

Bid #	Bid name	Funding Sought £	Description	Summary Assessment	Funding recommended £
1	Pollards Hill Bus Shelter Refurbishment	£150,000	Renewal of 1950s bus shelter to create indoor and outdoor community/cafe space. £150k is sought on the basis of the final £100k would be funded by external grants.	Recommend £150k allocation contingent on securing alternative funding for remaining costs and approval of a viable business case including ongoing revenue costs. Also shortlisted for SCIL funding, as contingency in case this Neighbourhood Fund bid is unsuccessful. Assessment notes: proposal would deliver regeneration for Pollards Hill estate, including revitalising landscaping, refurbishment of community building and community space. Feasibility yet to be completed, so the final decision on a delivery option is yet to be made. The contingent allocation proposed is considered suitable mitigation.	£150,000
2	Polka Green Retrofit	£40,355	Retrofitting renewables and energy efficiency measures in the old part of the building at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon.	Recommend maximum allocation of 50% sought. Assessment notes: decarbonisation, alternative grants have difficult terms. The council has invested over £500k in the Polka development (this excludes the allocation recommended by this report); funding sought would cover all of remaining costs to be incurred whereas previous grants covered less than 10% of development costs.	£20,177.50
3	Morden Court / approach to Rail Pedestrian Overpass Improvement Plan	£25,000	To improve the access and aesthetics of the area as you enter Morden Court off London Road, Morden up to the pedestrian rail overpass.	Would require project development and programming. Look at feasibility for possible funding of measures using Morden Town Centre Neighbourhood CIL allocation. Assessment notes: public realm would benefit from improvements at this pedestrian access point to Morden TC. Project requires development/feasibility assessment, uncertain delivery capacity within 2 year Neighbourhood Fund timeframe.	£0
4	Attic's Creative Community Engagement Programme	£42,549	Delivers a large scale programme of participatory workshops focusing on increased social capital, wellbeing & mental health with both young & older people in Mitcham & further afield with Merton residents. Workshops: use drama and creative activities to support school age students, young people, EAL, refugees, women, older people, dementia sufferers, housing estate residents, with skills to build confidence, resilience and help them integrate, facilitate further educational and employment pathways and combat isolation. Also employability skills.	Full allocation recommended. Assessment notes: excellent offer, established organisation. 6 out of 12 activities are new since Covid struck. Pre-Covid Attic relied on grants, donations and reserves to fund core services & activities, including £32k pa council grant and they had a £100k pre-Covid annual turnover. Funding considered to be needed for activities to add resilience to balance book post-Covid, particularly while turn-over is below pre-Covid levels, as grants and donations are sporadic.	£42,549

5	The Small Quarter: Community growing and culture space	£38,914	Creation of a space in Mitcham (260 Croydon Rd CR4 4JA) for community activity/performances including a community garden overseen by a volunteer group of local growers and supported by bidder, which will produce fruit and vegetables for Merton's Community Fridge project and local food banks. Funding sought for phase 1 -Infrastructure, to establish the Small Quarter as carbon neutral with power and water facilities, build seating, create community garden including investing in facilities, operational setup, fundraising and running costs and activities.	Full allocation recommended with clawback if asset sold within 5 years and release of funding for seating pending planning permission if needed. Grant agreement provisions to allow for officer scrutiny of proposed spend including rainwater harvesting. Assessment notes: Stimulus for regeneration. If sustainable it would be an excellent grass-roots cultural/community hub showcasing and enabling eco/climate friendly practices. Creates volunteer opportunities supporting employability. Uncertain sustainability of future phases (seeking funding for these). Bidder and landowner is a CIC "aligned" social enterprise so could sell land to a private interest with proceeds invested in their activities out of borough. 33% of profits can be retained by private investors. Three quotes not obtained for water & power (justified for power, partly justified for water). No alternative funding sources sought for phase 1.	£38,914
6	Merton Priory/Anima Una - Building a creative space for young people	£111,285	Provision of a dedicated arts space at Merton Priory Chapter House for young people to express themselves and be heard through speech, drama and the creative arts	Part allocation of £50k recommended, pending final advice of officers. Assessment notes: stated outcome is finishing the performance space project for strategically important site offering drama opportunities for young people. Delivery delays and cost increases (this is a top-up of £46.6k award in 2018, which officers are concerned is duplicated in this bid). Delays in agreeing utilities works with adjoining landowner Sainsbury's.	£50,000
7	Pitt Crescent resolution of congestion and parking	£52,075	Establishing for Maple Court (in the same way as the other units already have) a suitable new parking forecourt to remove some 14 vehicles from Pitt Crescent (Wimbledon Park Ward) thereby relieving congestion and obstacles for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.	Project not feasible as creating the parking provision would result in an incursion on public highway that is unsafe for users and contrary to policy.	£0
8	The Mitcham Colour Way	£3,500	Creation/painting of a wall/pavement mural at Field Gate Lane, Mitcham CR4 3AL. The project will help boost the feeling of community & connectedness in the area. The bidder will also use the design & creation of the mural as a chance to engage with local young people on the developing design, incorporating their feedback & ideas, opportunity to teach creative skills	Full allocation recommended. Assessment notes: Uplifting/enriching public realm, engaging/empowering local young people. The bidder has a track record locally in delivering community projects and would complete the Artist Trail. Funding couldn't be secured by grant agreement as the bidder is not incorporated, however the amount is small and good value for murals and the bidder has proven track record locally.	£3,500

9	New Tennis Courts Wimbledon Park	£84,000	Repair/open up Courts 11-20 for park tennis again and a MUGA (the CIL funding is for the tennis the MUGA will be funded by the LTA grant released by the CIL investment) and will finally allow a better supply and capacity for residents, local schools and families, triggering match funding opportunities from LTA and Merton reserve.	Duplicate bid. Strategic CIL funding has been recommended to cover the same costs.	£0
10	Better spaces - better place	£68,500	Funding for the following at the New Horizon Centre (Pollards Hill): - Refurbish the community café and toilets; - Install a raingarden; - equip the Tuition Room for students to learn functional skills ; - equip staff team to better keep safe clients with mental health, addiction or behavioural conditions and diagnose/refer to specialists.	Full allocation recommended contingent on bidder providing a priority list in case of cost increases. Assessment notes: investment in community hub in urgent need of refurbishment. Costs likely to increase for works. Fundraising/donations planned for other costs, but no alternative funds sought to cover bid costs.	£68,500
11	MusicOnWheels Mitcham	£20,000	The bidder would bring their MusicOnWheels double-decker bus to the wards of Cricket Green, Pollards Hill, and Figge's Marsh, and in each location provide 72 local children who would be likely to struggle to access musical education, with a free musical access course.	Not recommended for approval due to insecure investment. The council could consider a more sustainable bid next year. Assessment notes: there are significant doubts about the ability of this private limited company to deliver the programme. Merton Music Foundation provide free music in schools.	£0
12	Sherwood Park Cafe and Mini Golf	£60,000	To provide a cafe in the park which supports the elderly and young families within the area which will provide support and reduce isolation, and pop-up mini golf	Recommend full allocation subject to overcoming of Green Spaces Team officer objection, approval of business plan including ongoing costs and affordable cafe offer and any planning permission requirements. Assessment notes: would extend the leisure offer of this community hub and would vitalise the neighbourhood. Green Spaces Team officer objects, uncertain business plan/ongoing sustainability, planning permission outstanding.	£60,000
13	Building accessibility for financial future!	£45,000	CroydonPlus (credit union) provide financial advice and access to products, that they promote as affordable and accessible to Merton residents that would not normally have access to financial services and at risk of exploitation.	Not recommended for approval as need for funding not demonstrated. No councillor endorsements.	£0

14	School Streetscapes Merton II	£79,391	Engage with 5 schools/their communities in Mitcham, CWood & Nth Mitcham, including continue working with 2 schools from the existing programme (Neighbourhood Fund 2020 award) and 3 new schools. Design & paint a crossing mural in 1 school to increase visibility to road users and a pavement mural in 1 school promoting a safer walking route, hold 3 active travel events (e.g family cycling training), produce a toolkit for a School Streetscapes model.	Refusal recommended as the bidder is yet to deliver their first two murals under School Streetscapes 1, due to failure to secure approval from the Highways Authority over locations/design. Murals are the key motivator for engagement with the schools, so until this is resolved further funding should be withheld. Note - no fundraising activity for alternative funding has been referenced. There is duplication with other school travel safety programmes.	£0
15	Uptown Youth Services	£30,000	Gap funding for continuing core services for 2021/22 academic year. Core services centred on a youth club with youth workers and facilities supporting young people in need of support (BAME focus) with homework/music/drama/pathway mentoring & placements	Recommend full allocation. Assessment notes: strong established pathway/resilience building work in this youth club, bid with enhanced offer. Funding gap demonstrated. Justifies award to recurrent bid.	£30,000
16	Improving Colliers Wood Rec Playground	£67,000	Provide more playground equipment suitable for older children (aged 9+) in play area shared with Singlegate Primary and a safe gateway to connect two play areas. Also includes resurfacing, ground works, signage, bench relocation.	Recommended for full allocation with programming contingent on project management recruitment and delivery timescales to be determined in the round within the Green Spaces Team's overall programme. Assessment notes: secured officer in-principle approval incl. costings, would support Green Flag status and respond to Your Merton findings.	£67,000
17	Martin Way - Greener, Brighter & Revitalised	£53,185	This bid is for phase 1 for Public realm improvements / urban greening - new garden beds, tree planting, roundabout repairing/planting, new planters, security gates/lighting, removal of street clutter/tidying up of highways. Further bids for phase 2 - major investment in the parades and shop fronts. Cllr McLean pledging his £5k split of WAS as agreed by Cannon Hill Ward Cllrs.	Recommend part allocation for delivery from 2022-23 onwards subject to feasibility/best value checks including alternative funding availability (incl. Street Trees & Allegate Funds). Further tranches of funding to be investigated for future years bids for elements of proposal not covered by part allocation. Assessment notes: public realm benefits. Limited capacity to project manage within service areas is causing programming backlogs.	£27,335
18	Community Centre Energy Saving Lighting	£35,000	Improving the lighting at 3 community centre sites across the borough - New Horizons Centre, South Wimbledon Community Centre and South Mitcham Community Centre. Much of the lighting on these sites is very old and by upgrading it to modern, low energy LED lighting we will both improve the sites' facilities and greatly lower their energy use and carbon emissions.	Recommend full allocation. Assessment notes: supporting sustainability of community centres, progressing decarbonisation of council owned buildings.	£35,000

19	Merton Garden Streets 2022	£31,288	Second annual Climate Action Group appeal to Merton residents and business to turn their streets green by planting under street trees, depaving, planting front gardens, putting living roofs on bin/bike sheds and creative window boxes/hanging baskets. Bid to fund more resources so that we can reach even more Merton residents in the 2022 appeal.	Recommend full allocation. Social capital, community, streetscape and climate benefits.	£31,288
20	Urban ReLeaf - phase 2	£18,000	The second part of a project, to achieve greening/biodiversity/climate change adaptive of fallow/under-utilised public and private land, which is the focus of this funding bid is for personnel time and will involve engagement with the property owner(s) and local community, gathering of permissions for planting, determination of planting plan and planning and funding for phase 3.	Not recommended for allocation due to uncertain outcomes. Assessment notes: generally working towards a possible Climate Action Group identified outcome, which if realised would have climate benefits but funding is for activity to ascertain whether the outcome can be realised.	£0
21	Energy Matters: Building the next generation of energy champions	£88,823	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trained and Accredited Energy Educators from the borough in five pilot schools with proposal for creation of Energy Educators in remaining schools 2. Energy Matters education module for primary school children delivered by Energy Educators in the pilot schools. 3. Evaluation of Energy Matters Education Module published and module updated for replication to remaining schools in borough through follow-up project/phases 4. Energy saving advice and low cost energy saving devices e.g. LED light bulbs, radiator reflectors, draught excluders received by parents in targeted schools through energy advice cafes and home visits where appropriate. 	Recommend full allocation. Assessment notes: would empower the younger generation in Merton with knowledge to drive domestic/behavioural decarbonisation outcomes. Government backed organisations/government trialed programmes.	£88,823
22	There's More to Morden	£35,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development and display of physical and virtual storyboard displayed in Morden Town Centre using themed window displays, heritage imagery, orientation panels and an augmented reality app to highlight local history in Morden/Merton Park. 2. Mini heritage trails - online plus guided walk series from Morden Town Centre to residential areas 3. 3 x local exhibitions in Mostyn Gardens, Kendor Gardens and Morden Hall Park 	Recommend full allocation with a condition to consider using any spare Morden Town Centre Neighbourhood CIL budget that may arise following project development for the Town Centre. Supporting a deeper appreciation of Morden's/Merton Park's heritage in a way that would be resilient/complimentary to Morden Town Centre Regeneration.	£35,000

23	Immersive Learning Centre	£80,489	The Immersive learning will be a fun and enriching (virtual learning) experience for Mitcham pupils across key stages 1 and 2. Virtual environments have the capability to develop young pupils core skills and imagination by providing endless opportunities for exploration and interaction. By broadening the typical learning environment beyond the classroom, immersive technology (virtual media player/projections/multisensory devices in a dedicated	Recommend full allocation subject to securing approval from the council's Childrens Schools and Families Directorate. Transformative and moden education facility for Mitcham primary school children, incl. SEN benefits. Established delivery vehicle.	£80,489
24	South Wimbledon Business Area BID (SWBA BID) Wayfinding Strategy	£160,820	Proposal to remove the existing dilapidated and inconsistent signage across the BID area and replace it with a consolidated, cohesive, understandable signage for the businesses operating in the BID area and all members of the community that work or travel within or across the SWBA.	Recommend part allocation with balance to be covered by "ARG" Economic Development funding. Supports the businesses within the South Wimbledon Business Area, which is a strategic industrial area, with unifying wayfinding strategy. The project would have strong wider economic benefits that would advantage residents/encourage residential investment.	£135,358
25	Community Champions 2022: Building social capital in Merton's journey towards net zero	£64,000	Supporting the implementation of our Community Champions programme for one year. It would allow it to continue to expand its reach to a wider range of Merton residents and influence sustainable behaviour change. Sustainable Merton's Community Champions programme is the foundation on which many of their projects are built. Therefore, this funding would be spread across several initiatives and provide a mechanism for leveraging further funding from other sources to build on these initiatives.	Recommend full allocation, with significant proportion to be withheld pending receipt of end of year report demonstrating achievement of outcomes promoted in bid. Assessment notes: would continue sustainability awareness raising programme, including increasing numbers of volunteers and reach. Important role in facilitating and enabling a range of sustainable activities and investment in the same. Justifies award to recurrent bid	£64,000
26	The Wheel - A Circular Economy for Merton	£75,000	Connecting existing Merton-based community waste-reduction related projects through a virtual hub. Supported with a stimulation fund to support up to 20 projects financially to build their capacity and capability. During yr 1 the virtual hub will be set up and will look to set up physical hubs at meanwhile or permanent sites for storage, shared workspaces, training workshos and exhibitions targeted to be in place by 2023.	Recommend full allocation. Enables sharing of ideas and resources towards improved sustainability practices in terms of waste reduction and stimulates further initiatives/projects.	£75,000
27	Flytip fix - Mitcham TC lanes	none given	Idea to install cameras in continual dumping areas around Fair Green, the corner of Raleigh Gardens and Love Lane, the Love Lane alley and the very worst is Langdale Parade Alley. So much dumping happens daily, would the solution be to remove the gates scrape the area, tarmac and put bollards in. Perhaps a long row of huge bins (with recycling And general waste)	Fly tipping is a national and borough wide problem being addressed through our fly tipping strategy and plan. Additional resources are being applied this year and beyond. This problem is acknowledged and will be considered by Waste Services for Strategic CIL bid for CCTV in 2022. The Waste Team Manager advises CCTV could be a feasible solution and because it would require funding for annual licence it would be a Strategic CIL bid instead of a Neighbourhood Fund bid. Existing flytip clearance funding will be looked at to address areas of concern in short term.	£0

28	Hillside ideas (Cllr Holden)	none given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public buildings more sustainable – e.g. solar panels/wind turbine on Wimbledon library Wimbledon Guild – outside area for socialising. Café and/or some green space Replace the benches on Darlaston Road, by the church (old/fallen into disrepair), and on Leopold Road by the junction with Lake Road Intersection of Lake Road / Woodside/St Mary's Road - new pocket park on scruffy patch of land 	Not recommended for allocation. Ideas would require development before they can be considered for bids. Investment in de-carbonising Wimbledon Library could be a future invest to save bid for Merton Capital funding.	£0
29	Museum of Wimbledon Refurbishment Project	£50,000	The bidder is refurbishing the small free local museum which has served the community since 1915. They are creating entirely new displays which are designed to appeal to all Merton's communities, and a new space for activities involving all those communities. They want £50k for conservation of displays and a stimulus fund from which to offer activities/running when then reopen and form the basis of further fundraising. The refurbishment is fully funded.	Recommend full allocation, subject to grant agreement securing bridging the gap offer and free entry. Assessment notes: cross-party councillor support for this project to revitalise the celebration of Wimbledon as a place. Bridging the gap offer taking museum to Cricket Green and Perseid Schools (building on existing art offer in the the building) and other opportunities to be investigated. Further fundraising is to occur in the run-up to reopening however bidder has stated that they need the Neighbourhood Fund amount to underwrite the new programme before further funding can be achieved.	£50,000
30	Mitcham's Wellbeing Garden	£100,000	To transform Vestry Hall's back yard into Mitcham's Wellbeing Garden. To set up a Pop up Cafe Pod in the garden.	Not recommended for allocation. Assessment notes: nice to have for customers. Concern regarding viability of the proposed cafe given the new cafe in the Canons. Project would require development, costing is uncertain, there's planning permission uncertainty and it would require ongoing maintenance. No fundraising activity referenced in the bid.	£0
31	Abbey Recreation Ground and Merton Park Green Walk Improvements	£40,000	Plant daffodils between the path and fence that run parallel with Morden Rd (Abbey Rec). Planting by entrance to Abbey Rec. Fencing between Abbey Rec and nature trail. 2 info boards and signage material. Wicker fencing and new benches around new pond (IdVerde grant for pond construction). Polinator planting on nature trail, nest, bat boxes, bug hotels etc.	Recommended for full allocation with programming contingent on project management recruitment and delivery timescales to be determined in the round within the Green Spaces Team overall programme. Assessment notes: the bid is supported in-principle so as to deliver project to continue Green Flag status of these open spaces and respond to Your Merton findings. Project management officer capacity gap.	£40,000

32	20mph banners	£35,000	It is considered necessary to further raise speed awareness throughout the borough particularly along the main routes such as town centres, Local and London distributor roads by erecting 20mph speed banners together with some speed activated signs along some key locations. It is envisaged that better awareness would encourage an expedited change in behaviour amongst all road users. Funding sought in-lieu of LIP funding withdrawn by TfL due to financial pressures arising because of Covid19.	Recommended for funding pending the implementation of the vehicle activation signs and allocation of Strategic CIL for those. Makes the Council's roads more safe for all users.	£35,000
40	Bramcote parade building façade improvements topup	£20,000	Additional costs to complete this current Neighbourhood Fund project.	Top-up to pay final invoice for works. Extra costs due to expanded scope/selection of materials appropriate for the facades not included in original estimate.	£20,000
41	Parade Programme Management top-up 2022-23 q3&4	£27,500	Additional funding (in addition to existing Neighbourhood Fund allocation which covers up to Q2 2022-23) required to cover resource costs.	Top-up to secure continuity of programme delivery and town centre management including completion of existing allocations (Haydon's Road North).	£27,500
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				Total NCIL available	£1,275,433
				Number of bids supported for Nfund allocation	22