

# Area Committee 3

17th October 2023



**Report of:** Ellie Stevens, Community Resources Manager

**Title:** Area Committee 3 First Formal Meeting 2023/24

**Ward:** Area Committee 3 wards: Eastville, Frome Vale, Hillfields, Lockleaze

**Member Presenting Report:** Councillor Heather Mack

## Recommendations

1. Note the progress update on previously-approved AC projects and the publication of 6-monthly updates published on BCC webpage (Item C)
2. Note the CIL and S106 monies available at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Item E)
3. To note the Outline Proposals submitted to Area Committee 3 this year and to consider which to invite to Stage 2 full project proposal (Item F)
6. To consider the approval of funding for the Proposal submitted for consideration, including any conditions which the committee may wish to attach (Item G)
7. To note the legal information concerning the Public Sector Equality duty in reaching all its decisions (Item H)

## Summary

This report sets out the available funds for allocation by Area Committee 3, and lists the proposals to be considered at the meeting of the Committee on 17th October 2023.

## The significant issues in the report are:

- Area Committee 3 has £4,370.19 of general CIL available to allocate.
- Councillors are asked to consider 14 Outline Proposals that could be invited to Stage 2 to develop full project proposals
- Councillors are asked to consider a full proposal for S106 tree funding

## **A. Background**

1. Six Area Committees were approved at the Full Council meeting on 20th March 2018 to hold delegated decision-making powers over non-earmarked Section 106 and local Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.
2. Area Committee 3 consists of the councillors representing the wards of Eastville, Frome Vale, Hillfields, and Lockleaze.
3. Each Area Committee will meet formally twice a year to make decisions on the awarding of local CIL and S106. 15% of CIL generated within each Area Committee area is available for spend. Those parts of an Area Committee which have a formally adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan receive 25% of the CIL generated within the defined border of their Plan to support their identified infrastructure priorities.
4. Information about Area Committees, CIL and S106 processes can be found on the BCC website at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/local-decision-making>

## **B. Terms of Reference**

5. The Area Committee Terms of Reference were approved at Full Council on 20th March 2018 and adopted at the 2018 Area Committee on 3rd October 2018.
6. The Area Committee Terms of Reference were updated in August 2023 with the following clause:
  4. Procedure rules Meeting arrangements
  - 4.1 Area Committee meetings will normally be held twice a year. These meetings will be supported by Democratic Services

## **C. Progress update on CIL & S106-funded projects approved at previous Area Committee Meetings**

7. Progress updates are published every six months on previous schemes approved by the Area Committee. The latest was published in August 2023. The next will be published in February 2024. Updates can be found at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/area-committee-progress-updates>

## **D. Allocation of CIL and Section 106 Funds**

8. A timetable and process for developing Outline and Full Proposals for funding from CIL and S106 resources for 2023 was agreed and started in April 2023. Councillors have worked with their communities to identify and prioritised potential projects. These will be considered at this formal Area Committee meeting. Final decisions will be made at a second formal meeting in February 2024.
9. The exception is decision-making on tree replacement using earmarked Section 106 funds, which can be planted in good time when the winter planting season begins and which would be unacceptably delayed if decisions were put back to the February Area Committee meeting.

10. These S106 Tree proposals are presented for decision by the Area Committee in this paper.  
 11. The cost of replacement tree planting is: £1,041.66 per tree

#### E. CIL and Section 106 Monies available to Area Committee 3 at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

12. CIL available:  
 At the end of September 2023 there was an overall sum of £4,370.19 available to Area Committee 3 for general expenditure.

See Appendix 1

13. Section 106 available:  
 At the end of 30 September 2023 there was a total of £68,966.05 uncommitted Section 106 agreement monies available for AC3, of which £19,395.71 is designated specifically for tree planting and tree replacement.

14. All S106 agreements are legally bound to be spent according to the Purpose of the Contribution so can only be approved for projects which met these conditions.

15. The Committee is asked to note the following **time-limited S106**:

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Contribution value	Time limit	Purpose of contribution	Allocations
20/02523 / Land at Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze	Richard Ennion (Horticultural Services Manager)	£18,982.92	14 Oct 26	The provision and maintenance of off-site tree planting	None

See Appendix 2

#### F. 2023 Stage 1 Outline Proposals submitted for consideration

16. 14 Outline Proposals were submitted to Area Committee 3 for consideration, for a total of £86,500, as follows:

Ward	Number of Outline Proposals submitted
Eastville	3
Frome Vale	1
Hillfields	3
Lockleaze	5
Multiple wards	2

See Appendix 3

17. **Recommendation: That the Area Committee considers which Outline Proposals to invite to Stage 2 to develop full project proposals**

18. The Committee is asked to note the following proposal submitted to multiple wards in Area Committee 3 as part of a city-wide initiative for the installation of Defibrillators:

Project Code	Project Type	Name of organisation / person	Project Title	Brief description of the project	CIL amount requested (£)	S106 Amount Requested (£)
AC323P40	Community	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	Provision of Public Access Defibrillators	The project provides 2 defibrillators to contribute to a city-wide pool of public access defibrillators to be installed in every ward, working with local Councillors to identify suitable sites. Fully funded, the project could provide 1 defibrillator per Councillor (70 in total across Bristol). The funding would provide for the purchase of equipment including a secure case, installation, registration with the national database to ensure visibility to 999 service and local training.	£3,600.00	N/A.

See Appendix 4 for supporting statement from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity

**G. 2023 Stage 2 Full Project Proposals: for decision****19. Proposal 1: Tree Bristol Tree Planting Proposal**

<b>Name of project proposal</b>	<b>Delivery group</b>	<b>Ward and site</b>	<b>Full Proposal £ delivery cost</b>	<b>CIL requested</b>	<b>S106 requested and the codes</b>
TreeBristol Tree Planting	BCC TreeBristol	Various tree planting sites across Lockleaze Ward	£18,749.88	N/A	£18,749.88  20/02523 Land at Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze

See Appendix 5

**20. Recommendation: That the Area Committee considers the project proposal submitted and whether to approve full or partial funding to deliver this project or not.****H. Equalities/Public Sector Equality Duty: Legal Information**

**21.** When councillors decide how CIL and Section 106 is spent they should have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

**22.** The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

**23.** The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity
- It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.