

Area Committee 2

6th November 2023



Report of: Ellie Stevens, Community Resources Manager

Title: Area Committee 2 First Formal Meeting 2023/24

Ward: Area Committee 2 wards: Bishopston and Ashley Down, Cotham, Horfield, Henbury and Brentry, Redland, Southmead

Member Presenting Report: Councillor Brenda Massey

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 September 2023 (Item E)
3. Note the Outline Proposals submitted this year, and BCC Officer comments on these (appendix 3)
4. To consider the approval of funding for the Proposals submitted for consideration, including any conditions which the committee may wish to attach (Item F)
5. 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 2, and lists the proposals to be considered at the meeting of the Committee on 6th November 2023.

The significant issues in the report are:

- Area Committee 2 has very limited general CIL funding available for 2023/24.
- Councillors are asked to note proposals received which will be deferred for consideration when funds are available.
- 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.

Area Committee 2 consists of the councillors representing the wards of Bishopston and Ashley Down, Cotham, Horfield, Henbury and Brentry, Redland, Southmead

2. 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.
3. 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

4. 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.
5. 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

6. 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

7. 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 potential projects.
8. This meeting will focus on 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.
9. These S106 Tree proposals are presented for decision by the Area Committee in this paper.

10. The cost of replacement tree planting is: £1,041.66 per tree

E. CIL and Section 106 Monies available to Area Committee 2 at 30 September 2023

11. CIL available:
At the end of 30 September 2023 there was an overall sum of £3,939.86 available to Area Committee 2.

See Appendix 1

12. Section 106 available:
At the end of 30 September 2023 there was a total of £59,541.00 uncommitted Section 106 agreement monies available for AC2, of which £46,987.43 is designated specifically for tree planting and tree replacement.

See Appendix 2

13. 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.

F. 2023 Stage 1 Outline Proposals submitted for consideration

14. Three Outline Proposals were submitted to Area Committee 2 for consideration, as follows:

Ward	Number of Outline Proposals submitted
Bishopston and Ashley Down	0
Cotham	0
Henbury and Brentry	0
Southmead	2
Horfield	1
Redland	0

15. As Area Committee 2 had very limited general funds, these proposals will not be considered at this meeting and will be deferred for consideration when funds are available.

See Appendix 3 for summary of proposals

16. The Committee is asked to note that this year, all Area Committees with funding available, received proposals requesting CIL funding to support a citywide initiative for 70 defibrillators installed across the city (one per Cllr). AC2 was not asked for funding to support this city wide initiative for the installation of Defibrillators. This is due to the committee having limited funds available. **See Appendix 5 for supporting statement from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity who submitted the proposals to all other ACs.**

G. 2023 Stage 2 Full Project Proposals: for decision

17. Proposal 1: Tree Bristol Tree Planting Proposal

Name of project proposal	Delivery group	Ward and site	Full Proposal £ delivery cost	CIL requested	S106 requested and the codes
Tree Bristol Tree planting	TreeBristol – Bristol City Council	Horfield, Southmead and Henbury and Brentry (see proposal for exact sites)	£ 45,883.04	N/A	TOTAL: £45,883.04 20/02137 Brentry House, Knole Lane, Brentry

For full proposal see Appendix 4

18. 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

19. 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.

20. 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

21. 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.