposals and update ward councillors on them. He also requested that in future more frequent updates are provided to councillors on their bids. Ezra Wallace, Head of City Policy and Strategy, undertook to ensure that this occurred.

- 4.4 The committee asked whether there was another mechanism to award funding to such projects where it was agreed in principle that they should be funded but where costs were not yet finalised? The Committee wished for decisions on the latter to be expedited via an appropriate, alternative mechanism rather than delay approval until the Committee next meets in October. [A report will be submitted to the Chairman in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Place Shaping and Planning, in consultation with the other committee members, on the grounds that he has responsibility for any matters relating to the administration of the CIL including allocations of funding for neighbourhoods].
- 4.5 The Committee then considered the governance proposals for the CIL “neighbourhood portion”. Members informed officers of a typographical error in Appendix E - Table 1: Designated Neighbourhood Areas in Westminster; The reference to Bayswater Road Ward should be Bayswater.
- 4.6 The Committee then discussed the areas where there is no designated neighbourhood forum. Councillor Mitchell commented that it would be useful to know where these are and suggested that to help inform the discussion and decision-making process these should be set out as hatched areas on a map which includes Ward boundaries.
- 4.7 The Committee then considered the mechanism for determining the consultees that should be invited to submit proposals for the allocation of neighbourhood CIL. Councillor Harvey stated that levels of community engagement and numbers of stakeholders can vary markedly from one area of Westminster to another. Determining which groups to consult with could be difficult. He suggested that one possible approach is for officers to seek the views of Ward councillors.
- 4.8 Councillor Mitchell asked for clarification on the scope of use of the neighbourhood portion of CIL. Mr Clarkson advised that the regulations require it to be used to support the development of the neighbourhood area, or any part of that area, by funding:
 - i. The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
 - ii. anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands the development places on an area.
- 4.9 **RESOLVED:** The Cabinet CIL Committee:

1. Approved the expenditure of £4.952m from Westminster's City CIL Strategic Portion as set out in Section 5.2 of the report. This includes the allocation of funding for the following projects set out in Appendix B to the report.
 - (i) Bouchier Street Public Realm (Appendix B, Project 1)
 - (ii) Drainage Further Works Programme (Appendix B, Project 2)
 - (iii) Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (Appendix B, Project 3)
 - (iv) CCTV and Lining Programme (Appendix B, Project 4)
 - (v) Hyde Park Ward Pedestrian Improvements (Appendix B, Project 5)
 - (vi) Neat Streets 2 (Appendix B, Project 6)
 - (vii) Riding House Street (Appendix B, Project 7)
 - (viii) Strand and Piccadilly Road – SCADA (Appendix B, Project 8)
 - (ix) Shaftesbury Avenue Carriageway Resurfacing (Appendix B, Project 9)
 - (x) Smart Lighting and Asset Condition Indices (Appendix B, Project 10)
 - (xi) St. George's Drive/ Warwick Way Junction (Appendix B, Project 11)
 - (xii) Parks and Gardens Lighting Upgrade (Appendix B, Project 12)
 - (xiii) Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) (Appendix B, Project 13)
 - (xiv) Victoria Embankment (Lion Heads Moorings) (Appendix B, Project 14)
 - (xv) Paddington Recreation Ground (Appendix B, Project 15)
 - (xvi) ARK Atwood School Roof Garden (Appendix B, Project 16)
 - (xvii) Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) (Appendix B, Project 17)
 - (xviii) Oxford Street Catenary Infrastructure (Appendix B, Project 18)
 - (xix) St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School (Appendix B, Project 19)

2. Approved the expenditure of £0.200m from Section 106 funds held for the purposes of the Paddington Social and Community Fund Account (PS&CFA) as set out in Section 6.2 of the report. This includes the allocation of funding for the following projects set out in Appendix B to the report:
 - (i) Tollgate Gardens Community Centre (Appendix B, Project 20)

3. Considered the update on Councillor proposed priority projects, as set out in Section 7 of the report and Appendix C, and noted progress.

4. Noted the neighbourhood portion of CIL received to date as set out in Section 8 of the report and Appendix D to the report.

5. Considered the governance proposals for the neighbourhood portion of CIL as set out in Section 8 of the report and Appendix E to the report.

Reasons for Decision

In order to ensure robust and effective expenditure and reporting in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and in accordance with the council's strategic priorities, CIL spending policy statement and its framework for resource allocation and management.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Committee discussed how often to programme meetings to consider and approve funding allocations. It agreed to hold meetings quarterly subject to sufficient receipts being received and projects having been identified for funding.

The Meeting ended at 5.31 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____