

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 15 July 2019

Wards: all

Subject: Merton's Neighbourhood Fund project selection 2019-20

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Recommendations:

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1. To allocate CIL Neighbourhood Fund money to individual projects received through the 2019 Neighbourhood Fund spring consultation in line with Merton Council's approved Neighbourhood Fund criteria. The projects recommended for Neighbourhood Fund allocation are set out in this report and in Appendix 1
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report recommends to Cabinet to allocate Merton's Neighbourhood Fund to specific projects set out in the body of this report and in appendix 1.
- 1.2. Projects were received following 6 weeks of public consultation and are recommended for allocation based on Merton's Neighbourhood Fund criteria agreed by Cabinet in 2017.
- 1.3. 30 projects were received in total, requesting a total of £2.4million
- 1.4. 14 projects worth £981,142 from the Neighbourhood Fund are recommended for allocation. The details of all the projects received are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Since 2014 the council has been collecting Community Infrastructure Levy funding and has received over £3 million to be spent on neighbourhood projects. £1.9 million of this funding has been approved/spent.
- 2.2. Under the CIL Regulations, the Neighbourhood CIL 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 Neighbourhood CIL, 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 proposals for the allocation of funding under its "Neighbourhood Fund" scheme. The approved criteria for the Neighbourhood Fund 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. The first round of bidding for the Neighbourhood Fund scheme was carried out in 2018, with £1.5 million of Neighbourhood Fund allocated to schemes in accordance with the decision of Cabinet on 12th January 2018.

2.5. Cabinet decided at its meeting on 19th January 2019 to allocate a portion of Neighbourhood CIL receipts to a separate scheme called the "Ward Allocation Scheme", allowing each ward £15k to spend on specific small scale public space projects. The Ward Allocation Scheme is operating separately to the Neighbourhood Fund scheme with the Neighbourhood Fund scheme being the subject of this report.

Bids

2.6. Bids for the Neighbourhood Fund were sought between 20th March and 7th May 2019.

2.7. 30 different project bids were submitted during this period from a wide variety of residents, community groups, business representatives and others. Each submission was assessed against the assessment criteria that were agreed by Cabinet in September 2017. Please see:

- Appendix A with respect of bids recommended for funding under the assessment criteria. This appendix also lists recommended amendments to the spending parameters for allocations approved in 2018
- Appendix B for the full list of all bids received

2.8. Summary of 14 recommended bids is as follows:

- Merton Priority Chapter House performance space £46,430

• Merton Park Green Walks - new surface on footpath	£13,000
• Haydon's Road Rec works	£32,500
• Signage for South Mitcham Community Centre	£1,500
• Deen City Farm	£40,435
• Shopping Parade façade improvements (Haydon's Road and Bramcote Parade)	£274,000
• Town Centre/Parades programme management (3 years)	£165,000
• Polka Theatre redevelopment	£95,000
• CSF Employability Programme	£60,904
• Move More Mitcham	£27,820
• Supporting Commonsides Community Development Trust	£130,000
• Air pollution mitigation campaign – encouraging pupil involvement in STARS schools accreditation scheme	£27,233
• Sustainable Merton Neighbourhood Champions	£30,000
• The Library of Things	£37,320
Total	£981,142

Assessment of bids

Community Plan priorities

2.9. 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.

2.10. 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 £310k of funding recommended to projects that would directly meet this priority. This includes:

• Move More Mitcham	£27,820
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• Supporting Commonsense Community Development Trust	£130,000
• South Mitcham Community Centre signage	£1,500
• CSF Employability Programme	£60,904
• Shopping parade improvements – Bramcote Parade	£50,000
• Deen City Farm	£40,435
TOTAL Community Plan	£310,659

Addressing the demand of the Wimbledon Stadium development

2.11. Given the strategic importance of the Wimbledon Stadium development and that over £500,000 of Neighbourhood CIL income received to date (included in a total of over £2 million that will have been received by the end of August 2019) has been generated by that development, the recommended investment above is considered appropriate.

2.12. A number of bids that have been recommended for approval stand out as helping to support the demands that the Wimbledon Stadium development at Plough Lane in Wimbledon would place on the borough. They are as follows:

• Haydon's Road Parade Improvements	£224,000
• Parades programme manager for 2019-20 to focus on Haydon's Road Parade Improvements	£55,000
• Polka Theatre redevelopment	£95,000
TOTAL Wimbledon Stadium	£374,000

2.13. The Polka Theatre development will also enhance the outreach work that the theatre undertakes in supporting deprived and hard to reach families, helping to bridge the gap in terms of the Community Plan priorities.

2.14. A proposal in the bid submitted by Love Wimbledon for improvements to the façade of Wimbledon Theatre was also received positively in the context of supporting developments in Wimbledon including the Wimbledon Stadium. However, it is suggested that this be considered in the next bidding round, for delivery in subsequent financial years when the council is more likely to be in a position (following the completion of the Haydon's Road and Bramcote Parade improvements) to programme the scheme for delivery and have capacity to oversee implementation.

2.15. Following the façade improvements to Haydon's Road parades, bids to future bidding rounds will seek approved of further amounts of CIL funding for public realm improvements to the neighbourhood parades further supporting demands of the Wimbledon Stadium development.

- 2.16. Together with the above projects, the Council is moving ahead with other projects in Wimbledon using a combination of Neighbourhood Fund, Strategic CIL and S.106 funding previously approved for this area, and will continue to seek to secure investment. These projects include:
- Future Wimbledon – Wimbledon urban lunchtime zone (St Marks Place) and Wimbledon Hill Road green link – using Neighbourhood Fund (pre-implementation) and Section 106 funding (implementation)
 - Further Public realm improvements across Wimbledon Town Centre:
 - pre-implementation funding utilizing allocation of a proportion of the balance of Neighbourhood Fund remaining from and not needed for the Future Wimbledon allocation above. Allocation subject to approval of Appendix 1 with respect of list of amended spending parameters for 2018-19 allocations.
 - Implementation funding subject to a bid to Merton Capital Programme for allocation of Strategic CIL funding.

Other Selection Criteria

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

- 2.18. Supporting the demands that development places on the borough (criteria “a”)

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

Two bids that have been rejected on this ground are Community Fridge, and Merton Park Bowling Club. The Community Fridge project is considered contrary to this requirement due to there not being any direct tangible benefit arising out of the investment, rather a report to help inform future strategic priorities of South London Partnerships. In terms of Merton Park Bowling Club, the link between development in the borough and the demand for better club facilities is considered too diffuse.

- 2.19. 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 or projects that may be suitable for funding in the future but are currently insufficiently formed,

- 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.

A number of bids submitted by Sustainable Merton – Air Pollution Campaign and Community Champions – have been recommended on the condition that they are delivered as part of existing or prioritised programmes/actions directly by council’s waste or traffic services.

For the Air Pollution Campaign this will be delivered through the council’s road safety function to help raise awareness of sustainable modes of travel through pupil engagement in the STARS schools accreditation scheme to deliver a key recommendation of the Road Safety Task Group (also a report to this meeting). The campaign will support anti-idling and promote sustainable travel measures focussing on combatting poor air quality. For the Community Champions, the recommendation is on the basis that Sustainable Merton and Merton Council work together and agree the programme of work for Community Champions.

Regarding the Merton Parade Refurbishments (in addition to Haydon’s Road and Bramcote Parade’s, which have been put forward for the current financial year), the ongoing programme of parade refurbishments across Merton will be picked up when resource is available to deliver them.

2.20. 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. A number of bids that have been recommended – CSF Employability, Move More Mitcham, Supporting Commonsense Development Trust, Library of Things, Air Pollution Mitigation Campaign, and Community Champions – would enhance social capital in Merton supporting the improvement of community facilities and result in improvements to town centres/streetscapes of residential areas/community facilities and/or open spaces.

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 Merton’s Community Plan priorities and help support the demands of development places on the borough benefiting local communities and attracting further investment into the borough. 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).

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. Bids for the Neighbourhood Fund were sought between 20th March and 7th May 2019.
- 4.2. The opening of the bidding round was advertised on the council's website, via a press release and social media and via peer-to-peer publicity. We would like to thank everybody who spread the word about the consultation and who participated by submitting a bid.
- 4.3. A dedicated email address/telephone number was promoted to and well subscribed by bidders to help them through the bidding process.

5 TIMETABLE

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

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Community Infrastructure Levy, 15% of which is used for the Neighbourhood Fund, is payable when CIL-liable developments start to be built, not when planning permission is granted.
- 6.2. As at 31 March 2019 £1 million of Neighbourhood CIL was available for new bids following the £350k of this money put aside for the Ward Allocation Scheme and commitments/expenditure totalling £1.55 million under the Neighbourhood Fund approved in 2018.
- 6.3. As set out in the report, 30 project bids worth £2.4million in total were received at public consultation. This report recommends allocating funding totalling £981,000 to 14 of these projects that meet the CIL regulations and other agreed criteria.
- 6.4. The balance of Neighbourhood CIL not applied to bids approved by Cabinet will be rolled forward to support bids approved in future bidding rounds.
- 6.5. 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, excluding strategically significant developments.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Under the CIL Regulations the Neighbourhood CIL, 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 Neighbourhood CIL, 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 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
'Anima Una' or 'One Soul' Merton Priory Trust	£46,430 Subject to reduction due to availability of S106 funding.	To fund the performance space project at Merton Priory Chapter House.	<p><i>Supports the development of the heritage centre at Merton Priory Chapter House which celebrates one of the most historically significant sites in south London.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes Merton as a culturally vibrant and rich place to live, work and invest. • Legacy towards various priorities supported by the neighbourhoods including Community Facilities
Merton Park Green Walks - new surface on footpath	£13k	The project is for a new surface of coxwell gravel for the footpath on the Merton Park Green Walk linking Abbey Recreation Ground with Dorset Road Tram Stop. The Neighbourhood Fund would complement the £25k S.106 funding committed to the project	<p><i>The Green Walks is a natural oasis in this part of Merton and the proposal would enhance the experience for walkers and nature lovers, and attract residents of the many developments recently built and proposed in the area.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Keeping Merton Moving and a Healthy Fulfilling Life. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of open spaces and community facilities.
Haydon's Road Rec works	£ 32.5k	Revitalisation of Haydon's Road Recreation Ground, which may include (but not be limited to) path resurfacing, painting railings and tree planting. Final	<p><i>The Recreation Ground with a number of football pitches and facilities for cricket and bowls as well as unstructured activities such as jogging/running and dog</i></p>

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		<p>details of commitment to be agreed by Merton Council's Green Spaces Team, in consultation with local ward councillors.</p>	<p>walking provide additional opportunities for existing and new residents to exercise and improve their quality of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Keeping Merton Moving and a Healthy Fulfilling Life. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of open spaces and community facilities.
<p>Signage for South Mitcham Community Centre</p>	<p>£1.5k</p>	<p>Design and installation of signage on the building facade advertising the facility with its name and logo.</p>	<p>enable customers, clients and patrons to more easily recognise where the centre is and to put the Community Centre well and truly on the map with a more corporate but welcoming aesthetic and feel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Bridging the Gap. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of community facilities.
<p>Deen City Farm</p>	<p>£40,435</p>	<p>For a package of three essential measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resurfacing of riding arena estimated cost £20,790; • upgrade LED lighting/wiring estimated cost £14,755; • muck heap upgrade estimated cost £4.8k <p>Commitment subject to £5k reduction in Merton Council revenue grant for 2020-21 (the grant for 2019-20 is £94.9k) on basis of share of revenue savings of £10.9k promoted by the bid as would be generated by implementing the project.</p>	<p>This would support Deen City Farm's continued ability to offer a range of free and low-cost activities and benefits to existing and future residents of Merton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting development (CIL statutory requirement) • Bridging the gap, Better opportunities for youngsters and A healthy and fulfilling life (Community Plan) • Provision of a community facility (neighbourhood priorities)

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<p>Shopping Parade façade improvements (Haydon’s Road between Haydon’s Road Bridge and Plough Lane, Wimbledon and Bramcote Parade, Bramcote Avenue, Mitcham)</p>	<p>£224k for Haydon’s Road; £50k for Bramcote Parade</p>	<p>The work on proposed parades include improvements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopfronts • Fascia Signs • Awnings • Projection signs • Planting • Brickwork cleaning and restoration • Pointing replacement • Downpipes and guttering 	<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. This will continue Merton’s parade improvement program across the borough, which has been very popular and achieved great results</i></p> <p>Improving the appearance of local parades helps to encourage footfall and promote an active, attractive, viable high street, meeting statutory CIL Requirements and keeping Merton moving in accordance with the Community Plan. The improvements to Haydon’s Road Parade responds to the demands the Wimbledon Stadium development places on the area. The Bramcote Parade improvement would contribute to the revitalisation of the Cricket Green area of Mitcham, helping to bridge the gap.</p>
<p>Parades programme management</p>	<p>£165k £55k per year for three years.</p>	<p>To fund the Town Centre Officer post in the future Merton Business and Economy team. The top priority for the Town Centre Officer would be managing the delivery of the Parades Improvement Programme, which subject to the approval of Cabinet would comprise: 2019-20 1st parade: Haydon’s Road Parade; 2nd parade: Bramcote Parade. This prioritisation of Haydon’s Road Parade has been predicated on neighbourhood CIL income funding received from</p>	<p><i>The front line officer post will manage the delivery and implementation of projects that improve, promote our town centres and parades to ensure the sustainability and economic prosperity of our town centres.</i></p> <p>This allocation of CIL would be would enable the delivery of the Parades Programme as above.</p>

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		<p>Wimbledon Stadium development. 2020-21 and 2021-22 parades to be confirmed by Cabinet with respect to the next bidding round.</p>	
<p>Polka Theatre redevelopment</p>	<p>£95,000</p>	<p>Contribution towards the final 7% of partnership funding to unlock Arts Council and Mayor of London Good Growth Funding. Our approved plans (ref 16/P4619) is for major redevelopment which will enable Polka to make essential improvements to the venue</p>	<p><i>The development will help to retain Polka's standing as a leading national theatre for children and develop their site as an important cultural hub for children, families, artists, community groups and schools from across the Borough</i></p> <p>Helps to support demands development places on the borough including Wimbledon Stadium, with the venue a short bus ride from the residential buildings proposed on Plough Lane, which is expected to accommodate many young families with over 350 family sized dwellings. Meets neighbourhood priorities by improving community facilities and streetscape along the Broadway. Addresses Community Plan priorities in particular bridging the gap through enhancing Polka's outreach programme to combat deprivation and improving accessibility to hard to reach families.</p>
<p>CSF Employability Programme</p>	<p>£60,904</p>	<p>1 year gap funding for the programme to increase access to the labour market for Merton residents aged 16 – 25, including funding for a fulltime Employer Engagement and Employability Officer (EEEE) and associated incentives such as work experience vouchers and HGV driver placements.</p>	<p><i>The investment will ensure the success and learning from Children, Schools and Families department, (CSF), Towards Employment pilot is built on</i></p> <p>The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the employability of young Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places</p>

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			on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).
Move More Mitcham	£27,820	<p>For Merton Council Vestry Hall service to run and manage initiatives to support members of the community (over 16 years) at risk of developing a mental health disorder so they are more resilient in dealing with change comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness Programme • Nutrition workshops • Referral programme 	<p><i>The project aims to support Merton residents (primarily Mitcham) and to equip them with the tools & strategies to cope with the negative impact that development has on their wellbeing</i></p> <p>The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the resilience of Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).</p>
Supporting Commonside Community Development Trust	£130,000	<p>To contribute to funding for the trust in supporting Pollards Hill Estate, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50k- Financial support to help the service provision to Vulnerable People, including booked appointments, drop-in support, and other support. • £40k - Creating a sense of place through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting and expanding Pollards PASS offer ○ Building social capital – creating and running volunteer opportunities for young residents to develop local community champions ○ Events celebrating diversity of language and at the same promoting ESOL classes (English classes). • £40k – Local Economy - providing STEM (Science, 	<p><i>The project aims to build resilience of Pollards Hill Residents introducing pathways into work and building civic pride.</i></p> <p>The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the resilience of Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).</p>

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		Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) activities to match the demands of the regional London economy over the next 15 or so years, alongside up-skilling workshops	
Air pollution mitigation campaign/ encouraging pupil involvement in STARS schools accreditation scheme	£27,233	The costs of an additional post working in Future Merton Commissioning to help raise awareness of sustainable modes of travel in support of anti-idling measures to combat poor air quality through pupil engagement in the STARS schools accreditation scheme to deliver a key recommendation of the Road Safety Task Group. The bid amount could fund someone working 3-4 days per week for a year (depending on grade)	<p><i>This would inspire young Merton school pupils to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling</i></p> <p>This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the demands of new development by combatting poor air quality around schools • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities including a healthy and fulfilling life • Addresses neighbourhood priorities supporting community facilities
Sustainable Merton Community Champions	£30k	Funding to support the 2019-20 Community Champions programme of activity/work. Allocation would be on the basis that Sustainable Merton and Merton Council work together and agree the programme of activity/work for Community Champions.	<p><i>This will help new residents and businesses understand what it means to be sustainable in Merton</i></p> <p>This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the waste demands of new development • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities and will focus on areas of most need helping to bridge the gap • Addresses neighbourhood priorities including maintaining

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			the street scene and supporting community facilities and recycling
The Library of Things	£37,320	To support a Library of Things borrowing service in Merton including hosting collection point for the rental of items, booked via the Library of Things app, at the Morden Library, volunteer recruitment and promotion.	<p><i>This proposal builds on the proposition of why buy when you can borrow? It supports the development of a circular economy in Merton, recognising that, in many new housing developments, people just don't have the space to store items that might only be purchased for occasional or single use.</i></p> <p>This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the waste demands of new development • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities including contributing to your community • Addresses neighbourhood priorities including maintaining the street scene and supporting community facilities
<p>Amendment to 2018 bid:</p> <p>Future Wimbledon – Wimbledon Hill Road Green Link and Urban Lunchtime Zone</p>	£150k	Allow for scope of spend of balance remaining after funding pre-implementation costs required for the green link and the urban lunchtime zone, to be expanded to cover pre-implementation costs for public realm improvements throughout Wimbledon Town Centre, including in accordance with priorities identified through Future Wimbledon master planning, including continuation of spend in 2019-20 financial year.	<p><i>Investment into public realm improvements across the town centre meets the principles of the original bid approval by responding to demands of town centre development in making the town centre a more attractive place to work and visit and meets neighbourhood and community plan priorities.</i></p>
<p>Amendment to 2018 bid:</p> <p>Shopping Parade</p>	£460,400 max	Allow for flexibility as to the specific properties improved in the application of the funding within Colliers Wood and	<p><i>The delivery of Colliers Wood and Wimbledon Town Centre Parades has taken longer than originally envisaged in the 2018 bid and have</i></p>

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improvements (four parades)		Wimbledon Town Centre. Allow for the funding to just be applied to these locations.	<i>been more costly, with alternative buildings improved (within these locations) where it was considered best to deliver the objectives of the Parades Programme. Further Neighbourhood Fund money has been identified to support the continued delivery of the programme across the borough, subject to Cabinet approval (see separate bid above).</i>