

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **NON-KEY DECISION**

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2014/15 UPDATE AND 2015/16 ALLOCATIONS

1 **Purpose of Report**

To inform cabinet of the council projects paid for by the community investment fund in 2014/15 and progress to date.

2 **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

Cabinet is requested to resolve that the progress made to date on the community investment fund projects be noted and 2015/16 allocations be considered.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS) is the document that details the priorities agreed for Slough with partner organisations. The SJWS has been developed using a comprehensive evidence base that includes the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

This report and the projects detailed link to the following priorities in the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS):

- Health
- Regeneration and Environment
- Safer Communities

Projects within the community investment fund also contribute to the cross cutting themes of the strategy by encouraging civic responsibility and improving the image of the town.

4 **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

The community investment fund formed part of the agreed budget for 2014/15.

The amount budgeted for each project is as follows:

Description	Budget (£)
Multi-use games areas	500,000
CCTV movable cameras	50,000
Alley gating	30,000
Street name plate signs – 2 year programme	65,000
Pavement Parking Policy	400,000
Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts	141,000
Member bids	65,000

There are no other financial implications from this report.

(b) **Risk Management**

Risk	Mitigating action	Opportunities
Legal	None	
Property	None	
Human Rights	None	
Health and Safety	None	
Employment Issues	None	
Equalities Issues	None	
Community Support	None	
Communications	None	
Community Safety	None	
Financial	None	
Timetable for delivery	None	
Project Capacity	None	
Other	None	

(c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

The report does not have any legal or human rights act implications.

(d) **Equalities Impact Assessment**

This report does not have any equalities implications and there is no identified need for the completion of an EIA.

5 Supporting Information

5.1 The community investment fund was introduced in 2012 to direct funding to smaller street level projects that benefit the local community and improve neighbourhoods.

5.2 In 2014/15 the council chose the following projects to be part of the community investment fund:

- Multi-use games areas
- CCTV movable cameras
- Alleygating projects
- Street name plate signs – second year of programme
- Pavement parking
- Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts
- Member bids

5.3 Multi-use games areas

Community investment funding was used to install new multi-use games areas (MUGAs) to parks across the borough.

Existing MUGAs are also being upgraded as part of the project.

MUGAs are designed to accommodate a number of different sports including football, basketball, netball and cricket and are informal and accessible facilities which encourage use by local residents.

The locations of the new and upgraded MUGAs this year are:

- Monksfield Recreation Ground (including skatepark) – new in November 2014 (Britwell)
- Bowyer Recreation Ground – new in May 2014 (Central)
- Maplin Park – new in May 2014 (Langley)
- Chalvey Recreation Ground – new in April 2014 (Chalvey)
- Mercian Recreation Ground – refurbished April 2014 (Cippenham Green)
- Cippenham Recreation Ground (including tennis) – refurbished October 2014 (Haymill)
- Lascelles Park – refurbished April 2014 (Upton)

All have been designed to integrate with each other and existing park infrastructure, conserving the overall qualities of the existing park environment.

5.4 CCTV movable cameras

One new redeployable camera has been purchased and placed in Colnbrook to tackle anti-social behaviour and similar camera technology has been installed in police identified crime hotspots in Cippenham Meadows and Wexham.

To tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime mobile cameras have, this year been deployed to Spitfire Way, Lismore Park, Farm Lane, Long Readings Lane and Broom House.

The council is investigating wireless technology for future camera connectivity so we have a wide area network (WAN) which will increase the number of places we can put cameras in the future.

5.5 Alleygating

Alleygating remains popular with local residents as a method of tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.

In total this year there have been 65 alleygating requests.

Of these, 20 are new requests recently received, 10 are consultations in progress, 22 are underway, and 13 projects have been completed. So in total, 45 are done or underway and 20 being begun.

5.6 Street name plate signs

More than 1,100 street name plates have been replaced across Slough as part of the two year project from the community investment fund (this year being the second year).

In each part of the town the following number have been replaced:

- East – 553
- Central – 400
- West – 232
- Total – 1,185

5.7 Pavement Parking

To prevent damage to grass verges and pavements, blocking of roads and to leave pavements for pedestrians, last year the council implemented a ward-by-ward approach to tackling pavement parking.

Central Ward was first trial in 2013/14 and a ban was put in place under an experimental traffic regulation order. Further amendments to the trial in Central have been made this year.

Designs have been drawn up for Wexham, Chalvey, Elliman and parts of the borough now in Central after the boundary changes.

Ward boundary changes have caused some delays but this larger area is expected to be rolled out during the summer and autumn 2015.

5.8 Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts / member bids

Some other smaller projects have also been funded from the community investment fund on the request of members and with the agreement of the assistant director of finance

- new pathways across open land at Common Road to help residents and school children cross safely and without getting muddy
- borough-wide shrub bed improvements – including replanting of 25 sites with more than 6,000 new plants. Sites include the rest gardens on Farnham Road, Cippenham Recreation Ground, Salt Hill Park, housing estates, roadside verges and major gateways.
- improvements to Harvey and Upton Lea Recreation Ground – plans being worked up
- new on-street parking bays in Moreton Way, Cippenham Lane, Ullswater Close, Marecroft Road, Hawthorne Crescent estate, Bowyer Drive and Northborough Road
- new footway on Cippenham Lane near Copthorne roundabout
- grass-crete protection on grass verges in The Link, Hawthorne Crescent estate and Prestwood
- verge protection measures on A4 London Road, Trelawney Avenue, Spencer Road, Penine Road, Maryside, Lismore Park
- footpath extension in Bloom Park
- creation of walking and cycling shared surface in Ullswater Close
- parking protection bund on Uxbridge Road from Broadmark Road to traffic lights
- repainting of hundreds of metres of protection railings
- deep cleans of housing estates including Scaffell Road and Foxborough
- target litter bins placed along Colnbrook bypass
- 150 new trees planted
- continuation of roll out for new dual use litter and recycling bins in high-litter areas

6 **Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been considered by any other committees.

7 **Conclusion**

The community investment fund projects have been very successful this year and have met the aspirations of the fund – to improve the local environment on a neighbourhood level.

8 **Background Papers**

None.