



Cambridge City Council North Area Committee

Date: Monday, 13 November 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: via Microsoft Teams

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City Councillors: Todd-Jones (Chair), Carling (Vice-Chair), Bird, Divkovic, Gawthrope Wood, Gilderdale, Hossain, Sheil, Smart, Swift, Thittala Varkey and Wade

County Councillors: Bird, Black and Meschini

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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

7 September 2023

6.30 - 7.30 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Todd-Jones (Chair), Carling (Vice-Chair), Bird, Divkovic, Gilderdale, Hossain, Sheil, Smart, Wade, Bird and Black

Officers:

Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager: Wendy Johnston

Committee Manager: Sarah Steed

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

23/16/NAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gawthrope Wood, Swift, Thittala Varkey and County Councillor Meschini.

23/17/NAC Declarations Of Interest

No interests were declared.

23/18/NAC Notes of previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023 were noted subject to the amendment of references to 'Garden Walk Resident's Association' to 'Garden Walk Residents' Association'.

23/19/NAC Community Group Presentation

Sam Dyer CEO of Cambridge Sustainable Food (CSF) attended North Area Committee to give an overview of what Cambridge Sustainable Food was all about:

- i. [About — Cambridge Sustainable Food](#)
- ii. Cambridge Sustainable Food had been in existence since 2013 and their work focused on partnerships, projects and campaigns that captured the imagination and helped to deliver change in Cambridge and the surrounding area.
- iii. Had achieved a Silver Sustainable Food Places award and was working towards a Gold award.

- iv. Key issues they worked on:
 - a. Food which was good for us and was good for the planet and our future.
 - b. Good food governance and action.
 - c. Active food citizenship.
 - d. Tackling food poverty.
 - e. Sustainable food economy.
 - f. Revitalising local supply chains.
 - g. Climate and nature emergency.
- v. Noted a number of community food projects which took place in the north of Cambridge.
- vi. To view the presentation please follow the following link: [\(3\) North Area Committee - Thursday 7 September 2023, 6.30pm - YouTube](#)

In response to comments made by the Committee, the CSF Representative said the following:

- i. Councillors could help by representing CSF at council meetings, supporting the partnership, volunteering and attending events.
- ii. The CSF conference was due to take place at the beginning of October 2023. Over 100 people were due to attend but people could still register to attend. The theme of the conference was food justice and health.
- iii. In response to a question about social supermarkets, commented that there were a lot of projects set up during the covid pandemic to address the need of food. Noted that during the pandemic there had been lots of funding available to do this. Since then, community groups had found that it was economically unviable to continue to give food away for free. This is where the 'social supermarket' concept arose. Community groups charged a small amount, which could be per bag or per item, so that people were able to access food. Noted that there was a number of different charging models used by different groups.
- iv. If anyone wanted to donate pet food suggested that they made contact with the CSF distribution centre.
- v. Noted that there were some raised beds being used to grow community food at Daily Bread and Arbury Court.

23/20/NAC Open Forum

Two members of the public submitted questions which were read out by the Committee Manager.

Question 1:

When will the newly built community centre on Campkin Road be open? It isn't currently listed on the council web site but appears from the outside to be finished and ready for use. <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/community-centres>

I also understand that this centre has been designated as a replacement for both the Nun's Way pavilion and the 37 Lawrence Way centre (<https://bidstats.uk/tenders/2023/W10/794231135>).

I have not seen any other announcement relating to the closure of Nun's Way Pavilion, do the committee have any comments on the potential closure of two centres strongly linked to open space, to be replaced by a single centre with no apparent outdoor space attached?

The link given on the Council website for the Lawrence Way centre directs you towards the NCCP website, which lists their only venue as the Nun's Way Pavilion. <https://www.nccp.org.uk/facilities/>

Recent news stories published by the council mention the centre, but until it is open and functional it isn't really delivering for the community at all. <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/news/2023/08/24/75-new-council-homes-completed-at-campkin-road-cambridge>

Councillor Todd-Jones read out the following response which had been provided by officers:

Campkin Road Community Centre has been built as an accessible modern replacement for 37 Lawrence Way which has been returned to housing stock. Campkin Road Community Centre was offered to local community groups through a tender process. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a group that could meet the criteria for running the centre through that process.

As a result the City Council will take on the running of the centre for the first year of operation. We aim to open it by the end of October 2023.

We are working closely with North Cambridge Community Partnership (NCCP) to move their programme from both 37 Lawrence Way and Nuns Way to the new community centre. We will continue to work in partnership with NCCP over the coming months to build up a programme at the new centre.

Nuns Way pavilion will be retained for sports and recreation purposes.

Councillor Bird advised that they were willing to liaise with the member of the public following the meeting.

Question 2:

I'd like to know about the play equipment on the Morello Place site. The figure quoted is that £50,000 is being spent on this, but so far I can see one small wooden climbing structure (currently fenced off). Is it possible to know what the full extent of the equipment will be and to see the itemised cost?

Councillor Todd-Jones read out the following response which had been provided by officers:

The play equipment includes one small wooden climbing structure only (as shown in the attached image). There is no more equipment to install as the works on site are complete. The source of the quoted £50,000 figure is unknown; however, this wouldn't relate directly to the play equipment cost provided at Morello Court. This has been confirmed by the Employers Agent/Quantity Surveyors involved in the scheme.

Until the source and context of the data highlighted is confirmed, a more detailed response is unable to be provided.

Councillor Carling advised that they were willing to liaise with the member of the public as play areas fell within their Executive portfolio.

Councillor Todd-Jones undertook to communicate the officer responses to the public questioners.

23/21/NAC Environmental Report - NAC

The Committee received a report from the Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager.

The report outlined an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Fly tipping had increased in 3 wards.
- ii. Hoped any fly tipped waste which was in a good condition could be repurposed.

iii. Reasons why fly tipping occurred.

23/22/NAC Committee Action Sheet

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet – updated post committee'.

[Agenda for North Area Committee on Thursday, 7th September, 2023, 6.30 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

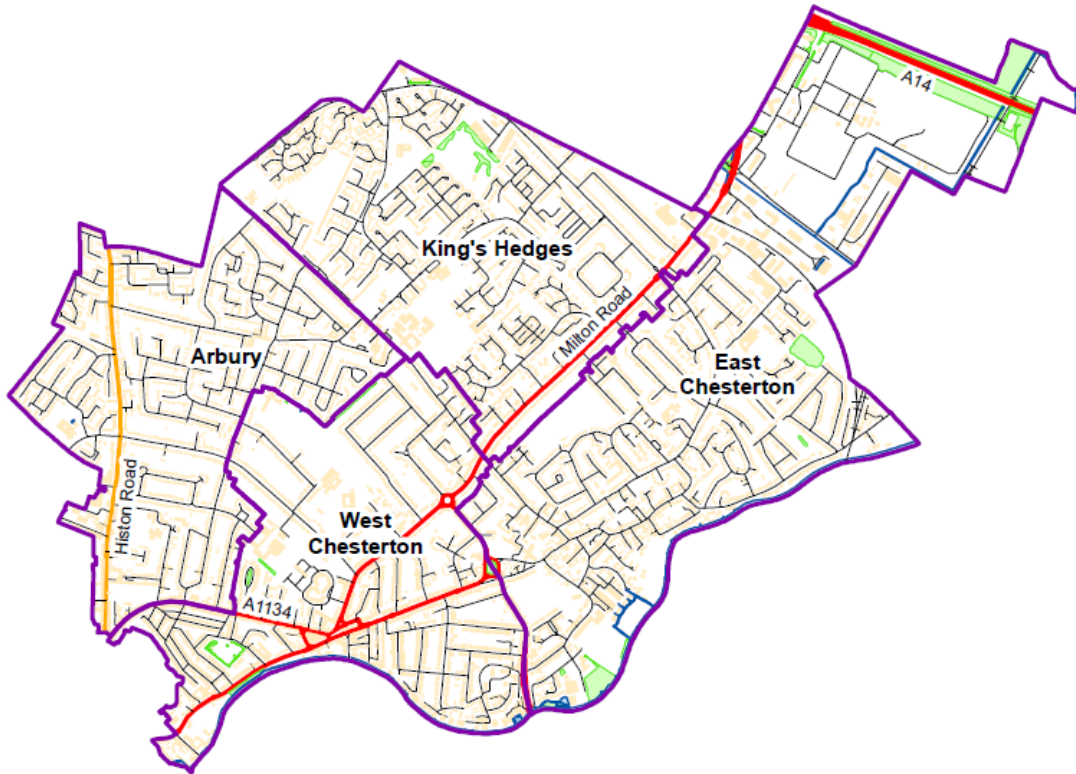
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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City North – November 2023

Wards: *Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges and West Chesterton*



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1. Introduction

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the North Area Committee meeting in June 2023, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing;
- ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city
- Cycle crime
- Youth and knife crime.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing

Objective: Tackling street-based drug dealing and cuckooing

Action Taken: Since the last meeting the Neighbourhood Support team (NST) continue to specifically target county lines across the city. We continue to hold "days of action" utilising plain clothes patrols which generates a number of stop searches, intelligence reports and arrests.

Current Situation: Tackling drug dealing and County Lines remains a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, with a dedicated team (NST) tackling the issue county wide. We continue to work at a local level and have several recent successes tackling street-based drug dealing. We regularly hold patrols and utilise differing tactics, such as plain clothed patrols, patrolling in unmarked vehicles, as well as patrolling on bicycles. Over the last few months officers have put in well over 50km each out on the bikes, leading to successful arrests, stop searches and intelligence gathering. You may have noticed on our social media pages where we have highlighted some of these arrests. We are also in the process of setting up specialist point of contacts within the team, specifically to review partnership referrals, incidents, and intelligence around cuckooing.

Lead Officer: PC 530 LLOYD

ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city

Objective: Target vehicle-based anti-social and dangerous driving.

Action Taken: Operation STAPLE remains the North City Team's response to vehicle based anti-social and dangerous driving. We continue to target anti-social driving, those driving without insurance, and speeding during "days of action". In June, July, August and October, we carried out more than 70 hours of patrol time. Since June this has resulted in 2 stolen vehicles seized, arrests for drug driving, tickets for various driving offences including use of mobile phones whilst driving, not wearing seatbelts, not securing children correctly, driving whilst disqualified, and careless and inconsiderate driving to name a few. We have also conducted speed checks outside Gilbert Road, where 2 people were reported for driving excess speed.

Current Situation: As mentioned in June, Op PROPULSION, is now in it's educational phase. We currently are stopping and engaging those on e-scooters whilst out in the community and have dedicated weekly patrols every Tuesday and Thursday to this. Words of advice are given to riders.

Lead Officer: PC 2476 YIP

Cycle crime

Objective: Target cycle crime in the city

Action Taken: Operation KONG is the Cambridge city response to cycle crime, tackling all aspects of the crime type, from education to enforcement. There have been many successful cycle marking events that have taken place in the last 6 months.

Current Situation: The action we take, really has not changed since June, this is down to the successes it yields, as highlighted on our social media pages. As well as targeting prolific cycle thieves and handlers, multi-agency work with organisations, such as CamCycle, there have been many successful stories of re-uniting owners with their bikes and prosecuting offenders.

Lead Officer: PC 2018 TINDALL

Youth and knife crime

Objective: Tackle youth and knife crime

Action Taken: Operation GUARDIAN is a city-wide policing plan to tackle habitual knife carriers in Cambridge City. It consists of an outlined multi-factorial approach through target hardening, engaging with the identified individual, school engagement, and engagement with youth services. Subjects are identified and graded according to risk, creating cohorts of individuals listed as SIGNIFICANT, MODERATE or EMERGING. There is now a minimum set of standards for each cohort which involves varying degrees of intrusiveness. As expected, those in the significant category are the most intrusive, receiving bi-monthly engagement from police, linked-in work with partner agencies such as the youth offender service, and school engagement, all to try and discourage subjects from carrying knives.

Current Situation: This is now a force wide initiative, in June this was very much in its infancy. However, we are now starting to see the positive results this multi-agency approach is having. In the North, we have seen success in working with a young person to reduce their risk from significant, to no longer scoring, and leaving the cohort. This is very much long-term problem solving and engagement with agencies and individuals to ensure that we are reducing the risk to themselves and others.

Lead Officer: Each person on the cohort has their own dedicated officer.

3. Proactive Work and Emerging Issues

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Nothing further to report

Cambridge City Council

The Cambs Against County Lines Project co-ordinated by Cambridge City Council on behalf the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board, continues to raise awareness of county lines to help prevent children being criminally exploited into the movement of drugs and money. The project is currently in the process of expanding to make age-appropriate content for younger children with the production of a KS2 video. In addition, a flyer for parents and carers has been created to increase their awareness of county lines and potential impacts on young people. This flyer has been shared with various external agencies. More recently this flyer was included within the Autumn 2023 Edition of the Cambridge Matters publication.

The City Council co-ordinated multi-agency Peer Groups and Places meeting meets monthly to discuss areas in local community where there are concerns about young people in relation to anti-social behaviour and/or crime and in particular where young people might be at risk of criminal exploitation, such as County Lines. The purpose of the meeting is for agencies to share information and agree actions that safeguard the young people whilst reducing the impact of their behaviours on the community. This multi-agency

working allows for a contextual safeguarding approach to be adopted and the exploration of alternative activity that young individuals could positively engage with.

The ASB team are currently working with partner agencies in relation to a number of cases in the North of the city involving adults at risk of cuckooing or criminal exploitation. In cuckooing case we will often have more than one victim, the vulnerable person being exploited and the residents suffering due to the ASB they are witnessing. Whilst the cuckooed address may attract a great deal of ASB, the person living is usually vulnerable, under a great deal of duress and unable to manage or control what is happening to them. Similarly, those living closest to the cuckooed address may be severely impacted by the disturbances. In these particular cases we are working with partners to ensure victims are safeguarded, perpetrators are identified or deterred from visiting the area and just as importantly the residents affected have a point of contact and feel reassured their concerns are being addressed. We have also installed re-deployable CCTV to assist with the gathering of evidence.

We are currently leading on problem solving work in a number of ASB hotspot areas. The Community Problem Solving Coordinator will facilitate stakeholder meetings to develop a coordinated approach to respond to community concerns. This work focuses on building trusted relationships with professionals, community groups and residents to ensure a community led approach is taken when resolving place based ASB. Current areas of work include Carlton Way, where there were reports of drug and alcohol related ASB, verbal abuse and intimidation, littering and rough sleeping which was having a significant impact on residents. By working in partnership with partner agencies and stakeholders we were able to put measures in place to improve safety and reduce the risk of crime and ASB in the area. This included licensing checks on premise, installing re-deployable CCTV, securing bin stores and trade waste and arranging litter picks through the Community Pay Back scheme. We also carried out letter drops to encourage reporting and linked in with support services in relation to concerns of rough sleeping.

As part of the ongoing Cycle Crime Prevention work and the 'Save Our Cycles' Campaign which encourages the public to register their bike on Bikeregister.com, the Police and Crime Commissioners Office (OPCC) and Cambridge City Council funded Cycle Marking Kits and Camcycle's Save our Cycle campaign leaflet continue to be promoted and used at bike marking events across the City.

4. Additional Information

At the neighbourhood level, the POLICE.UK website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime map'; and 'statistics. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

5. Recommendations

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.

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Item

Environmental Improvement Programme Project Submission Summary Report (2023) for Discussion

To: North Area Committee:

13th November 2023

Report by:

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Wards affected:

East Chesterton, West Chesterton, King's Hedges and Arbury

Key Decision: No

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details the Environmental Improvement (EIP) applications and ideas received for 2024 funding for projects in the North Area. The Area Committee can comment on the applications and make recommendations. The area-based recommendations made by all the area committees and those put forward for city-wide strategic funding will be included in an overall recommendations report to be considered by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services, for an out of cycle decision on behalf of the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The report provides information on eligibility, funding criteria and funding budgets for the Environmental Improvement Programme.

2. Recommendations

The North Area Committee is recommended to:

- i. To note the EIP budget allocation for North Area for 2023/24 and for Strategic EIP see 3.4,
- ii. To consider the new EIP ideas and project submitted for North Area, against the EIP Funding availability and the eligibility criteria (Appendix A – Table 1),
- iii. Consider the recommendations made in Appendix B; Tables 1 and 2, discuss and clearly outline the committee's priorities in line with the available funding for consideration by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) has been operating as a rolling programme since 2004. The programme budget, which has been £170,000 per annum for the most recent period up to 2020/21. In 2020/21, Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee approved restructuring the programme budget, allocating £70,000 pa to a Strategic programme (which all Area Committees can bid towards), and £100,000 pa devolved between the four Area Committees (on a per capita basis) for Local project bids with the decision on both Area and Strategic bids now devolved to the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services. The current EIP eligibility criteria are set out along with the programme application form in **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 The programme has been subject to periodic review to improve flexibility, ensure good value and help speed up project delivery. That said, there have been delivery difficulties with much of the programme was put on hold for 2020/21 and 2021/22, due to the impact of the Covid pandemic and the need to redirect resources towards Covid response and recovery.
- 3.3 As referred to in 3.1 above, there are now two forms of EIP funding:
 - **Local Area:** With a budget of £100,000 pa, which is devolved and divided between the four Area Committees (South, East, West/Central and North), in proportion to the size of each Area's population. Committees consider which projects in their area they recommend for funding, up to a project value of £5,000 (or £10,000 if strongly supported).

- **Strategic:** With a budget of £70,000 pa, this element of the programme is dedicated to priorities the Council has identified as being important across all areas of the city and which are aligned to the Corporate Plan and supporting strategies such as the Tree and Biodiversity Strategies, plus the Herbicide Reduction Plan. This includes making better use of roadside verges, enhancing tree canopy, improving biodiversity and benches (that promote community/ social interaction).
- 3.4 Based on the devolved Area Committee Local budget, there is a total of £27,184 available for North Area as a proportion to the size of its population and £70,000 for citywide Strategic EIP.
 - 3.5 An open application process for project bids within the city was started on the 28th June 2023 and closed on the 17th August 2022. There was also an opportunity to select any ideas put forward and like or comment on them, this ran until the 28th September 2023. These opportunities to submit project bids was advertised on the Council's website through the current consultations page with links through to Citizenlab (the Council's community consultation and engagement platform).
 - 3.6 North Area Committee members are asked to consider the projects included in Appendix B and after considering the funding parameters, eligibility and known public support (indicated from the Citizenlab platform) to make clear recommendations on priority projects for the area EIP funding, to be considered by the Executive Councillor.
 - 3.7 Recommendations will be included in the final recommendation report and include both EIP Local area funded projects and Strategic projects.
 - 3.8 Following consideration of the final recommendation report by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services the approved bids will be published in early 2024.
 - 3.9 Following publication of approved projects, project delivery will commence through the Environmental Services - Project Delivery Team

throughout 2024, in liaison with project proposers and local ward councillors.

3.10 Those unsuccessful Area project bids, along with any Strategic project bids, supported by Area Committees but unable to be afforded this year, might be considered in any further available funding round if reapplied for (subject to annual budget setting/ any available budget underspends), alongside any new applications received.

3.11 The current status of EIP projects in the North Area and other areas can be viewed [here](#).

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

The current EIP has an approved capital budget allocation of £170,000 per annum from 2021/22 (funding re-phasing from 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 to 2024/25 subject to annual budget setting).

(b) Staffing Implications

Historically a small number of projects have proven difficult to develop and deliver and have had a disproportionate impact on staffing resource in comparison with other programme work. The programme needs to be managed and delivered within the existing funded EIP programme management staffing resource (2 FTE).

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

EIP project bids have historically been prioritised across all areas proportionate to population and in accordance with locally identified need. The impact of all EIP projects on Equality Act 'protected groups' is assessed at the design/ planning stage of each approved project. All hard infrastructure schemes are designed to national standards to accommodate the needs of those with

physical impairments, including mobility, sight and hearing. The overall impact of the programme is considered positive.

(d) Environmental Implications

The programme aims to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and built public realm environment across Cambridge, in a manner that does not contribute towards climate change and leaves a positive legacy for future generations. The Council has declared both a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and there is increased focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation and biodiversity protection and net gain. The overall impact of the programme on the environment within Cambridge is therefore rated as +M (positive; Medium).

(e) Procurement Implications

The programme projects are either delivered in-house, utilising existing internal resource within Environmental Services, or externally, via existing framework contract arrangements. To ensure value for money, the larger Strategic programme schemes may be delivered through competitive tender processes.

(f) Community Safety Implications

The programme is designed to deliver local public realm environmental improvements and foster increased pride of place and community cohesion. Several local area projects have been delivered in association with local community and voluntary groups. As a result, the programme is considered to have a positive impact on community safety.

5. Consultation and communication considerations

The Citizenlab engagement tool has been used to canvass public views directly and further involve and engage all sections of the community in the Council's EIP decision making process. All the programme projects are consulted on at the planning/ design stage, with the level/ type of consultation determined by and proportionate to the nature, scale, and scope of the proposed project. With much of the programme being small-scale projects, it is imperative that the proportionate principle continues to be followed.

6. Background papers

- Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Minutes 21st March 2019.
<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=476&MId=3566&Ver=4>
- Current status of EIP funded projects included in:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/environmental-improvement-programme>

7. Appendices

Appendix A – EIP application form and eligibility criteria,

Appendix B – EIP project submissions, recommendations for 2024 North Area, and strategic programme information.

8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on this update report please contact:

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Appendix A

Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP)

2024 Year Project Ideas

Proposal/ideas are open from the 28th June 2023 until the 17 August 2023. Submission ideas are unlikely to be accepted following the 17 August 2023. Following this ideas submission phase through our [engagement platform](#), you can select any ideas put forward and either like or dislike them to a maximum of 10. This stage will run from the 22nd of August until the 28th September 2023.

First Name

Surname

Email Address
(not to be shared
with public) so
we can contact
you for more
project details if
your idea is
supported

Location of suggested
Environmental Improvement -
Street/Greenspace name or
nearest postcode

Title - What: Issue/Problem/Improvement – please give a title to idea and what your idea is likely to achieve:

Description - How: Suggested Solution – please outline how you feel your objectives might be best met e.g., improve biodiversity on Such and Such Street – Plant wildflower grasses on greenspace on corner outside number 1 Such and Such Street and change grass cutting regime:

Outcomes - Why: Such and Such Street is part of an important Local Nature network corridor, it will help with health and wellbeing of local people, improve the environment, contribute towards secure nature species for the future.

Who: Please outline who or which Group or local Councillors are supporting the project. Whether group of residents are likely to be engaged and assist in establishing the project for example for wildflowers when initially planted they need some intensive looking after for first two or three months e.g., watering and weeding until they get established.

Proposed Budget - Not compulsory - But may outline items required, and possibly an approximate cost of these giving an approx. budget requirement - note Officers may add in estimate costs or change any costs inputted based on experience of delivering projects.

Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP): Eligibility Criteria

Essential Criteria:

- Projects should have a direct, lasting, and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Projects should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Should the scheme be on private land, the owners' permission must be granted – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which the Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally, with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Projects must ensure low future maintenance costs / liabilities.

Desirable criteria:

- Active involvement of local people.
- The project will benefit a large number of local people.
- Additional 'partnership' funding available.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improves biodiversity, improves community safety or contributes to equal opportunities).

Ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects (i.e. management and maintenance of existing facilities).
- Projects that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (S106 funding should fund these facilities)

Other Information:

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing

Projects we generally fund and deliver from EIP Area funding are:

Pathways, wayfinding lighting on recreation space, landscaping, Street Trees, benches on recreation space and highway, community noticeboards, fencing.

EIP Strategic project funding key themes:

Strategic EIP allocation is for initiatives to make better use of the city's green amenity spaces and verges, enhancing tree canopy, encouraging social interaction in our open spaces and encouraging biodiversity. Applications of this type are more likely to be funded from Strategic EIP.

Appendix B – EIP project submissions, recommendations for 2024 North Area, and strategic programme information.

Please consider that the funding available is **£27,184** and the 19 project submissions for the Area EIP are estimated to cost £74,600, as set out in the table 1 below.

Prior to the committee the project list and details were sent out to ward Councillors for the North Area with the advice that Councillors consider the projects put forward giving an opportunity to indicatively prioritise which ones they would wish to proceed. Within the Table below there is an Officer rating based on Officer comments and analysis, table 2 puts the green and green/ amber rated projects into Officer recommendations for approval. However, this is to be discussed with the final recommendation for project funding approval coming from Area Committee Board Members. Where applicants have estimated costs of works, or not included, Officers may have added or adjusted to appropriate estimated amounts.

Table 1 - Summarised project submissions, support, and Officer ratings for North Area:

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons Support Consultation Tool	Officer Funding Suggestion (Summarised Text)	Link to Application
					£	R/A/G			
N2 - 2024	A second wildflower meadow in Five Trees, off Fen Road	Plant a second wildflower meadow in Five Trees open space to complement the approved S106 funded meadow the is yet to be planted. Install a pair of benches for people to rest and enjoy the quiet of Five Trees.	Local Resident	E Chester ton	5,000	Green	Thumbs up 14	Recommended - supported deliverable making the space more socially useable	Link to Application
N4 - 2024	Resurface footpath and plant wildflowers on Kings Hedges Recreation Ground	Reconstruct or resurface the footpaths on Kings Hedges Recreation Ground, particularly along the southeast edge behind Albemarle Way to remedy the currently uneven surface deep holes which are unattractive and a risk to visitors. Remove overgrown remains of old paving alongside the path by the flats and replace with wildflowers.	Local Resident	Kings Hedges	20,000	Amber/Red	Thumbs up 20	Not Recommended - High cost not good value vs benefits for EIP also responsibility of County Council	Link to Application
N6 - 2024	Support Mayfield School to increase biodiversity & habitat for pollinators	Replace the existing raised flower beds in the grounds of Mayfield School with a range of shrubs and wildflowers to maximise biodiversity and provide a natural habitat for pollinating insects. Intended to improve local biodiversity and the wellbeing of the children, teachers, and parents, it will also provide educational opportunity for children and improve the aesthetic of the space for all its visitors. The ongoing maintenance of the new planters will be the responsibility of the school.	Local Resident	Arbury	4,500	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 79 and 2 Negative Comments	Recommended - Though in other Public Ownership - it is publicly visible and accessible. Strongly supported, highly deliverable biodiversity priority	Link to Application
N7 - 2024	Repair and Power Wash Planters Damaged by Vehicles	Repair and pressure clean damaged planters at the Highworth/Leys Road roundabout that have been damaged by vehicles. The planters are a significant part of the green space on the estate and should be maintained.	Local Resident	W Chester ton	2,000	Amber	Thumbs up 2 ad 1 Negative Comments	Not Recommended – Not high priority improvement could be implemented through Highways funding or Community Engagement Team	Link to Application
N10 - 2024	Welcome to Victoria Park!	Replace grass on either side of the entry to Victoria Park to create visually interesting gardens tolerant to shade and changing moisture level below the hornbeams. Create curb cuts to take in surface water from the road to support the plantings. Install a bench for people to rest and wait between buses.	Local Resident	W Chester ton	3,000	Amber	Thumbs up 3 and 2 negative comments	Not Recommended – Highway ownership hard to est. wildflowers in heavy foot trafficked area. Bench might be feasible.	Link to Application
N11 - 2024	Growing a Community: A Community Garden at Nun's Way	Establish a community garden in Nun's Way recreation ground to promote local biodiversity and community cohesion. Planting native wildflower grasses, vegetable patches, and fruit trees will support the local ecosystem and attract pollinators and wildlife. Community ownership of the space will foster a stronger, healthier, and more connected neighbourhood. Installing	Local Resident	Kings Hedges	5,000	Amber	Thumbs up 3 and 2 Negative Comments	Not Recommended – Principle supported however needs considerable funding, protection from ASB	Link to Application

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost (£)	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons Support Consultation Tool	Officer Funding Suggestion (Summarised Text)	Link to Application
		benches and bins will enable opportunity for people to rest or provide picnic spots thus promoting social interaction.						and high maintenance liability	
N12 - 2024	Water Street Preservation Plan	Enhance Water Street Carpark to create a safe destination for residents and visitors and to enable local biodiversity to thrive. Restore and manage bug hotels, create wildlife corridors, plant wildflower meadows, and provide educational opportunity for people to engage with and raise awareness of nature.	Local Resident	E Chester ton	3,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 24	Recommended – Considerable community support, investment only on City or County land, as ownership of some land in locale uncertain	Link to Application
N13 - 2024	Safety for schoolchildren and Elderly on the Carisbrooke Road Green footway	Improve the lighting under the trees and at the entrance to the local school on Carisbrooke Road Green improving the safety and security of children, residents, and visitors.	Local Resident	E Chester ton	3,500	Amber/Red	Thumbs up 13	Not Recommended – land not in ownership, not an EIP priority. Ltd public benefit alternative routes available.	Link to Application
N14 - 2024	Boosting Biodiversity in Happy Bee Streets	Increase the nectar rich flowers in Ascham Road, Gurney Way and Atherton Close and extend their flowering times during the year by planting more bulbs and sowing more wildflowers seeds round the trees and some lampposts to provide an abundance and succession of food sources for pollinating insects.	Local Resident	W Chester ton	2,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 13	Recommended – community led biodiversity improvements	Link to Application
N15 - 2024	Raised Beds on Hazelwood Close	Install raised beds on the patch of grass where Hazelwood Close meets Molewood Close and fill them with shade-loving plants. The grass provides very little in the way of biodiversity or visual interest.	Local Resident	Arbury	1,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 7	Recommended – community led biodiversity improvements	Link to Application
N16 - 2024	Remove 2 Redundant Grey Royal Mail Storage Boxes in Hurst Park Estate	Remove two unused grey Royal Mail storage boxes from the grass verges at the entrance to Mulberry Close and on Highfield Avenue, close to Hurst Park Avenue.	Local Resident	W Chester ton	500	Amber / Red	Thumbs up 2 Substantive Negative Comments	Not Recommended – Privately owned assets, no authority to remove, benefits to decluttering but not an EIP priority.	Link to Application
N17 - 2024	Ramsden Square Rec biodiversity improvement	Plant two deciduous trees on the NE and two on the SW sides of Ramsden Square Recreation Ground to replace two felled trees that were never replaced and improve the biodiversity of the immediate and wider area, increasing bird and invertebrate populations.	Cllr Jenny Gawthrope-Wood	Kings Hedges	1,000	Green	Thumbs up 17	Recommended – Meets EIP priorities and Arboriculture Team fully supportive	Link to Application
N19 - 2024	Campkin Road greening	Remove tarmac/ asphalt and concrete bollards in two areas of Campkin Road and replace with meadow grasses and flowers or shrubs enhancing the area for people and biodiversity.	Cllr Jenny Gawthrope-Wood	Kings Hedges	5,000	Amber/Red	Thumbs up 27 and 1 Substantive Negative Comment	Not Recommended – Potential high cost needs considerable groundwork, gain for investment is low and increases maintenance. Tree planting could be a possibility	Link to Application
N20 - 2024	Replace previous planting in Kings Hedges	Regreening areas of Kings Hedges which have over time been reduced or lost. Planting to include shrubs or similar robust plants that will enhance the area for people and biodiversity.	Local Resident	Kings Hedges	2,500	Amber	Thumbs up 38	Not Recommended – However needs decompaction chances of getting	Link to Application

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								something established is low plus impacts on visibility splay.	
N22 - 2024	Improve biodiversity and safety for children and dogs at Chesterton Rec	Create a barrier at two openings that have no gates at Chesterton Recreation Ground to minimise the risk of children and dogs easily exiting the rec onto the busy Elizabeth Way. Establish windflower or other planting, or fencing, as a preventative measure. Include additional planting alongside the path at the entrance closer to the bridge.	Local Resident	E Chesterton	3,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 7	Recommended – At one exit which is straight onto footway possibility of an easygate install in Recreation Ground	Link to Application
N23 - 2024	Protection of grassy areas and biodiversity increase at front of Rutland Close	Establish a low-level flowerbed or other planting option(s) to enhance biodiversity and a seating area to prevent vehicles overrunning and parking on the grass at the front of Rutland Close.	Cllr P Sheil	Arbury	3,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 14	Recommended – Deliverable with community support improve biodiversity but may not solve vehicle crossover	Link to Application
N24 - 2024	Building Biodiversity at Alexandra Gardens	Improve the biodiversity and amenity value of Alexandra Gardens by adding bird and bat boxes and a variety of ground-level measures such as wildflower mounds and wooden insect habitats. Strategic placement of habitat features can be used to block off dark corners and prevent antisocial behaviour at night, while others can provide natural seats or infrastructure for children to play on.	Cllr S Carling	W Chesterton	4,600	Green	Thumbs up 3	Recommended – Fits with EIP priorities & management plan	Link to Application
N25 - 2024	Improve access pathway and surface to Five Trees openspace	Resurface the pavement that runs between Anglers Way, Cam Causeway, and Bourne Road which is very uneven and suffers from large pools forming when it rains which causing a safety and accessibility issue for many users.	Cllr Bird on behalf of Local Residents	E Chesterton	5,000	Amber	Thumbs up 23	Not Recommended - High cost not good balance between value and benefits for EIP.	Link to Application
N26 - 2024	To reinstate a lamp post, on Elmfield Road	Reinstate lamppost on Elmfield Road/ Eastfield, outside Nos 15 & 17, to increase the level of safety for users at night, particularly vulnerable residents.	Cllr Bird on behalf of Local Residents	E Chesterton	3,000	Amber/Red	Thumbs up 2	Not Recommended - This is not applicable for EIP funding street light improvements need to be referred to County Council.	Link to Application

Table 2 - Officer recommendations for project approval from the North Area EIP (Green and green/ amber rated projects):

Project Number	Scheme Title	Project Value £	Available £
N2 - 2024	A second wildflower meadow in Five Trees, off Fen Road	5,000	
N6 - 2024	Support Mayfield School to increase biodiversity & habitat for pollinators	4,500	
N12 - 2024	Water Street Preservation Plan	3,000	
N14 - 2024	Boosting Biodiversity in Happy Bee Streets	2,000	
N15 - 2024	Raised Beds on Hazelwood Close	1,000	
N17 - 2024	Ramsden Square Rec biodiversity improvement	1,000	
N22 -2024	Improve biodiversity and safety for children and dogs at Chesterton Rec	3,000	
N23 -2024	Protection of grassy areas and biodiversity increase at front of Rutland Close	3,000	
N24 - 2024	Building Biodiversity at Alexandra Gardens	4,600	
TOTAL NORTH AREA EIP		£27,100	

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Table 3: Projects For Strategic Funding. (The projects recommended are an equal value to the Strategic EIP funding allocation)

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Summarised)	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Status	Link to Application
					£	R/A/G			
sE6 - 2024	Whitehill Estate Green Corners - from "no ball games" to cheerful spaces	Implement a variety of improvements to be shared across several green corners of the Whitehill Estate for the benefit of people and biodiversity. Improvements include seating for relaxation, sensory garden(s) for residents with disabilities, night blooming plants for nocturnal species such as moths, wildflowers to attract pollinators, and communal food growing to promote community cohesion.	Cllr Bennett	Abbey	7,500	Amber	Thumbs up 9	Not recommended	Link to Application
sE13 - 2024	Trees needed in barren streets	Plant trees in the streets of north Petersfield where there are currently none to provide a natural habitat for many animals, birds, and insects, harness storm water, reduce noise and light pollution and improve the overall wellbeing of people, wildlife, the environment, and the street scene.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	15,000	Amber	Thumbs up 53 and 3 negative comments	Not recommended	Link to Application

sE18 - 2024	Increase biodiversity and tree cover on Cherry Hinton Road	To plant a number of trees on Cherry Hinton Road as it has long stretches without trees and between Perne and Coleridge Road has wide pavements on one side. There are also two patches of grass, one outside Kwik-fit and one on the corner of Derwent Close which could have some planting to increase biodiversity and improve the look and feel of the road for residents.	Cllr R Moore	Coleridge	15,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 31	Recommended	Link to Application
No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Summarised)	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Status	Link to Application
sE26 - 2024	Improve and brighten up the whole area around the roundabout at Cromwell Road	Create colourful, welcoming, and habitat rich areas of planting on several small green spaces in Romsey Place to promote pollinator and other species and provide a sense of wellbeing and community cohesion among residents. Install seating to enable people to sit, relax, and enjoy the space(s)	Cllr Baigent	Romsey	5,000	Amber	Thumbs up 21	Not Recommended	Link to Application
sN3 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on St Alban's Recreation Space	Improve the biodiversity and amenity value around the boundary edges of St Alban's Recreation Ground. Improvements could include invertebrate and wildflower banks, with the banks creating a wildflower seed bank, bee-mounds, additional tree planting, and social interaction through seating.	Project Development	Arbury	20,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 14	Recommended	Link to Application
sN5 and sN8 combined Project 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on Arbury Town Park	Improve the biodiversity and amenity value on the boundary areas of Arbury Town Park. Improvements could include invertebrate and wildflower banks, with the banks creating a wildflower seed bank, hedging along Arbury Road park-edge, bee-mounds, additional tree planting, and social interaction through seating. An access point created with lockable bollards or similar, to allow authorised vehicles onto the green space.	Project Development and Local Resident	Arbury	20,000	Green / Amber	Combined Thumbs up 51 and 1 Negative Comment	Recommended	Link to Application (1) Link to Application (2)
sN9 - 2024	Hedges for Kings Hedges - for Biodiversity and People Friendly Spaces.	Plant hedgerows to improve green spaces in Kings Hedges and provide a diverse sheltered sanctuary where insects, birds and mammals can thrive. Four locations are proposed (Along the south side of Hanson Court; in Arbury Town Park; The Pulley, close to the old hedging at the Apollo Way end; and grass bordered by Roxburgh Road, Northfield Avenue and Sackville Close).	Local Resident	Kings Hedges	10,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 36	Recommended	Link to Application
sN18 - 2024	Greening Gilbert Road Through Tree Planting	Plant trees along the south side of Gilbert Road at the Milton Road end, near The Fellows House Aparthotel to replace lost trees and plant new to re-green and reclaim this end of the road from further unsightly development, and to improve the wellbeing of people, wildlife, the environment, and the street scene.	Cllr S Carling	W Chesterton	5,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 40 and 7 Negative Comments	Recommended	Link to Application
City 4 - 2024	Citywide Happy Bee Street Biodiversity and Habitat Creation Projects	Create opportunity for residents to be able to undertake and manage small scale biodiversity improvements in their neighbourhoods across the city, including creation of wildflower meadows, benches, habitats (bees, invertebrates, and hedgehogs), tree planting, bulb planting and community garden areas (such as raised planters). This will involve making increasing use of green assets to reduce climate impacts, improve biodiversity, and promote social well-being.	Community Engagement Team	All	10,000	Amber	Thumbs up 11	Not recommended	Link to Application

City 5 - 2024	Citywide led Biodiversity, Habitat and Green Infrastructure Improvement Projects	Community led volunteer groups working with residents, businesses, and organisations to develop and enhance local community areas and growing spaces ensuring better value for money and reducing environmental impact by utilising local resources. Measures will reduce climate impacts, improve biodiversity, and promote social well-being and include benches (to increase social interaction), wildflower meadows, trees, and invertebrate (bees) and wildflower bank(s)/features, as well enhancing existing areas to support wildlife corridors. Many of these project interventions will incorporate and improve the availability of hedgehog habitats and highways across the city.	Community Engagement Team	All	10,000	Amber	Thumbs up 6	Not recommended	Link to Application
City 7 - 2024	Fingerposts advising the public of the locations of City Centre public toilets	Install directional signage to enable residents and visitors to access public facilities/conveniences easily and quickly ensuring their visit to the city centre is a comfortable one. Signage will improve the offer of the city, enable people to navigate external spaces more easily and efficiently, improve pedestrian flow, and create a more pleasant experience for all.	Parks Assets Team	City Centre	7,500	Amber	Thumbs up 6	Not recommended	Link to Application

Table 4 – Projects rejected from the EIP Strategic Funding Round within North Area

Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Summarised)	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Status	Why Rejected	Link to Application
				£			
Upgrading of Fence - and planting shrubs to provide a natural biodiverse barrier	At St Albans' Recreation Space, replace existing fence/install fence where none exists with a steel knee diamond rail fence. This would prevent unwanted access onto a well-used open space. Vehicle access point would be installed to allow grass cutting machinery onto the site and existing tree/shrub lines would be bolstered with extra planting helping to form a natural biodiversity rich barrier.	Asset Management Team	Arbury	12,000	Rejected	This project does not fall within the criteria for EIP. However a similar with EIP criteria project sN3 – 2024 - recommended.	Link to Application

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Table 5 - Officer recommendations for project approval from the Strategic Funding (Green/amber rated projects):

Project Number	Scheme Title	Approved Value £
sE18 - 2024	Increase biodiversity and tree cover on Cherry Hinton Road	15,000
sN3 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on St Alban's Recreation Space	20,000
sN5/8 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on Arbury Town Park	20,000
sN9 - 2024	Hedges for Kings Hedges - for Biodiversity and People Friendly Spaces.	10,000
sN18 - 2024	Greening Gilbert Road Through Tree Planting	5,000
TOTAL OVERALL STRATEGIC EIP PROJECTS		£70,000

***Note:** Several projects were rejected as being ineligible for EIP funding if you wish to see a list of these please contact us and we will be happy to share these.

Committee Action Sheet - North Area Committee (NAC)

Date: 7/9/2023

1. Minute reference: 23/15/NAC Open Forum Q1 A representative from Garden Walk Residents Association raised concerns about poor conditions of roads / pavements.
 - Action: Councillor Bird to ask Highways Officers to meet with the member of the public and see if anything could be done. Councillor Carling and Councillor Rae agreed to meet with the member of the public to look at overgrown vegetation.
 - Progress: 7/9/23 – Councillor Carling and Councillor Wade had undertaken a walkabout with the resident. A new sign had been requested for Garden Walk and had been installed on 23/8/23.
 - An issue had also been raised regarding Jesus Green footbridge for the school run and signage. Had discussed the matter with officers and unfortunately there wasn't much more which could be done with the signage, however as the school term had started had suggested reinforcing the message of pedestrian right of way, particularly at peak times (school drop off / collection etc). Also suggested that PCSOs targeted the area.
 - Councillor Carling advised that the crossing at Carlisle Road would be redeveloped soon and noted that lots of residents had raised concerns.

2. Minute reference: 23/15/NAC Open Forum Q3 Noted the recent report of properties needing to be demolished in Darwin Green and the concerns raised about the noise impacts on Brierley Walk residents.
 - Action: Councillor Todd-Jones to liaise with Barratt Homes to check what they are doing about liaising with residents.
 - Progress: 7/9/23 – A meeting had taken place with Barratts Homes but there was no specific information to report. Barratts Homes and David Wilson Homes were working with residents to keep them updated. Councillor Todd-Jones would get a progress report and update members.

3. Minute reference: 23/13NAC Police and Safer Neighbourhoods report
 - Action: Sergeant Jeffrey to investigate what (if any) enforcement action could be undertaken regarding the vehicles which were

driving ('rat-running') on Garden Walk where 'resident access/restrictions' applied.

- Progress: 7/9/23 – no further update.