SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet DATE: 12 April 2021

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WARD(S): All

PORTFOLIO: Councillor Akram, Cabinet Member for Governance &

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PART I KEY DECISION

1 Purpose of Report

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

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

Cabinet is requested to:

- a) Note the expenditure to date from the annual Community Investment Fund 2020/21.
- b) Note the current forecast potential **underspend** at the end of the financial year 2021/21.

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

3a. 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.

3b 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

Financial

At the Cabinet meeting, in March 2018, it was agreed that, all elected Councillors would be allocated £25,000 each annually to spend on projects of their choosing, £20,000 of this allocation was Capital Funding and the remaining £5,000 was revenue funding. In addition to these items there is a further £0.210m of capital funding that cabinet agreed to assign to the CIF projects.

There are currently 42 elected councillors of Slough Borough Council, which with the Cabinet allocation equates to an annual Community Investment Fund capital budget of £.1.050m and a revenue allocation of £0.210m.

An amount of £0.840m of the agreed capital funding of £1.050m is allocated to ward members to assign to community projects of their choice.

Current Position

The table below summarises the amount spent to date, as at 31st March 2021, and the budget remaining. A more detailed analysis is shown in Appendix A.

	2020/21 Funding Allocation £'000	Funds brought forward from 2019/20 £'000	Total Funding available 2020/21 £'000	Amount spent on Completed Projects	Amounts in projects underway (Committe d projects) £'000	Amount Unallocated/ Slippage £'000
Capital	4.050	055	4.005	F47	4 044	4.47
Projects	1,050	855	1,905	517	1,241	147
Revenue						
Projects	210	0	210	168	42	0

As detailed in the table above, not all ward members have utilised their CIF monies. There still remains an amount of £0.147m that is yet to be allocated to projects.

(a) Risk Management

Recommendation from section 2 above	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Management Matrix Score the risk	Future Controls
The Cabinet is requested to resolve: that the progress made to date on the Community Investment Fund projects be noted;	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.	The responsible officer fully assesses all applications against Council policies and costings. The final application is signed off by the responsible officer.	Negligible	As with Current Controls

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

No Human Rights Act Implications and no specific legal implications arise from this report.

(c) Equalities Impact Assessment

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

5 **Supporting Information**

- a. The change of CIF process gives the Community Investment Fund more stability and consistency with one individual officer taking responsibility for the fund pulling in support as required. Councillors will receive better information about applications and projects throughout the year with more focus on communicating with Councillors and processing applications in a more timely way so that the monies will be spent throughout the year having more impact in communities.
- b. Allocations are for individual councillors but two or more Councillors can pool resources in order to fund a larger project.
- c. The Capital Programme report, agreed at full Council on 8th March 2021 A capital budget of £1.050m, £0.840m Capital for ward members and £0.210m Capital for Cabinet.

6 Comments of Other Committees

None

7 Conclusion

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

This could be subject to change due to year end.

8 **Appendices Attached**

- 'A' Ward spend to 31st March 2021
- 'B' Ward Summary to 31st March 2021
- 'C' CIF Cabinet spend to 31st March 2021

9 **Background Papers**

None