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***Date: 6 April 2018***

Dear Councillor

Notification of a Decision taken by the Director of Environment and Regeneration

The attached Non Key decision has been taken by the Director of Environment and Regeneration, with regards to the Allocation of Merton's Neighbourhood Fund and will be implemented at **noon on Wednesday 11 April 2018** unless a call-in request is received.

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

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**1. Subject**

Allocation of Merton's Neighbourhood Fund including Appendices A & B.

**2. Reason for exemption (if any)**

N/A

**3. Decision maker**

Director of Environment and Regeneration

**4. Date of Decision**

19 March 2018

**5. Decision**

Authorise that CIL Neighbourhood Fund money can be allocated in accordance with the recommendations set out at Appendix 1 of the attached report. The effect of this decision is that individual projects set out at Appendix 1 can be put forward for a decision to financially allocate budgets up to the amounts specified.

**6. Reason for decision**

As set out in the report published alongside this decision.

**7. Alternative options considered and why rejected**

As set out in the report published alongside this decision

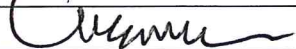
**8. Documents relied on**

The report published alongside this decision – Delegated decision Lead Member/ Director of Environment and Regeneration dated March 2018. subject: Allocation of Merton's Neighbourhood Fund, including Appendices A & B.

**9. Declarations of Interest**

If the decision maker has an interest it must be declared. Not all interests will preclude the decision maker from proceeding but failing to declare an interest could be a breach of the Staff Code of Conduct. Check with the Monitoring Officer for further advice. (Constitution Part 5B paragraph 7)

**10. Signature**

Signature\*  Date\* 6/4/18

**11. Publication of this decision and call in provision**



Send this form and any documents listed in section 8 to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk) for publication. Publication will take place within two days. The call-in deadline will be at Noon on the third working day following publication.

**IMPORTANT** – this decision should not be implemented until the call-in period has elapsed.

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# **Committee: Delegated decision Lead Member/ Director of Environment and Regeneration**

**Date: March 2018**

Wards: all

## **Subject: Allocation of Merton's Neighbourhood Fund**

Lead officer: James McGinlay, Head of Sustainable Communities

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

Contact officer: Tim Catley, S.106/External Funding Officer, Future Merton (extension 3449)

### **Recommendations:**

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1. To authorise allocation of CIL Neighbourhood Fund money in accordance with the recommendations set out at Appendix 1.
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report has been put up for delegated decision due to the need to allocate Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Funding to schemes for delivery throughout 2018 and 2019.
- 1.2. In January 2018 Cabinet approved delegated authority for the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing and the Director of Environment and Regeneration to allocate Neighbourhood Fund money to individual projects in line with the criteria Cabinet have already approved.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. Since 2014 the council has been collecting Community Infrastructure Levy funding and has received over £1.3 million to be spent on neighbourhood projects (the Neighbourhood Fund). None of this has been allocated or spent yet.
- 2.2. Under the CIL Regulations, the Neighbourhood Fund must be spent on local projects to support the demands development places on the area. Government guidance states that local authorities should engage local communities and agree with them how to best spend the Neighbourhood Fund, and that governance should be proportionate to the level of receipts.
- 2.3. On 18 September 2017 Cabinet agreed detailed governance arrangements and criteria through which it can assess and approve proposals for the allocation of funding. The approved criteria are as follows:

### Assessment criteria

- a. Spending Neighbourhood CIL would need to accord with the CIL Regulations and government guidance on CIL.
- b. The proposal must comprise an appropriate use of use of the funds; consistent with government rules and Merton's community plan and/or business plan priorities including bridging the gap.
- c. Scheme should not have any unacceptable revenue or capital implications on the council or any other body.
- d. Estimated cost of scheme should be over £20,000.
- e. Scheme should be deliverable and capable of being started within the year ahead.
- f. Proposal should have endorsement by at least one ward member.
- g. Proposal should clearly demonstrate how it meets neighbourhood priorities. We will be looking for projects that clearly fall within one or more of the priorities favoured by the neighbourhood where the proposal would be located (or neighbourhood that would benefit most from the proposal) as demonstrated by the results of the Neighbourhood CIL public consultation (Nov 2016-Jan 2017).

2.4. Bids submitted under the call for projects consultation have been assessed against the selection criteria that were agreed by Cabinet in September 2017

- Appendix A = bids recommended for funding under the assessment criteria
- Appendix B = full list of all bids received

2.5. Summary of recommended bids is as follows:

• London Borough of Culture	Up to £213,000
• Sustainable Merton Neighbourhood Champions	£30,000
• Youth Action Programme	£20,000
• Mitcham Cricket Green signage and lighting	£50,000
• Rediscover Mitcham, including Phase 6	£425,000
• Merton's Lost Rivers	£170,140
• Four shopfront parade improvements	Up to £460,400
• Green Link Wimbledon Hill Road / Wimbledon Urban Lunchtime Zone	£150,000
• Mitcham Scout Hut central heating	Up to £12,000
• New Horizons centre improvements	Up to £12,000
<i>Total allocations</i>	<i>£1,542,540</i>

**Total if two shopping parades phased for 2019-20**

**£1,215,309**

### **Assessment of bids**

#### ***London Borough of Culture – Merton’s bid***

- 2.6. One of the bids – London Borough of Culture – was conditionally allocated £213k Neighbourhood CIL Funding at January 2018 Cabinet. Cabinet decided to grant delegated authority for the Cabinet member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing and the Director of Environment and Regeneration to confirm authorisation to Merton’s London Borough of Culture bid, provided that:
- all or any part of Merton’s London Borough of Culture bid being successful;
  - full assessment of all Neighbourhood Fund bids for delivery in 2019 including the London Borough of Culture bid had been carried out.
- 2.7. The Mayor of London confirmed allocation of £40k to Merton focuses on bringing film to the whole of Merton, creating spaces for pop-up cinemas across the borough. Officers will be working up proposals to use the £213k CIL allocation to compliment the Mayor’s award, across Merton during 2018 and 2019.

#### ***Community Plan priorities***

- 2.8. A key aspect of the criteria approved by Cabinet is a requirement for bids to demonstrate how they would contribute to the Community Plan priorities including bridging the gap.
- 2.9. In accordance with the resolution of September 2017 Cabinet, Community Plan priorities including of Bridging the Gap are strongly represented by the projects put forward to Neighbourhood CIL funding, with over £940k of funding recommended to projects that would directly meet this priority. This includes:

• Rediscover Mitcham, including Phase 6	£425,000
• Youth Action Programme	£20,000
• Mitcham Cricket Green signage and lighting	£50,000
• New Horizons Centre improvements	£12,000
• Mitcham Scout Hut central heating/carbon efficiency measures	£12,000
• Elements of other bids meeting Bridging the Gap	£ balance
• <b>TOTAL Community Plan</b>	<b>£940,000</b>

### ***Other Selection Criteria***

2.10. The bids that have been put forward for funding are considered to meet all other assessment criteria, including:

2.11. Supporting the demands that development place on the borough (criteria “a”)

All bids have been closely assessed under this criteria and the recommended bids all meet this priority. To meet this requirement projects must be considered to target a demand of development over the 15 year local plan period from 2011.

Three bids that have been rejected on this ground are Brand Wimbledon, Goodgym and the pilot project to support tackling diabetes. Brand Wimbledon is considered contrary to this requirement due to its emphasis on building resistance to new development in Merton, as opposed to supporting development. In terms of Goodgym, the usage figures from other local authorities and as demonstrated in the submitted bid information is very small and given it is not specifically targeted to development and not supported by the authority, it was considered an inappropriate beneficiary of funding. With respect of the bid for funding the diabetes pilot, this is not being recommended because of its specific focus on existing populations in Merton, and there being no distinct causal link between the issues being targeted and new development.

2.12. Deliverability/financial implications (criteria “c” and “d”)

Various proposals have not been recommended for funding at this stage because they are not sufficiently formed or supported proposals and/or due to their ongoing financial implications. These include:

- those that comprise lists of project aspirations/needs and
- those that may be more appropriate for alternative funding bids, such as for section 106 or Strategic CIL funding,
- due to their impact upon future financial resources, requiring unspecified or ongoing funding support for project preparation, design, consultation, delivery and maintenance.

Officers have recommended allocation of Neighbourhood CIL to some of the Raynes Park Association and Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage proposals but others have not been recommended as they fall under these categories.

2.13. Neighbourhood priorities (criteria “g”)

All bids that have been put forward for funding meet the neighbourhood priorities identified for the neighbourhoods that they would benefit. Included is investment in waste through the Sustainable Merton Neighbourhood Champions would contribute towards the investment in

waste supported by respondents under the “other” priorities included in the neighbourhood priorities consultation over December 2016 and January 2017.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 3.1. Decision makers may choose to not allocate Neighbourhood CIL funding or allocate funding towards other bids that have not been recommended. However the allocation of monies to the recommended bids are for deliverable projects that would meet Community Plan priorities and help support the demands of development places on the borough benefiting local communities and attracting further investment into the borough and for this reason allocation to alternative bids or not allocating any Neighbourhood funding is not recommended. Allocations towards measures that have not been recommended because they do not support the demands development places on the area would be unlawful under the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- 3.2. Cabinet previously authorised the carrying out of consultations and the criteria for bid selection and allocation so that the benefits of CIL for neighbourhoods can be captured, and respondents have been asked to submit their projects based on these approved criteria. The allocation of the fund will help meet the timescale for delivery in 2018 put to Cabinet.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. From 31 October 2017 the council published its consultation calling for bids to be submitted for allocation of Neighbourhood Fund money. The consultation closed on 8 January 2018 and a couple of organisations have asked for an extension of time until mid January 2018 to submit their consultation responses.
- 4.2. On 15 January Cabinet approved delegated authority for the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing and the Director of Environment and Regeneration to allocate Neighbourhood Fund money to individual projects in line with the criteria Cabinet have already approved.
- 4.3. Cabinet also approved for £100k of the Neighbourhood fund to be reserved for allocations to specific types of small scale public realm projects in consultation with ward councils – up to £5k available for allocations per ward for 2018-19. Proposals under the £100k reserved amount for ward allocations fall outside the call for projects consultation and are not addressed in this report with allocations agreed between officers in consultation with ward councillors.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1. As set out in the body of this report

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. There is currently £1.2million of Neighbourhood Funding following the £100k of this money put aside for the £5k per ward allocation. Forecasts based on planning permissions that attract Merton’s CIL mean that the council expects to receive circa £300,000 into the Neighbourhood Fund per annum.



## **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. Under the CIL Regulations the Neighbourhood Fund, must be spent on local projects to support the demands development places on the area.
- 7.2. Government guidance states that local authorities should engage local communities and agree with them how to best spend the Neighbourhood Fund, and that administration should be proportionate to the level of receipts.

## **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. None for the purposes of this report. Projects will be selected against the criteria that Cabinet approved in September 2017 such as consideration of Merton's Community Plan, which include matters addressing equalities and community cohesion.

## **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report. Projects will be selected against the criteria that Cabinet approved in September 2017 such as consideration of Merton's Community Plan, which include matters relating to minimising crime and disorder.

## **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

## **11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Appendix A: List of Recommended Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) Allocations
- Appendix B: Neighbourhood CIL bids for 2018-19

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Cabinet meeting 15 January 2018: Minutes and Agenda Item 9 – Merton's Neighbourhood Fund  
<https://mertonintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=146&MId=2777&Ver=4>
- Cabinet meeting 18 September 2017: Minutes and Agenda Item 4 – Neighbourhood Fund  
<https://mertonintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=146&MId=2773&Ver=4>

## Appendix A – List of Recommended Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) Allocations

Bid Name	Amount	Purpose (include timescale)	Summary Justification
London Borough of Culture	Max £213k tbc  Final allocation amount subject to discussions with GLA.	To gap fund in connection with part award of LBoC funding from the Mayor for 2018-19 & 2019-20.  The successful Mayoral bid focuses on bringing film to the whole of Merton, creating spaces for pop-up cinemas across the borough. There will be seasons of short films curated by the community and guest curators. These will be played at the new pop-up cinema locations across Merton.	<i>Allocation of CIL would build upon the increased conspicuousness of Merton following the bid success with a legacy to be enjoyed by new residents, workers, users of new development</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promotes</b> Merton as a culturally vibrant and rich place to live, work and invest.</li> <li>• <b>Legacy</b> towards various priorities supported by the neighbourhoods including Town Centres, Community Facilities, and Open Spaces.</li> </ul>
Sustainable Merton Neighbourhood Champions	£30k	in 18/19 to support Sustainable Merton in their work on community champions and promoting sustainability / recycling	<i>This will help new residents and businesses understand what it means to be sustainable in Merton</i>  This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the waste <b>demands of new development</b></li> <li>• Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development</li> <li>• Meets various <b>community plan priorities</b> and will focus on areas of most need helping to bridge the gap</li> <li>• Addresses <b>neighbourhood priorities</b> including maintaining the street scene and supporting community facilities and recycling</li> </ul>

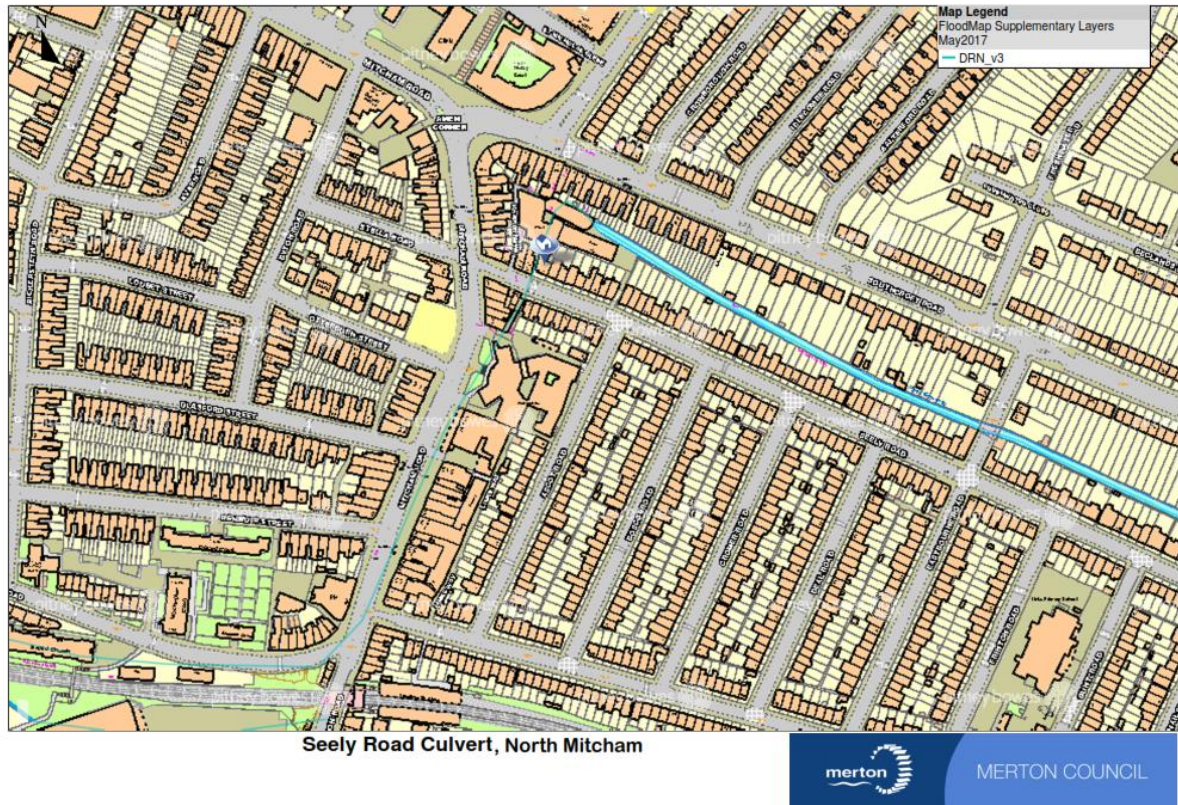
Bid Name	Amount	Purpose (include timescale)	Summary Justification
<b>Youth Action Programme</b>	£20k	Match funding (50%) Programme costs for 1 year including full-time salary costs for 2018-19. The proposal would be delivered by the Merton Volunteer Services Council and would provide opportunities for marginalised young Merton residents, aged 14-24, to enhance their personal development, particularly in Colliers Wood, South Wimbledon and Mitcham, through volunteering and community action.	<p><i>As put by the bidder, work like this helps to build community cohesion including existing residential areas and new developments, through minimising disengagement of marginalised individuals and associated social disorder problems.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports development (CIL statutory requirement).</li> <li>• Meets Community Plan priority of bridging the gap.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the volunteer work and supporting the functions of community facilities building community support networks.</li> </ul>
<b>Mitcham Cricket Green signage and lighting</b>	£50k	Signage and lighting revitalisation Mitcham Cricket Green. Celebrating heritage and facilitating place making, and providing route-finding to support sustainable modes of travel. Implementation 2018-19	<p><i>Revitalising signage and lighting will help the better celebration of place to new residents and users of new development</i></p> <p>This includes public realm works in Mitcham that meets all of the selection criteria.</p>
<b>Rediscover Mitcham, including Phase 6</b>	£425k	<p>Completing the Rediscover Mitcham public realm improvements.</p> <p>Phase 6 includes the area between Fair Green and the Pond, civils, moving bus stops, paving, bollards, stopping illegal vehicular transgressions on pavement.</p>	<p><i>This will complete the public realm works delivering a fit for purpose public realm in Mitcham Town Centre</i></p> <p>This includes public realm works in Mitcham that meets all of the selection criteria.</p>
<b>Merton's Lost Rivers</b>	£170,140	Measures towards improving the performance of lost / culverted rivers. Principal Inspections, Condition Surveys and Remedial Works (desilting). Implementation 2018-19	<p><i>Strong proposal due to the importance of the underground rivers in supporting the demands of development, keeping Merton moving given it is key borough physical infrastructure and meeting the neighbourhood priorities</i></p>

Bid Name	Amount	Purpose (include timescale)	Summary Justification
		<p>Locations (see figure 1 map of locations):</p> <p><b>North Mitcham/Colliers Wood</b> - 1. River Wandle tributary, the Pickle Ditch, accessed at Liberty Avenue, Colliers Wood; 2. River Graveney, major tributary of the River Wandle, accessed from Mitcham Road, Tooting; and 3. River Graveney accessed from High Street, Collier's Wood to Byegrove Road, Colliers Wood.</p> <p><b>Morden &amp; Raynes Park</b> - 1. Pyl Brook under Hill Cross, Cambourne, Glenthorpe, Queen Mary Avenue and Grand Drive; 2. Pyl Brook under West Barnes Lane near to level crossing; 3. Beverley Brook under Coombe Lane and the Coombe Brook junction.</p> <p><b>Wimbledon</b> - 1. Bunce's Ditch, south of Merantun Way (Grid Ref: TQ 26161 69676); 2. Wimbledon Park Lake culverted watercourse.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting development (CIL statutory requirement)</li> <li>• Keeping Merton Moving (Community Plan)</li> <li>• Provision of a community facility (neighbourhood priorities)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shopping Parade improvements (four parades)</b></p>	<p>Max £460,400 tbc</p> <p>Funding for Colliers Wood and Merton High Street subject to sufficient CIL income in 2018-19. See Appendix B for details.</p>	<p>Continuing Shopping façade improvements for key shopping streets, similar to already happened at Morden Court Parade and in Colliers Wood</p> <p>For an example of a parade that has undergone recent façade improvement see Figure 2.</p> <p>Possible full implementation 2018-19 or start implementation shared between 2018-19 and 2019-20 (depending on property owners involvement)</p> <p>Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitcham, Upper Green East</li> <li>• Colliers Wood (High Street)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Allocation will help transform Merton's most neglected (but most characterful) buildings and shops into our elegant, useable and attractive parades useable for the whole community and help boost trade, footfall, vibrancy and jobs.</i></p> <p>Improving the appearance of local parades helps to encourage footfall and promote an active, attractive, viable high street, <b>meeting statutory CIL Requirements</b> and <b>keeping Merton moving</b> in accordance with the Community Plan.</p>

Bid Name	Amount	Purpose (include timescale)	Summary Justification
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merton High Street</li> <li>Wimbledon Broadway</li> </ul> <p>Costs include project management.</p>	
<p><b>FutureWimbledon - Green Link Wimbledon Hill Road / Wimbledon urban lunchtime zone</b></p>	<p>£150k for 18-19 FY, design, consultation, pre implementation</p>	<p><b><u>Green Link Wimbledon Hill</u></b>  Providing a high profile green pedestrian link down Wimbledon Hill Road (east side) along the location of the current raised verge.</p> <p>Project to be delivered over multiple financial years , this allocation would be survey / community consultation / design stage. 2019-21: Implementation, subject to funding</p> <p>Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New footway</li> <li>New landscaping / planting</li> <li>Sustainable drainage systems</li> <li>five separate 'oasis gardens'</li> <li>community orchard</li> <li>Green Gym</li> <li>a horticultural 'classroom' for use by area schools.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Wimbledon urban lunchtime zone</u></b>  Creating a space in Wimbledon (St Mark's Place SW19 7ND) that could become a lunchtime urban zone.</p> <p>CIL funding for full project delivery including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018-19: design competition and project preparations</li> <li>2019-20: Implementation</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Green Link Wimbledon Hill</u></b>  <i>This is a great opportunity to create a high quality engaging and geographically relevant public realm</i></p> <p>This allocation of CIL would be commensurate to the demands placed on the area by local developments such as at AELTC and local residential development (that has provided the vast majority of CIL funding) on this key borough travel artery.</p> <p>Community Plan (Keep Merton Moving and a Healthy and Fulfilling Life) and (all) neighbourhood priorities would be addressed.</p> <p>The project from design to implementation and project management could be covered by CIL funding.</p> <p>Opportunities exist to share delivery costs between CIL and other funding sources</p> <p><b><u>Wimbledon urban lunchtime zone</u></b>  <i>St Mark's Place is the ideal place to create a haven away from traffic and congested roads allowing anyone to meet with friends, take a break from their office, sit outside and drink a coffee.</i></p> <p>Responds to demands of town centre development in making the town centre a more attractive place to work and visit, meets neighbourhood and community plan</p>

Bid Name	Amount	Purpose (include timescale)	Summary Justification
<p><b>Mitcham Scout Hut central heating/carbon efficiency measures</b></p>	<p>Circa £12k TBC (subject to occupancy evidence)</p>	<p>Install gas central heating in scout hut. Allocation subject to occupancy evidence sought from the scout group leader (to demonstrate the efficiency of the installation). Efficiency measures could be delivered/supported by partner companies involved in the carbon offset domestic retrofit programme.</p>	<p>priorities.</p> <p><b><i>This project would help to support the Scouts deliver their services to Mitcham residents and presents an opportunity to improve the sustainability of community buildings</i></b></p> <p>Whilst below the £20k target this project could be used as a pilot to support the roll-out of developer funded carbon reduction measures in scout huts and other community buildings across Merton using carbon offset S106/CIL.</p> <p>The project would support demands of development of the borough, with the scouts offering positive/community focused/educational activities for the young.</p> <p>Addresses all bid selection criteria including bridging the gap.</p>
<p><b>New Horizons Centre Commonsie Trust</b></p>	<p>Up to £12,000 depending on details of identified works</p>	<p>Improve kitchen and dining areas, street café, support local food growing. Improve welcome area; improve water supply / public toilets to enable better use of the New Horizons Centre</p>	<p><b><i>This project would help to support the Commonsie Trust charity deliver their services to Mitcham residents and presents an opportunity to improve the sustainability of community buildings</i></b></p> <p>Whilst below the £20k target this project would support demands of development of the borough, with the charity offering positive/community focused/healthy lifestyle activities. Funding would provide initial source to carry out essential works and survey for other needs</p> <p>Addresses all bid selection criteria including bridging the gap.</p>

Figure 1 – Merton’s lost rivers locations





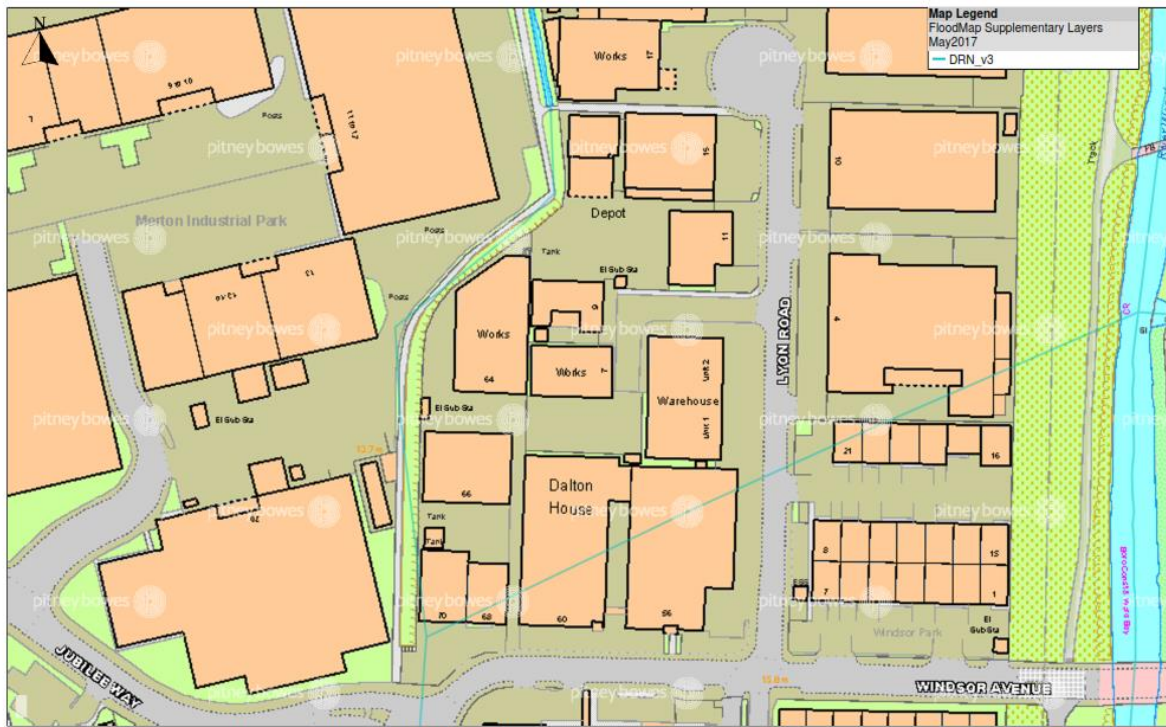
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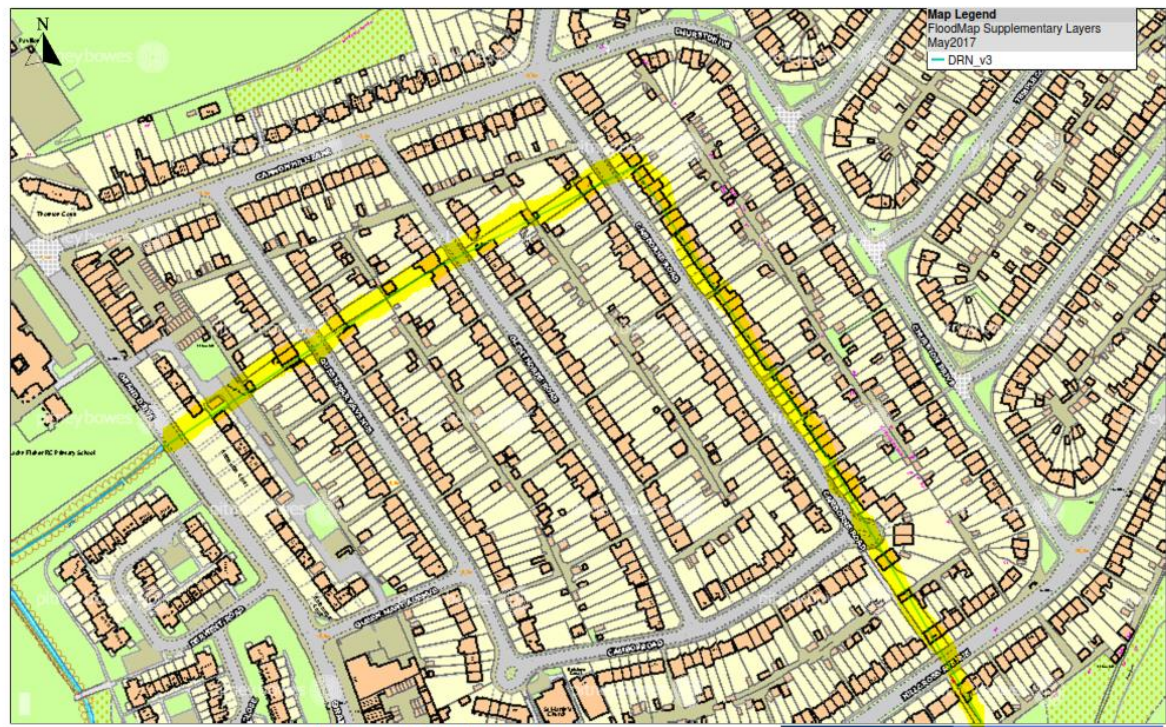
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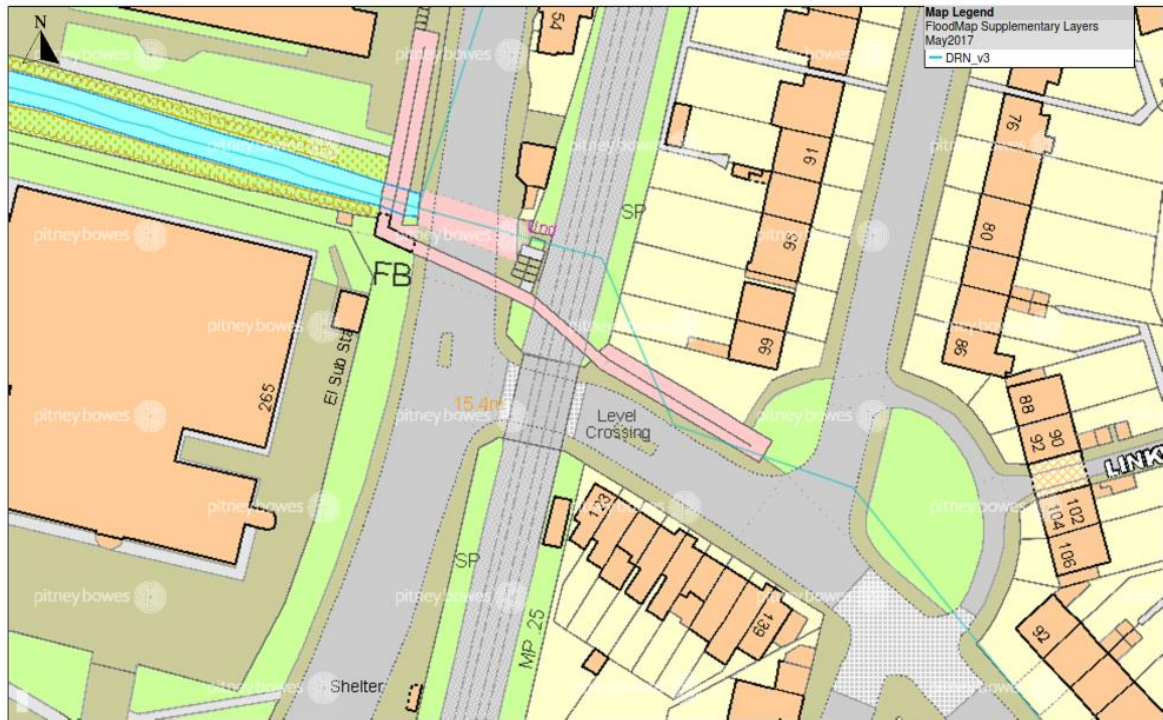


Bunces Ditch, South Wimbledon



Hillcross Culvert, Morden





West Barnes Lane Pyl brook culvert



Wimbledon Park Lake Culvert

Figure 2 – Recently completed building façade improvement – High Street Colliers Wood

Before:



After:



# Appendix B - Neighbourhood CIL bids for 2018-19

## MERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - RESPONSES TO CALL FOR BIDS CONSULTATION NOV 2017 TO JAN 2018

Bid ref	Proposer	Proposal	Bid amount	Overall Comments
1	Clarissa Larsen, Public Health, LBM	<b>Investigations/preparations/trails to tackle diabetes in Mitcham.</b> Funds will be used to build a commitment across the community in Mitcham to try new ways of understanding and tackling diabetes in terms of prevention. Also involves management of diabetes. The role of the built environment, green spaces and public realm and the lifestyle choices and behaviours which are influenced by them are a central part of this. Phase 1: Scoping and designing the approach £6k; Phase 2: Researching connecting with communities, selecting communities to engage and contact communities for expressions of interests £10k ; Phase 3: Preparations comprising building systems group leader and community connector skills and implementation plans for practical experiments £12k; Phase 4: Running practical experiments with the East Merton Community £12k; Phase 5: Learning capture and evaluation of progress and next steps £5k; £5k for project management – By end of March 2019	£ 50,000	The proposal meets community plan priorities including addressing a serious problem in certain demographics in a part of the borough that has not benefited from growth as other parts have, helping to meet the community plan priorities of bridging the gap and promoting a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle. It also helps promote the types of spaces and facilities that neighbourhoods supported in the neighbourhood priorities consultation. However the proposal is not a suitable candidate for neighbourhood CIL funding given the problem that it is targeting is not a function of the demands placed on the area by development, and the output of the project is a feasibility/pilot study. Given this appears to be a feasibility/pilot to help solve a core Public Health problem within the existing population it doesn't seem correct for housing developer contributions to be identified to cover the costs instead of public funding. If Merton allows for CIL to be allocated to such projects, then this could damage the Council's reputation, and undermine the success of the CIL regime as a genuine means to support the development of our cities.
2	Environment Agency	<b>No proposal.</b> Submission is signposting CIL as source of future funding requests for projects (either stand alone or as part of development projects) that could reduce fluvial flood risk for the area.	No bid	<b>No bid proposal. No allocation/decision required at present.</b>
3 *	Mark Holmes, Future Merton, LBM	<b>Four parades building appearance improvements. Building façade improvements – focuses on parades matching a specific (traditional) building feature template where it has been demonstrated across London that benefits can be maximised through improvements that achieve a consistency of streetscape/aesthetic.</b> £156.2k for Merton High Street (one parade - row of 10 terraces from no. 214 to no. 230 (evens) ), £188.2k for Colliers Wood High Street (7 terraces - nos to 46A to 58A), £40.8k for Mitcham Town Centre (one property no 37 to 39 Upper Green East), £75.2k for parade 4 x 3 storey properties cnr Queen's Road and the Broadway. Allocated funds will be used to transform Merton's most neglected (but most characterful) buildings and shops into our most elegant, useable and attractive parades useable for the whole community and help boost trade, footfall, vibrancy and jobs.	£ 460,400	Meets criteria [add text from Appendix A to delegated decision report]. <b>Allocation up to £460,400. Allocation for start of 2018-19 financial year is £133,169.</b> Subsequent allocations up to the bid amount for fy 2018-19 or 2019-20 subject to sufficient additional funding being secured in Merton CIL income.
4 *	Naomi Martin	<b>New Horizon Centre enhancements.</b> Merge two kitchen and dining areas into one, with improved access and modern equipment. Provide access to street cafe. Enhance and encourage local food growing, cooking and healthy eating/lifestyles. Improve the welcome provided via the reception area. Improve water pressure and refurbish public toilets.	£ 12,000	<b>Recommend allocation of up to £12,000.</b> This proposal is not ready for funding. It has the potential for funding once the ideas are formed into an integrated strategy and, costed and timescaled proposal. The proposal would meet community plan objectives, including "bridging the gap" and neighbourhood priorities however more work is required to show how this would be delivered and demonstrate that the financial implications on the council are acceptable. The proposal also needs to better demonstrate how it would support the demands development places on the borough, in particular how the development that has been occurring and is due to occur in the Mitcham area is met by the facility. More details are required of how the proposal would specifically provide for change at the facility so that it would better support residents/users of new development, or where development would help address facilities/services that are put under strain because of new development.

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5	Tom Sly	<b>Merton's Lost Rivers.</b> Measures towards improving the performance of culverts holding underground drainage channels. Principal Inspections, Condition Surveys and Remedial Works (desilting).	£ 170,140	Very strong proposal due to the importance of the underground rivers in supporting the demands of development (Statutory CIL criteria) particularly, keeping Merton Moving (Community Plan criteria) given it is key borough physical infrastructure, and meeting the neighbourhood area priority theme "Community Facilities".
6	Tony Edwards - Raynes Park Association	<b>Raynes Park improvements.</b> West Barnes Lane; Skew Arch market; Durham Road hoarding removal; Waitrose Plaza; Worple Road triangle area; Remove one-way system/pedestrianisation; Drainage improvements; Coombe Lane pedestrian island;	£ 190,000	The proposal is a promotion of a collection of ideas around a central theme with potential benefits stated and is yet to be formed into a project, hence no business case. Appraisal of ideas as follows: West Barnes Lane - works associated with providing car parking spaces would require a project to be developed which could be through S106 and CIL funding in subsequent years. Waitrose Plaza revitalisation - Not appropriate as not owned by the Council - the responsibility is with the freeholder of development. Hoardings removal Durham Rd - planning enforcement matter on private land so not appropriate. Skew Arch (market area) - funding markets is not supported as a strategic regeneration approach for this location - given relatively low footfall (support strategic CIL bid for Lambton Road pedestrianisation that would have the necessary footfall - see Traffic System). Traffic system - this is too large a project for such a specific area to be a strong candidate for Neighbourhood CIL funding. Putting forward for Strategic CIL. Drainage - this is a problem that is repeated across the country due to the pressures on modern urban landscapes on Victorian era drainage. There is no easy fix that may be available by using a proportionate amount of Neighbourhood CIL. The surrounding area is built up with the orientation of roads facilitating rapid draining of rainwater (usually silt laden given the rapid flow and urban/suburban location) into the low points at the centre of Raynes Park and around the railway embankment. A fix would involve a comprehensive and hugely disruptive programme of improvements to both the surrounding roads/urban areas and the drainage capacity at the low points and ongoing ramped up investment to maintain this new drainage infrastructure. Coombe Lane Crossing - potential for S106 allocation or future financial year NCIL funding. North of Railway embankment (Worple Road side) - look to future years for CIL/S106 funding.
7 *	Leigh Terrafranca - WEHRA	<b>Green pedestrian link - Wimbledon Hill Road (east side).</b> Redo footpath (Breedon self-binding Cotswold stone gravel, and for steep inclines - resin bound gravel). Deep cleaning raised beds and repair (consider areas of paving a blocked entrances). Soil improvement. Replenish soil. Pruning of trees (harvested wood as sculptural element), planting (with biodiversity focus - bird and polinator friendly plants) including replanting shrubs/perennials in five or separate 'oasis gardens' and replant new copses including community orchard. Upgrading rest areas (remove damaged items - provide 3-4 areas with lighting - furniture (www.thors-design.dk) - located in brightest areas at top/bottom. Further improvements which may include: weekly Green Gym (for litter picking and weeding/pruning); and a horticultural 'classroom' for use by area schools.	£ 150,000	While this bid is premature, the idea is very strong with the potential to delivery a greatly improved high quality public realm to a key borough travel artery supporting development that has provided the vast majority of CIL funding. The ideas would have to be picked up by the council and turned into a project, but all of the project from design to implementation and project management could be covered by CIL funding. Allocation could be capped to ensure that it would be sufficient to placate Wimbledon residents/interest groups after investment of money in Wimbledon that has been raised from Wimbledon developments, without missing out on opportunities to bridge the gap by allocating funding to less advantaged parts of the borough.
8	Leigh Terrafranca - WEHRA	<b>Brand Wimbledon.</b> To pay a professional in Global Brand Identity to conduct this research and prepare a document for Merton Council to use. This would be especially useful in seeking Inward Investment for the entire Borough, not just for Wimbledon	£ 31,200	Creating a global brand for Wimbledon is a very strong concept and where this supports development and the investment that this brings it would be a potential candidate for Neighbourhood CIL Funding. However, this proposal is to use CIL to help resist development in Wimbledon not support it, and so is unsupportable.
9	Sarah Hannigan - Merton Voluntary Service Council	<b>Youth Action Programme.</b> Programme costs for 1 year including full-time salary costs. Our proposal would provide opportunities for marginalised young Merton residents, aged 14-24, to enhance their personal developmen, particularly in Colliers Wood, South Wimbledon and Mitcham, through volunteering and community action.	£ 20,000	Paying for the full-time costs for the coordinator of a programme focused on a small number of individuals in the existing population would appear to be contrary to the statutory requirements to support the demands development places on the borough. However this proposal scores well against other criteria and as put by the bidder, work like this helps to build cohesion and bind communities including existing residential areas and new developments, through minimising disengagement of marginalised individuals and associated social disorder problems. <u>Match funding confirmed - bid changed to £20,000 on basis of match funding having been secured. Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the volunteer work and supporting the functions of community facilities building community support networks.</u>

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10 *	Helen Clark Bell - Love Wimbledon	<b>Wimbledon Lunchtime Urban Zone.</b> Creating a space in Wimbledon (St Mark's Place SW19 7ND) that could become a lunchtime urban zone. St Mark's Place is the ideal place to create a haven away from traffic/congested roads allowing anyone to meet with friends, take a break from their office, sit outside and drink a coffee	Subsumed within "Green Pedestrian Link - Wimbledon Hill Road" bid amount	The is a solid concept as far as meeting Statutory CIL criteria - supporting demands of development and neighbourhood priorities however, this bid is premature. The proposal is just an idea and is yet to be formed into a project, feasibility tested/practicability assessed and there's no business case. Not currently deliverable. However given it would be on LBM public highway it would be deliverable if picked up by Future Merton.
11	Gary Marshal - Future Merton (Infrastructure)	<b>Merton's Road Infrastructure.</b> To invest money into Merton's Principal Road Network. • Coombe Lane (Borough Boundary to Cambridge Road) Carriageway Renewal = £160k • Wimbledon Hill Road (Woodside to Alexandra Road) Carriageway Renewal = £80k • London Road, Mitcham (Downe Road to Lock's Lane) Carriageway Renewal = £130k • Worple Road, SW20 (Lambton Road to Pepys Road) Carriageway Renewal = £85k	£ 455,000	Strong project as it supports demands that development places on the borough, helps keep Merton Moving (Community Plan), and meets the priorities supported by neighbourhoods, namely supporting Merton's streetscapes. However this is a large infrastructure project and would use a large amount of the neighbourhood CIL funding. Put forward for Strategic CIL funding.
12	Francis McParland - Leisure and Culture	<b>London Borough of Culture.</b> Towards supporting events across the whole of Merton during 2018-19 in association with the London borough of culture. Partner contribution to secure significant funds to deliver the programme wither in full or part. Proposals include: • Spectaculars- two to four major events. One to be Polka 40 in the summer. One around fire and light (relation to projection, industrial heritage) and one based around connecting open spaces. One early in the year to kick us off in a big way. Those two to be new commissions • Community (art) Commissions: up to 12 but probably 10 commissioned pieces chosen by community panels (to be identified) which must include young people but otherwise quite general commissions for artists to respond to. • Building on what we have: working with bookfest, WIMF, Carnivals etc to make them bigger, bolder etc for the year. Includes the MMF big spectacular that year eg doing their film season as a bigger deal. Could be detailed discussions based on signing up to values and shared theme or could invite proposals. • Building new audiences: in particular looking at ways to build audience in Mitcham through Mitcham Levels cinema being a site of community curated short seasons throughout the year • Skills and business development: especially in (1) screen and theatre production, costume, make-up sound and lighting and (2) garden design, land art and horticulture. Needs to build partnerships asap • Evaluation: numbers and an artist led evaluation (as a specific commission)	£ 213,000	15 Jan 18 Cabinet approved setting aside the bid amount for allocation (by Cabinet Member/Director E&R) subject to assessment of competing bids and success of London Borough of Culture bid and confirmation of final amount required. LBOC decision due by end of February 2018.
13	Alexander Kenmure - GoodGym	<b>Establish GoodGym in Merton.</b> We would use the funds to establish a GoodGym in Merton that would get local people out and about getting fit and volunteering in their local area. We would hire a local resident to lead weekly group runs that would involve a group of up to 25 local people running to carry out physical volunteering tasks for community projects in the neighbourhood. We would also use the funds to recruit, train and match runners to help isolated older people right across the borough either by sending small groups of runners to carry out tasks around the home to help older people live independently or match runners to provide weekly social visits to older people suffering from isolation and loneliness	£ 35,000	Based on the national useage figures provided/published Goodgym is extremely limited in terms of take up from occupants/users of new development and could not be considered as sufficiently broad in its reach or established community facility so could not be considered to make a sufficient difference in supporting the demands development places on the area to be recommended for allocation at this time.
14	Scout Group Leader	<b>Scout Hut install central heating.</b> Mitcham 6/12 Sea Scouts Hut Glebe Court Mitcham Surrey CR4 3NZ. Officer note: Consider building in with Climate Change schemes.	£ 12,000	Meets criteria with allocation subject to provision of occupancy information [add text from Appendix A to delegated decision report]
15	Dr DG Dawson	<b>No specific proposal.</b> Submission requesting investment in green spaces.	No bid	NCIL bids recommended for allocation and S106 allocations have included investment in green spaces. There has also been other funding allocations to open space improvements around the Cannons and Morden Leisure Centre, Wimbledon Park Master Plan, Figges Marsh, Tamworth Recreation Ground, and allocation of £5k per ward for 18/19 FY which may include small scale improvements to green spaces.

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16a	Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage	<p><b>Mitcham Cricken Green Community and Heritage</b></p> <p>No formed project proposals. A collection of broad aspirations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▣ Implement the measures identified in the Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan</li> <li>▣ Secure the long term future of cricket being played on the oldest cricket ground in the world by providing a sustainable future for Mitcham Cricket Club and community control over Mitcham Cricket Pavilion and its operational land (an asset of community value)</li> <li>▣ Secure community use and management of the old Mitcham fire station, ideally for community arts and culture</li> <li>▣ Maintain the Vestry Hall annex as a secure location for Wandle Industrial Museum</li> <li>▣ Reduce traffic flows at Lower Green West and Jubilee Corner (White Hart) and improve pedestrian links to Lower Green West and on all the approaches to Cricket Green including Church Road, London Road and Cranmer Road</li> <li>▣ Enhance the character of Cricket Green road running alongside the east of the cricket ground such that the road takes the character of a space shared by pedestrians and road users, reduce traffic flows and encourage pedestrian links across its entire length, and particularly at Cold Blows and the entrance to The Canons</li> <li>▣ Strengthen historic routes and connections throughout the area (e.g. Cold Blows, Church Path) and provide new linkages (e.g. between Church Road and London Road Playing Fields)</li> <li>▣ Remove unnecessary tarmacking of registered Town Greens, including the tarmac path running across the green from Mitcham Police Station (relocating the pedestrian crossing to the end of the public right of way)</li> <li>▣ Maintain waymarking for the area's public rights of way</li> <li>▣ Provide wayfinding connections that link the Wandle Trail and The Canons</li> <li>▣ Review and where necessary replace all existing white on brown tourist and other signs to provide directions to "The Canons" and ensure they are correctly spelt and capitalised</li> <li>▣ Rationalise the diversity of different boundary treatments to bring greater consistency and respect for the character of the Conservation Area, with removal of the chalk stick bollards outside Date Valley School and railings along King George VI Avenue as a priority</li> <li>▣ Rationalise the bins, signs and other clutter in the area to reduce overall maintenance costs and enhance the area's visual appearance</li> <li>▣ Rationalise street and other public lighting throughout the area to reduce light pollution and respect the nightscape in key locations</li> </ul>	No bid	A selection criteria is that bids are deliverable. The submission is a collection of ideas that are yet to be formed into fundable projects. Future Merton is picking up signage & lighting aspects of the submission to be considered for Neighbourhood Funding for 2018-19 with which it can form into a fundable project - see bid 16b. Discussions on other ideas should be picked up with the service areas with control over the land upon which a project can be delivered. Some of the submission is just too vague and would require more definition as far as deliverable projects before they can be considered further.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▣ Improve the public realm on Hollowfield Way at a key entrance to the Conservation Area opposite the Parish Church</li> <li>▣ Undertake a programme of shopfront and public realm improvements along London Road between Burn Bullock and Mitcham tram stop</li> <li>▣ Establish different maintenance requirements for each of the different green space components within the area, and ensure full public engagement in the work to establish these.</li> <li>▣ Undertake positive investment in London Road Playing Fields to secure benefits as a public open space for the local community and wildlife</li> <li>▣ Maintain the tradition of commemorating important historic events – including ornamental planting at Jubilee Corner (opposite White Hart) and annual initiatives such as the "poppy fields" planted during 2014</li> <li>▣ Undertake a significant programme of succession planting of trees throughout the area</li> <li>▣ Reduce waterlogging on Three Kings Piece and the former News of the World Sports Maintain the area's existing public noticeboards, plaques and interpretation panels</li> <li>▣ Celebrate and provide interpretation for Mitcham tram stop as the oldest public railway station in the world and for the Surrey Iron Railway Ground</li> <li>▣ Secure positive maintenance of marginal fragments of open space, including at the entrance to Caesar's Walk, around Lower Green West and at Preshaw Crescent</li> <li>▣ Prepare and implement management plans for each of the Town Greens and the local nature reserves (e.g. Cranmer Green)</li> <li>▣ Undertake a conservation and management assessment of the condition of the parish churchyard and implement its proposals, managing the area for both its wildlife and historic interest and working with the parish church</li> </ul>		
16b	Future Merton on behalf of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and	<b>Signage and lighting revitalisation Mitcham Cricket Green</b>	£ 50,000	Meets criteria [add text from Appendix A to delegated decision report]
17	Future Merton	<b>Rediscover Mitcham including Phase 6 Fairgreen to Pond Rediscover Mitcham.</b> To complete paving/bollards/tarmacing for this part of the town centre. Current incomplete situation resulting in driving on pavement and incomplete look.	£ 425,000	This meets the Nfund CIL allocation criteria. TfL money will be left circa £50k, which should be spent on this. Propose part CIL funding.
18	Sustainable Merton	<b>Sustainable Merton Community Champions</b> 18/19 to support sustainable Merton in their work on community champions and promoting sustainability / recycling. I appreciate that this is after the closing date but this is a cross borough council application and we should be able to apply discretion appropriately.	£ 30,000	Meets criteria [add text from Appendix A to delegated decision report]. Allocation would help meet the investment in waste supported by respondents under the "other" priorities under the neighbourhood priorities consultation over December 2016 and January 2017.

## Merton Council - call-in request form

### 1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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### 2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

### 3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	



**4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)**

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

**5. Documents requested**

**6. Witnesses requested**

**7. Signed (not required if sent by email): .....**

**8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution**

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk)
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

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