

# Summary report for the Bath City Forum

## Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy for Bath

### November 2018

#### 1. Background

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced as a tool for local authorities to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. This came into force in 2010. 15% of the funds from Bath developments are allocated into a Neighbourhood CIL Fund that is distributed to support local infrastructure projects.

As there is no parish for Bath, The Bath City Forum acts as the body where projects are submitted and assessed on behalf of the community before recommendations are submitted to the Council for approval.

Projects funded through the Neighbourhood CIL must address the specific impacts of the new developments from which the funding has been generated and demonstrate what benefits the project will have. They must also show a link to where development has taken place. All projects must receive community support and provide evidence that the needs of the community have been considered.

#### 2. CIL Funding payments

Since 2015 the following payments have been made to the Bath Neighbourhood CIL fund. They are as follows:-

2015/16	£9,996.30
2016/17	£120,929.67
2017/18	£377,019.75
2018/19	£210,619.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£718,564.78</b>

#### 3. Funding requests

The programme has received 55 applications. This has equated to a request of (in excess of) £800,000 of funding.

Of those applications received:-

- 14 applications have been approved.
- £280,560 allocated CIL spend
- Total project costs £572,380 of which 51% is external funding
- A further 5 projects are awaiting Cabinet approval, totaling £126,526 of CIL Funding

#### 4. Projects

The Neighbourhood CIL Fund has galvanised the interest from the community bringing forward a diverse range of new and existing projects. Projects have levered in external funding as well as increasing opportunities for volunteering, improving local facilities highway safety improvements.

There are three broad categories which applications fall into. These are:

- Physical Infrastructure: e.g. highways, transport links, cycleways, energy supply, water, flood alleviation, waste management
- Social Infrastructure: e.g. education, health, social care, emergency services, art and culture, sports halls, community halls, faith, crematoria
- Green infrastructure: e.g. parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space

The following list is a summary of all the approved projects and the project status.

### Completed projects

Project Title	Bath Festival of Nature	Category	Social Infrastructure		
Project details	Bath Festival of Nature is part of the annual Festival of Nature event which will take place on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> June. Bath Festival of Nature aims to deliver entertaining and informative events and activities to inspire local people to get involved and action for nature.				
Impact	2,554 people visited Bath Festival of Nature. 62% of visitors felt inspired to make an action for nature and 56% of visitors felt inspired to create a wildlife habitat in their garden, window box or school, 67% to make a small change at home to benefit wildlife, and 69% to spend more time outdoors.				
Project costs	£17,500	CIL Contribution	£7,500	Project status	Completed

Project Title	Bathscape Walking Festival	Category	Social Infrastructure		
Project details	The Bathscape Walking Festival took place on the 15 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Bathscape Walking Festival aims to reconnect people with the unique natural setting of Bath and the surrounding area. The Festival offered a programme of walks including short, easy routes, and for those with limited mobility as well as longer more challenging routes around the city of Bath. The festival include a range of partner organisations including Bath City Farm, Timebank plus, National Trust, Avon Willdife Trust.				
Impact	300 people took part in the walks which was comparable with previous years. 70% of people were residents within Bath and North East Somerset, the majority of which were from within the Bath City Forum area. 98% said they'd learnt something new from the walks. 27 volunteers were recruited. Walks were target in specific communities including Family Walk Southside, History of Twerton, Bath City Farm Bat Walk, Storytelling in Carr's Wood, Nature & Wellbeing Carr's Wood). These were the most successful in reaching local people. Feedback included:  <i>"I went on the bat walk at bath city farm with my mum and my 6 year old son, we all really enjoyed it, it was the first time we went on one and I will definitely be looking out for more."</i>  <i>"We trod paths we didn't even know existed and learned so much about Bath that we were unaware of, particularly the pleasure gardens."</i>				
Project costs	£8,900	CIL Contribution	£3,500	Project status	Completed

Project Title	Improvements to the junction of Marlborough Buildings	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	Improvements to the junction of Marlborough Buildings and Julian Road. The aim is to reduce the incidents rate, improve the pedestrian environment and public realm of the area, upgrade the drainage system and new carriageway surface.				
Impact	Highway safety improvements				
Project costs	£245,000	CIL Contribution	£70,000	Project status	Completed

Project Title	Community Workboat for Bath	Category	Social Infrastructure		
Project details	A workboat is an adapted narrowboats or river cruiser with an open deck, and power supply to support the use of powertools. The purpose of the workboat is to enable volunteers to undertake important maintenance works along the river bank. The workboat is owned and managed by the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust and run by a group of trained volunteers.				
Impact	The workboat has been in operation since xxx. It has already recruited xx number of new volunteers and provided xx number of additional days maintenance to the river bank.				
Project costs	£40,000	CIL Contribution	£28,500	Project status	Completed

Project Title	Brickfields Bench	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	Brickfields' is an open recreational space with some play provision within the ward of Westmoreland. The project has provided a new bench in the Park.				
Impact	Complements the existing infrastructure within the park to benefit the local community.				
Project costs	£1,400	CIL Contribution	£1,400	Project status	Completed

**In progress** – projects in this section have not yet started by have confirmed their project timescales

Project Title	Free Fields	Category	Green Infrastructure		
Project details	Free Fields is a naturally regenerating woodland with multiple habitats and important species (a designated SNCI). The site is used for events including the popular Park Run. The large number of Park Run participants meet and start at Free Fields. The project will improve the paths and surfacing around the woodland and protect the biodiversity.				
Impact	The project will also assess and implement conservation works across the site to retain and enhance biodiversity while enabling recreational events to meet the demands of a growing population.				
Project costs	£35,000	CIL Contribution	£25,000	Project status	2019

Project Title	Bathwick Flashing Speed signs	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	The project seeks to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at the junction of Claverton Down and Oakley roads and on the approaches to the junction by installing three 20mph flashing warning signs.				
Impact	Highway safety improvements				
Project costs	£15,000	CIL Contribution	£5,000	Project status	2019

Project Title	21 <sup>st</sup> Larkhall Scouts	Category	Social Infrastructure		
Project details	The project will improve the existing access to the building, replace the heating system, update the electrics and improve the outdoor space so that young people can fully utilise the space for activities.				
Impact	Improved facilities, providing better access, more energy efficient and enable the site to be fully utilised for community activities.				
Project costs	£31,100	CIL Contribution	£19,600	Project status	2019

Project Title	Alice Park Improvements	Category	Green Infrastructure		
Project details	The project will improve sections of path which will run alongside the play area fence and link to the Boules Terrain and join an existing section of path. The second section will pass in front of the tennis courts, providing safe access to the courts and taking the foot traffic away from behind the courts.				
Impact	Improved facilities and access in Alice Park.				
Project costs	£45,200	CIL Contribution	£43,200	Project status	2019

Project Title	Combe Down RFC facilities	Category	Social Infrastructure		
Project details	The project will provide improvements the clubs facilities by installation of a terram footpath including guard rail on rugby club side, and lighting bollards and improve the Club's changing rooms, install a new gas boiler system and associated works (upgraded gas pipework from the mains ingress).				
Impact	Improve access, energy efficiency and community facilities at Combe Down.				
Project costs	£87,880	CIL Contribution	£31,660	Project status	2019

**Awaiting confirmation** – projects in this section have not yet confirmed their project timescales

Project Title	Brickfields Park vehicle access improvements	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	The project aims to improve the on-site vehicle access to Brickfields park which is the nearest green space for the Riverside development and student development on Lower Bristol road.				
Impact	The improvements will improve the open space to enable the park to be better utilised by the local community for events and activities.				
Project costs	£5,400	CIL Contribution	£4,200	Project status	Awaiting confirmation

Project Title	Freeview Road (section C &E)	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	To provide off road parking for residents by creating a hard surface area.				
Impact	This project relieves the parking pressures caused by new developments in the area.				
Project costs	£34,000	CIL Contribution	£35,000	Project status	Awaiting confirmation

Project Title	Two Tunnels Signage	Category	Physical Infrastructure		
Project details	Two provide additional signage on the cycling route at two tunnels. The signage will assist residents and visitors find their way onto the cycle network.				
Impact	Improve the infrastructure of the cycle network to encourage more people to become more active.				
Project costs	£6,000	CIL Contribution	£6,000	Project status	Awaiting confirmation