SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet **DATE:** 12th October 2020

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PART I KEY DECISION

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2020/21 UPDATE

1 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Cabinet regarding the 2020/21 Community Investment Fund

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

Cabinet is requested to resolve:

- a) the expenditure to date from the Community Investment Fund 2020/21 to be noted:
- b) any proposals for minor capital schemes within the Cabinet's remaining capital funding allocation of the 2020/21 Community Investment Fund...

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

The Community Investment Fund allocations are intended to be used by Members to make small financial contributions within their Wards that support any, or all, of the Five Year Plan outcomes.

- 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:

£210k of revenue was agreed at full Council in February 2020 to provide for the scheme. To date, £185k revenue has been spent/committed.

In February 2020, full Council agreed a capital budget of £1.050m for the Community Investment Fund for 2020/21 (840k for members and 210k for cabinet).

(b) Risk Management

Recommendation from section 2 above	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Manageme nt Matrix Score the risk	Future Controls
The Cabinet	Need to check	The	9	As with
is requested	that applications	responsible		Current
to resolve:	meet the	officer fully		Controls.
that the	requirements of	assesses all		
progress	the fund, are	applications		
made to	affordable, do	against		
date on the	not operate	Council		
Community	contrary to	policies and		
Investment	Council policy	costings. The		
Fund	and that they	final		
projects be	will not afford	application is		
	any pecuniary	signed off by		

noted;	advantage to	the	
	the applicant.	responsible	
		officer.	

Risk	Mitigating action	Opportunities
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
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 The Capital Programme report, agreed at full Council on 22 February 2020 set out the mechanism of the Community Investment Fund for 2020/21. A capital budget of £1.050m was agreed.
- 5.1.2 A budget of £210k was also agreed, at Full Council, as growth in General Fund for the revenue elements of the CIF for 2020/21 and thereafter.
- 5.1.3 Under the scheme, for 2020/21, each elected Councillor has up to £20,000 capital funding and £5,000 revenue funding available to spend on community projects within their Wards; and Cabinet have up to £210,000 of capital funding to further the outcomes in the Five-Year Plan. Cabinet can also utilise any unused revenue funding, remaining in the scheme, at year-end.
- 5.1.4 Allocations are provided to individual councillors but two or more Councillors can pool resources in order to fund a larger project.

- 5.1.5 When Councillors submit bids for approval, the responsible officer checks that they meet the fund's requirements, are affordable and comply with the Council's policies, and legal requirements and that they do not afford any pecuniary advantage to the applicant.
- 5.1.6 At Cabinet, in June 2020, Cabinet agreed to allocate a proportion of its 2020/21 capital allocation towards:

2019/20 Underspend

- 100k Revenue towards Rough Sleepers.
 This scheme is currently underway and the monies will be spent in the next quarter.
- 30k capital to help enable repairs work to make 3 voids habitable

These schemes are currently underway and the monies will be spent in the next quarter.

• 25k revenue towards partners to help the unemployed

2020/21 Allocation

- 50k capital towards social distancing
- 60k to support temporary improvements for safe walking/cycling and measures to ensure our green gyms operate safely
- 45k towards Green Gyms

5.2 Current Position

- 5.2.1 The table below summarises the amount spent to date, as at 30 September 2020, and the budget remaining on a ward by ward basis. A more detailed analysis is shown in Appendix A.
- 5.2.2 The 2020/21 budgets for individual wards have been revised to reflect carry-forwards from the previous financial year where schemes were correctly identified and requested by Members in-year but the schemes were not concluded by the end of the financial year.
- 5.2.3 It can be seen, in the table below, that currently £613k of capital funding and £25k of revenue funding remains unallocated. The Community Investment Fund runs from 1 May to 31 March each year. It is for individual ward members to make applications for funding from the scheme during the course of the financial year. Not all councillors have utilised their full amount available to date and future proposals are expected.

5.2.4 Cabinet have an allocation of £210k capital funding, the second table below summaries the amount spent to date, as at 30 September 2020 and what's been committed to date.

Ward	20/21 Revised Capital Budget	Committed/ Actual September	Remaining Budget-Capital	20/21 Budget - Revenue	Committed /Actual September	Remaining Budget - Revenue
Baylis & Stoke	103,000.00	103,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Britwell & Northborough	93,000.00	33,000.00	60,000.00	15,000.00	0	15,000.00
Central	146,000.00	87,268.73	58,731.27	15,000.00	13,443.00	1,557.00
Chalvey	137,065.00	77,265.01	59,799.99	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Cippenham Meadows	60,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Cippenham Green	60,000.00	50,265.66	9,734.34	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Colnbrook Poyle	100,389.18	75,609.70	24,779.48	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Elliman	121,000.00	87,541.98	33,458.02	15,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00
Farnham	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Foxborough	60,000.00	2,787.00	57,213.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Haymill & Lynch Hill	123,698.00	63,698.00	60,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Langley Kedermister	107,000.00	107,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	13,217.00	1,783.00
Langley St Mary's	86,400.00	54,859.00	31,541.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Upton	124,131.24	71,669.92	52,461.32	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Wexham	113,483.00	57,292.86	56,190.14	15,000.00	8,400.00	6,600.00
Disabled Go Access Guide					5900	
Rough Sleeper					100,000.00	
Towards partners to help une	mployed				25000	
					130,900.00	
Total	1,495,166.42	881,257.86	613,908.56	210,000.00	184,960.00	25,040.00

CIF 20/21 Cabinet

Schemes	19/20 Carry Forward	20/21 Revised Capital Budget		20/21 Actual	Remaining Budget
2019/20 Allocations					
Replace signs in parks and public spaces	100,000.00		100,000.00		
Replacement Trees lost to drought	36,470.00		36,470.00		
Equipment installation and repairs to support parks strategy	24,000.00				
Rough Sleepers	15,000.00				
2020/21 Allocations					
Green Gyms			45,000.00		
Towards Social Distancing			50,000.00	14,105.00	
Support Temporary Imp to enable safe walking & cycle routes			60,000.00		
Rough Sleepers			15,000.00		
	175,470.00	385,470.00	306,470.00	14,105.00	64,895.00

6 Comments of Other Committees

None

7 <u>Conclusion</u>

The Cabinet are requested to note spend to date on the Community Investment Fund 2020/21

8 Appendices Attached

'A' - CIF Report September 2020

9 Background Papers

- Community Investment Fund – Cabinet June 2020 (appendix B)