

# Update on the use of LIF Funding – Round 1 – 2017 Consultation

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## Background

In 2017 we asked you to tell us how £11.1m worth of Local Infrastructure fund (LIF) monies raised from new developments in the borough should be spent. Your responses provided guidance to the Council on your priorities for spending, covering both the types of infrastructure you wish to see supported and a range of specific projects you would like to see delivered.

In response to the 2017 consultation, the Council received 80 project nominations. Your feedback broadly identified that your priorities for spending LIF are similar across the borough, with a focus on:

- **Parks and Open Spaces**
- **Local Connections**
- **Public Realm**

Many of the projects were already planned for delivery by the Council or other bodies and did not require LIF funding, some projects did not fit the legal requirements for spending LIF and some were the responsibility of another body to fund, e.g. TfL. The remaining applicable projects were further assessed to prioritise those that are considered deliverable, good value for money and fit local priorities. An initial assessment of these projects narrowed down the options for allocating LIF. This can be broken down to:

- **Part A – Projects awarded (*awarded LIF monies from the 2017 LIF Public Consultation*)**
- **Part B – Priority themes (*Priority awarded LIF monies from the 2017 LIF Public Consultation*).**

## Part A - Projects awarded LIF funding

As a result of the public consultation the Council has been able to successfully allocate funding to a range of your nominated projects, which are now entering feasibility and delivery phases. A range of nominated larger projects require further investigation to understand if they are feasible and how they may be delivered. Where this is the case, the Council has allocated funding to undertake a feasibility study in 2019/20 and ring-fenced money to support delivery in future years.

The table below shows projects suggested through the consultation that have been awarded funding. **In total £7.8m has been allocated to public nominated projects.** Many of the projects are aimed to be delivered in 2019/20.

**Part A - Projects awarded LIF monies from the 2017 LIF Public Consultation**

LIF AREA	Project	Type of Project	Project Summary	Project Status	LIF Allocated (£)
1	Bike Hangers	Local connections	Installation of two bike hangers at Nestor House, Old Bethnal Green Road	Delivery	20,000
1	Watney Market Improvements	Town Centres	Various small projects to improve health & wellbeing of the market area	Delivery	25,000
1	Aston Street/White Horse Road Open Space Improvements*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study - improvements to open space and to provide recommendations for park redevelopment	Feasibility	80,000
1	Sidney Square Open Space Improvements*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study - potential landscape improvements	Feasibility	250,000
1	Cable Street/Cannon Street Open Space Improvements*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study - redevelopment of existing open space for park creation, corner Cable Street & Cannon Street	Feasibility	25,000
2	Bike Hangers	Local Connections	Installation of bicycle hangers along Coburn Road & Roman Road	Delivery	100,000
2	Mile End Station Public Realm Improvements	Public Realm	Public realm improvements and street cleaning around Mile End Station and junction area.	Delivery	100,000
3	Limehouse Play Park Development*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study - redevelopment of existing open space for children's play park creation, corner Branch Road & Horseferry Road	Feasibility	25,000
4	Limehouse Arts and Crafts Exhibition Space*	Youth Facility	Feasibility & concept design for an Arts & Exhibition space for young people	Feasibility	50,000
4	Kingsbridge Slipway Park*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study - creation of slipway park for public access to river	Feasibility	25,000
4	Public Toilet, Island Gardens	Community Facility	Construction of public toilets as part of the new Café, Island Gardens	Delivery	250,000
4	Thames Riverside Path*	Parks and Open Space	Feasibility study and concept design - public realm works along the footpath	Feasibility	100,000
4	Underneath the Arches*	Community Facility	Feasibility study - potential restoration of the arches, Millwall Park	Feasibility	50,000
Borough-wide	Youth Cycle Schemes*	Youth Facility	Feasibility study	Feasibility	60,000
1, 2, 3 & 4	Delivery of projects found feasible	Parks and Open Space, Community Facility, Youth Facility	Ring-fenced funding to support delivery of projects above marked with a *, subject to outcomes of feasibility studies	Ring-fenced	6,670,000
Total					<b>7,830,000</b>

## **Part B – Priority themes (*awarded LIF monies from the 2017 LIF Public Consultation*).**

The Council also recognises the need to ensure that LIF supports the wider priorities identified through the consultation, not only the specific nominated projects. In areas of high growth in particular, there is a need for the Council to support the on-going LIF programme to enhance the local area in ways that match your priorities. To achieve this, the Council needs to ensure there are resilient delivery plans and structures in place to create a pipeline of projects that will deliver to meet your needs.

**A total of £2.4m of LIF** is allocated towards managing the impacts of housing growth and identifying supporting infrastructure in the areas of high growth. Studies and Plans are being developed using LIF monies to ensure that priorities such as provision or improvements to parks and open spaces, public realm and local connections are addressed and improvement projects are delivered in good time. The following table details this investment:

### ***Part B - Priority awarded LIF monies from the 2017 LIF Public Consultation***

LIF AREA	Project	Type of Project	Project Summary	Project Status	LIF Allocated (£)
1	Central Area – Characterisation Study	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	Characterisation Study and Design Guidance for managing growth within central area.	Delivery	105,000
3,4	Isle of Dogs & South Poplar – Enabling Delivery Programme	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	Funding to support the establishment of a delivery team/strategy; governance; stakeholder engagement; programme of studies, masterplans and design strategies.	Delivery	1,000,000
3,4	Isle of Dogs and South Poplar – Early Priorities Programme	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	Resources and delivery strategies to ensure: coordinated utilities delivery; effective construction management and logistics.	Delivery	620,000
3	East of Borough (Lower Lea Valley) – Enabling Delivery Programme	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	Resources and delivery of planning, regeneration and infrastructure framework for the East of the Borough (Lower Lea Valley).	Delivery	519,000
3,4	High Density Guidance	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	High Density Living Design Guide for tall buildings (to match GLA grant)	Delivery	40,000
3,4	Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Noise Mapping	Open Spaces, Local Connections and Public Realm	Delivery of a noise mapping product, annual updates.	Delivery	75,000
Total					2,359,000