

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet **DATE:** 19 March 2018

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**WARD(S):** All

**PORTFOLIO:** Cllr. Nazir, Lead Member Corporate Finance and Housing

### **PART I** **KEY DECISION**

#### **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2017-18 UPDATE AND 2018-19 BUDGET**

##### **1 Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet regarding the 2017/18 Community Investment Fund and propose how the scheme will operate in 2018/19.

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

The Cabinet is requested to resolve:

- a) That the expenditure made to date from the Community Investment Fund 2017/18 be noted;
- b) That any unused funding from 2017/18 be rolled-forward into 2018/19 and allocated on the basis of Cabinet requests in line with the scheme;
- c) That the Community Investment Fund 2018/19 allocations and methodology be agreed.

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

###### **3.1. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The report indirectly supports all of the strategic priorities and cross cutting themes. The maintenance of good governance within the Council to ensure that it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does achieve through the improvement of corporate governance and democracy by ensuring effective management practice is in place.

### 3.2 Five Year Plan Outcomes

This report and the Community Investment Fund allocations will contribute to all the following outcomes from the Five Year Plan.

- Our children and young people will have the best start in life and opportunities to give them positive lives
- Our people will become healthier and will manage their own health, care and support needs
- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and visit
- Our residents will have access to good quality homes
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide jobs and opportunities for our residents

### 4 Other Implications

(a)Financial: As detailed within the report.

(b) Risk Management

<b>Recommendation from section 2 above</b>	<b>Risks/Threats/ Opportunities</b>	<b>Current Controls</b>	<b>Using the Risk Management Matrix Score the risk</b>	<b>Future Controls</b>
The Cabinet is requested to resolve: that the progress made to date on the Community Investment Fund projects be noted and to agree the allocation mechanism for 2018-19.	Need to check that applications meet the requirements of the fund, are affordable, do not operate contrary to Council policy and that they will not afford any pecuniary advantage to the applicant.	All applications are fully assessed against Council policies and costed by officers. The final application is signed off by the Section 151 Officer.	9	N/A

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigating action</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
Legal	None	none
Property	None	None
Human Rights	None	None
Health and Safety	None	None
Employment Issues	None	None
Equalities Issues	None	None
Community Support	None	None
Communications	None	None
Community Safety	None	None
Financial	Detailed within the report	None
Timetable for delivery – capital programme delivered under the 80% mark	Monthly review at Capital Operational Board and quarterly by Lead Members and Directors	Ability to increase the deliver of capital schemes
Project Capacity	None	None
Other	None	None

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

No specific legal implications arise from this report.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

Equalities Impact Assessments will be conducted, as required, for individual projects contained within the Community Investment Fund.

## 5 **Supporting Information**

### 5.1 **Background**

5.1.1 At the full council meeting, in February 2017, it was agreed that, for 2017/18, all elected Councillors would have £25,000 each to spend on capital projects of their choosing. This scheme was a continuation of the Council's previous 'Walkabout Fund'. The funding was to be used for the purposes of benefitting the Slough Community. It was not ward specific.

5.1.2 There are currently 42 elected councillors of Slough Borough Council, which equated to an annual Community Investment Fund capital budget of £1,050,000 in 2017/18.

5.1.3 Allocations are for individual councillors but two or more Councillors can pool resources in order to fund a larger project.

5.1.4 Below are some example indicative costs of initiatives funded under the scheme:

- Speed cushions – £2,400 each (additional for Traffic management approx. £300 per unit)
- Slough Bollards – £400 each
- Signs without post – £120-£450 each depending on sign
- Sign pole only – £190-£320 each depending on size and length of pole
- Low level street nameplate – £195 each
- Road Markings – £750 minimum charge (all day booking), lettering, lines, etc. additional on top.

5.1.5 When Councillors submitted bids for approval, officers checked they met the fund's requirements, were affordable and complied with the Council's policies, and legal requirements and that they did not afford any pecuniary advantage to the applicant.

## 5.2 Current Position

5.2.1 The table below summarises the amount spent to date, as at 19 February 2018, and the budget remaining on a ward by ward basis. A more detailed analysis is shown in Appendix A. These amounts will inevitably change by year end as several 'bids' are awaiting detailed costings from officers.

5.2.2 At year end, any unused allocations will be utilised by Cabinet to fund additional council-wide improvements to further the outcomes in the five year plan.

Ward	Budget	Actual	Remaining
Central	75,000.00	54,000.00	21,000.00
Baylis & Stoke	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Farnham	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Langley St Marys	75,000.00	60,154.00	14,846.00
Langley Kederminster	75,000.00	52,800.00	22,200.00
Cippenham Green	75,000.00	64,515.79	10,484.21
Haymill & Lynch Hill	75,000.00	26,918.74	48,081.26
Colnbrook with Poyle	50,000.00	49,000.00	1,000.00
Britwell & Northborough	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00

Chalvey	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Cippenham Meadows	75,000.00	1,400.21	73,599.79
Elliman	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Foxborough	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Upton	75,000.00		75,000.00
Wexham Lea	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00

Budget	Actual	Remaining
1,050,000	708,789	341,211

### 5.3 2018-19 Budget

- 5.3.1 The recent Capital Programme report, agreed at full Council on 22 February 2018, proposed the scheme continuing in 2018/19. A capital budget of £1.050m was agreed.
- 5.3.2 In addition, following feedback from Councillors – whereby they have indicated that they would like to have a small amount of revenue funding available to support their capital expenditure on community projects (e.g. facilitating community consultations or moving traffic cameras) a budget of £420,000 was agreed at full Council as part of the Transformation Fund.
- 5.3.3 It is proposed that, for 2018-19, all elected Councillors will each have up to £20,000 capital funding and £5,000 revenue funding available to spend on community projects across the Borough.
- 5.3.4 In addition, Cabinet will have up to £210,000 of capital funding and £210,000 of revenue funding available to further the outcomes in the Five-Year Plan.
- 5.3.5 Updated ‘Community Investment Fund Bid Forms’ with associated guidance will be circulated to all Councillors at the start of the new financial year. This guidance will include the new particulars attached as Appendix B.
- 5.3.6 A bi-annual report, highlighting spend to date, will be presented to Cabinet in November 2018.

### 6 Comments of Other Committees

None.

**7**      **Conclusion**

The Cabinet are requested to note spend to date on the Community Investment Fund 2017-18 and approve the Community Investment Fund allocations and methodology for 2018-19.

**8**      **Appendices Attached**

- 'A'      -      CIF Report Feb 2018
- 'B'      -      Revised Guidance and Procedures for the Community Investment Fund 201819.

**9**      **Background Papers**

None