

## **Article 10 – Councillor Improvement Fund**

- 10.01 The Council has a Councillor Improvement Fund, which enables Ward Councillors to put forward environmental schemes which they believe will enhance their ward environment.
- 10.02 The main principles upon which the Councillor Improvement Fund operates are as follows:
- (a) The Council will determine a budget to be allocated to the Councillor Improvement Fund and this will then be allocated to the eighteen wards in strict proportion to the number of residents in each ward, refreshed annually.
  - (b) Any individual Councillor may put forward a proposal for a scheme to be technically appraised. Once a scheme has been technically appraised and costed, any proposal for expenditure on the scheme must be sponsored by:
    - In three member wards, at least two of the three Ward Councillors;
    - In two member wards, both of the Ward Councillors;
    - In a single member ward, the proposal for expenditure will be subject to approval by the Director of Operations.
  - (c) If a costed scheme is sponsored by two Ward Councillors, it will be considered by the Service Director, the Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Legal Officer. If there are no objections on technical, financial or legal grounds, a decision on whether to approve the scheme will be taken by the Director of Operations in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in accordance with formal decision-making requirements.
  - (d) Any schemes proposed which have a residual budgetary impact on revenue costs for future maintenance must include those costs as part of the scheme.

