

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **NON-KEY DECISION**

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2015/16 UPDATE

1 Purpose of Report

To inform the cabinet of the council projects paid for by the community investment fund in 2015/16 and progress to date.

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

The Cabinet is requested to resolve that the progress made to date on the community investment fund projects be noted and to consider the allocations for 2016/17.

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 details link to the following priorities in the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SJWS):

- 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.

3b **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

This report and the projects detailed contribute to all the following outcomes from the Five Year Plan:

- Slough will be the premier location in the south east for businesses of all sizes to locate, start, grow, and stay
- Slough will be one of the safest places in the Thames Valley
- More people will take responsibility and manage their own health, care and support needs
- Children and young people in Slough will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances
- The Council's income and the value of its assets will be maximised

4 **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

The community investment fund formed part of the agreed budget for 2015/16.

The amount budgeted for each project is as follows:

Description	Budget (£)
Recreation facilities in parks	156,000
Replacement street signs	50,000
CCTV – purchase of moveable cameras	56,000
Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts	300,000
Pavement parking	373,000
Wexham Road crossing	35,000
Alleygating	55,000
Parks improvements	45,000
Slough cycle hire	10,000
Electronic 30mph signs	10,000
Land clearance, Derwent Drive	10,000
Gateway signs	40,000

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

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

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

This report does not have an equalities implication 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 2015/16 the council chose the following projects to be part of the community investment fund:

- Recreation facilities in parks
- Replacement street signs programme
- CCTV cameras
- Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts
- Pavement parking
- Wexham Road crossing
- Alleygating
- Parks improvements
- Slough cycle hire
- Electronic 30mph signs
- Land clearance at Derwent Drive
- Gateway signs

5.3 Recreation facilities in parks

Tender awarded to contractor and the following are due to be installed/ take place this month (March) and in April:

- refurbishment of the skate park, parkour and tennis court at Salt Hill Park
- outdoor gyms at Salt Hill, Kedermister and Upton Court Parks and at Cippenham Recreation Ground
- Exercise equipment was installed to Upton Lea Recreation Ground in Autumn 2015
- fitness trails at Harvey Park, Godolphin and Crown Meadow
- trim trail at Buttermere
- refurbishment of multi-use games area at Cromwell Drive

5.4 Park Improvements

In addition to the above major improvements have been undertaken at Baylis Park which includes; the draining and refilling of the pond, resurfacing of paths, replanting flower beds and the reconstruction of the walled rose garden, refurbishment and repair of the war memorials and the installation of CCTV cameras. The construction

of a new pathway at Granville Recreation Ground has been agreed. Britwell's Skate Park has been reprovided at Monksfield Way Recreation Ground and major park improvements will shortly begin at Kennedy Park. Work is also expected to start on improvements to Bloom Park in April. The above have been provided through CIF funding, combined with capital budgets and developer contributions.

5.5 Replacement street sign programme

This three-year programme is now almost complete with more than 1,500 street name plates replaced across the borough.

5.6 CCTV re-deployable cameras

New redeployable cameras have been installed in Wexham and Cippenham to assist with community safety.

Three 3G / 4G enabled mini-cam wireless redeployable cameras have also been ordered to be deployed one in each of the borough's community safety / police tasking areas; north, south and east. These are expected by the end of the month (March).

5.7 Neighbourhood enhancements / walkabouts

Some smaller projects which have been funded from the community investment fund on the request of members following ward walkabouts:

- New on-street parking bays in Northern Road, Goodman Park, Wordsworth Road, Moreton Way and Hawthorne Crescent
- New parking areas have been installed at Lynch Hill Lane and Mallard Drive
- Kicker-rail installed to protect the green in Cranbourne Road
- Pavement resurfacing on Diamond Road
- Relocation of a streetlight on Lynch Hill Lane
- Bollards to protect open space on Chalvey High Street
- Bollards to protect verge at Lower Cippenham Lane junction with Millstream Lane
- Kicker rail is being installed at Kennet Road in March
- 150 new trees planted across the borough

5.8 Pavement Parking

To prevent damage to grass verges and pavements, blocking of roads and to leave pavements for pedestrians, the council has been consulting on a ward-by-ward approach to tackling pavement parking.

Central Ward was trialled in 2013/14 and extended and amended last year.

Detailed plans have now been drawn up for Elliman Ward with roll out expected to start this month (March).

5.9 Wexham Road crossing

The detailed design for the crossing on Wexham Road has been completed and works are expected to start this month (March)

5.10 Alleygating

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

One of the major schemes undertaken this year includes:

- Fencing a large area at the rear of Canterbury Avenue which was regularly used for flytipping

5.11 Slough cycle hire

20 new hire bikes have been purchased using the CIF this year.

5.12 Electronic 30mph signs

New signs on order.

5.13 Land clearance – Derwent Drive

Initial general clearance has been undertaken. Work is underway with the school as to the best use for the land for their purposes.

5.14 Gateway signs

In 2012, many of the borough's main gateways were marked with new 'Welcome to Slough' signs.

This year four more bespoke signs were installed on Stoke Poges Lane, Slough Road (from Datchet), Stoke Road and Burnham Lane.

6 **Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been considered by any other committees.

7 **Conclusion**

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

8 **Background Papers**

None