

<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	1 December 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Use of Milton CIL Neighbourhood Proportion - Improvements at Eastney Community Centre
<b>Report by:</b>	City Development Manager
<b>Wards affected:</b>	Milton
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	No

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## **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To seek the release of £9,100 from the Milton Neighbourhood Proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy ('the Milton CIL').

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that £9,100 is released from the Milton Neighbourhood CIL to fund improvements to the environs of Eastney Community Centre.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Eastney Community Centre has put forward a proposal to improve a small area of green space at Bransbury Park/Eastney Community Centre. Currently this space is unwelcoming, in poor condition and therefore underused.

- 3.2 The Community Centre is keen to make the area more welcoming and turn it into a usable space for visitors to the centre and the park. A scheme has been developed to;

- improve drainage of the area
- install planters
- install picnic tables and a memorial bench
- provide cycle parking

Once installed, a community garden project will be set up by the Community Centre to maintain the area.

- 3.2 Ward members are keen to support the project through the Milton CIL. A breakdown of the costs is shown below;

£5,641 - drainage, tarmac, cycle parking provided by Colas  
£750 - picnic tables installation by Colas  
£1,940 - cost of picnic tables (£970 x 2)  
£754 - raised beds and planters  
Total - £9,085

- 3.3 The centre has a legacy fund that will pay for the memorial bench, a Love Your Street grant is covering the planting in the raised beds, and the RSPB has provided some bird boxes.
- 3.4 The Community Centre would like the scheme to be completed by spring 2016. Officers in Parks delivering the scheme confirm that this timescale is realistic.
- 3.5 There is currently £54,900 in the Milton CIL fund.

**4. Reasons for recommendations**

- 4.1 This proposal would help maintain and enhance community facilities which will face increased demand as a consequence of the planning approvals which have generated the CIL receipt.
- 4.3 The ward members have put forward and are supportive of this scheme.

**5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)**

- 5.1 This report purely deals with financial matters so an EIA is not required.

**6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 The use of CIL monies is regulated in accordance with Section 216, Planning Act, 2008, which requires CIL to be applied to funding specified infrastructure, including sporting and recreational facilities. CIL receipts may also be used to fund administrative expenditure for providing such facilities. In the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), it is stated that "*The levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development*". However, the NPPG continues "*The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development*". The Portfolio Holder should consider the NPPG guidance in determining whether or not the funding available may be applied as proposed.

**7. Director of Finance's Comments**

- 7.1 The financial detail is contained within the body of this report.

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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected  
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