

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet Member Decision

Subject: Better Brighton & Hove Fund - Approved Projects (Tranche1)

Date of Decision: Friday, 25 September 2026

Report of: Cabinet Member for Finance and City Regeneration

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Ward(s) affected: Rottingdean & West Saltdean; Round Hill; Westbourne & Poets' Corner; Wish; Woodingdean;

Key Decision: No

For general release

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

- 1.1 The report provides details of the bids approved by the relevant ward councillors that were submitted as part of the Your Voice consultations for ideas on what to spend the Better Brighton and Hove Funds locally.

2. Recommendations

The **Cabinet Member for Finance and City Regeneration:**

- 2.1 Agrees to the projects recommended by the relevant ward councillors.
2.2 Delegates authority to the Director City Operations to either progress the design, procurement and implementation of the projects or transfer the relevant sums to the properly constituted community groups/organisations.

3. Context and background information

- 3.1 The mechanism for agreeing the final projects submitted by ward councillors was agreed at by the Cabinet at their meeting on 20th March 2025.
3.2 Since then, residents have been asked to submit ideas and express a preference for the ideas submitted through an extensive consultation process using Your Voice.
3.3 In order to start delivering the agreed projects as quickly as possible, it has been agreed that reports seeking final Lead Cabinet Member approval will come forward in tranches as ward councillors reach agreement.
3.4 This is the first such report and covers the first 5 wards where the process has been concluded.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

- 4.1 Cabinet previously agreed how to progress the Better Brighton and Hove Fund and the mechanism to be employed to ensure that all wards had funding and residents could be involved in nominating ideas for the funding to be used on.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 The whole Better Brighton and Hove Fund programme has been the subject of extensive consultation with the original ideas generated by residents, who were then asked to express their preferences on the ideas submitted.

6. Financial implications

6.1 The projects outlined will be funded from the existing Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy contributions gathered for each ward. Any assets created will be the responsibility of the council to maintain, and these costs will need to be supported by existing revenue budgets.

6.2 As Neighborhood CIL is collected and applied on a ward by ward basis there is no guarantee of repeat or further funding for these projects in later years. Any application of future CIL will require another decision to be made, this report does not commit any future CIL that may be gathered.

Name of finance officer consulted: David Wilder
11/09/2026

Date consulted

7. Legal implications

7.1 The Council is the charging authority for the purposes of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. The funds that are the subject of this report comprise neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts. Such funds must be applied in accordance with Part 7 of the Regulations and may be used to support infrastructure or other measures that address the demands that development places on an area.

7.2 The projects proposed for approval have been identified following a programme of community engagement and consultation. Prior to implementation officers should be satisfied that each approved project falls within the purposes for which neighbourhood CIL may lawfully be used.

7.3 Some of the approved schemes are to be delivered by the Council and others involve funding being provided to external organisations. Before any funding is released, the Council should be satisfied that the proposed expenditure falls within the purposes for which neighbourhood CIL may lawfully be applied and that appropriate funding agreements and monitoring arrangements are in place.

7.4 Where the Council procures works, goods or services to deliver approved projects it must do so in accordance with its Contract Standing Orders and relevant legislation where appropriate. And where funding is provided to external organisations, officers should consider the requirements of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and ensure compliance where applicable.

Name of lawyer consulted: Katie Kam

Date consulted 23/09/2026

8. Risk Implications

8.1 The council already holds the funding for this from existing CIL payments. Services will strictly control the scope of projects to ensure that they are delivered within the budget provision made.

9. Equalities implications

9.1 None

10. Sustainability implications

10.1 Councillors have considered schemes which have a positive impact on sustainability as part of their nominations.

11. Health and Wellbeing Implications:

11.1 Councillors have considered schemes which have a positive impact on health and wellbeing as part of their nominations.

Other Implications

12. Procurement implications

12.1 Where projects are being delivered by City Operations, they will be procured using existing term contracts and existing arrangements.

13. Crime & disorder implications:

13.1 None

14. Conclusion

14.1 This report signs off the first tranche of wards where an agreed shortlist has been reached. This approval will enable the projects to be taken forward by the relevant service or organisation.

14.2 The Head of Planning and Building Control is working with services to clarify remaining project costs and with ward councillors to reach a consensus on shortlists. These will be the subject of further reports to seek approval in the future.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – First Tranche of Schemes Approved