

**Report for:** Cabinet - 10 February 2026

**Item number:** 20

**Title:** Pride in Place Funding

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**Lead Officer:** Abigail Stratford, Director of Placemaking & Community Development

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Key Decision

## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1. This report is seeking approval to draw down, allocate and spend £1.5 million 'Pride in Place' funding.
- 1.2. The Pride in Place Impact Fund is a new capital funding programme from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ("MHCLG") designed to support visible improvements in local communities. It aims to foster pride, improve public and community spaces, and revitalise high streets.
- 1.3. Approval is required at this time to enable the Council to deliver the shortlisted schemes before the March 2027 deadline.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1. We're passionate about creating a fairer, greener Haringey – a borough that truly stands out. Haringey is extraordinary: the world in one place, rich in diversity and character. It's a borough of opportunity, powered by vibrant communities, cherished green spaces, and exciting milestones ahead. With London Borough of Culture 2027 and UEFA Euro 2028 ahead, we'll celebrate our communities and showcase the spirit that makes Haringey unique.
- 2.2. With £143 million less in real terms every year than in 2010, we've had to be smarter and more focused to deliver on residents' aspirations. The Pride in Place Impact Fund – a £1.5 million capital investment from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – is designed to deliver improvements that make a real difference for local communities. This funding

gives the Council a unique opportunity to respond quickly and effectively to hyper-local challenges identified by residents themselves.

- 2.3. Through strong, ongoing engagement with a wide range of local stakeholders, the Council has developed a shortlist of projects that reflect local needs and align with community aspirations. This collaborative approach ensures we deliver on a bold, shared vision for the future of the borough and make Haringey an even better place to live.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1. Cabinet is recommended to:

- i. Accept the grant of £1.5m from the MHCLG in accordance with Contract Standing Order (CSO) 21.01 (Cabinet approval required to accept 3<sup>rd</sup> party grants of £500,000 and above);
- ii. Increase the approved General Fund capital programme by £1.5m to deliver the schemes as set out in section 6 of this report; and
- iii. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Culture, Strategy & Communities to vary the schemes and budgets within the overall grant received.

### **4. Reasons for decision**

- 4.1. This investment provides a unique opportunity to enable the Council to deliver not only on its own corporate priorities, but also the priorities of local people and stakeholders. These priorities have been identified and developed through extensive engagement as part of Shaping Tottenham and Shaping Wood Green, in alignment with the principles outlined within the Haringey Deal.
- 4.2. As well as making physical improvements within the borough, delivery against these priorities will build on prior engagement, further strengthen the relationships the Council holds with local people, amplify the needs and voices of the seldomly heard, and enhance levels of civic pride across the whole borough.
- 4.3. Approval to accept the grant will enable the Council to begin the process of project delivery and start spending the funding. As the funding has a deadline of March 2027, it is essential that spend can begin as soon as possible to enable this deadline to be met.

- 4.4. It is likely that unspent monies will need to be repaid back to the funder, and approval to accept the funding in February 2026 will reduce the risk of this happening in March 2027.
- 4.5. The first tranche of funding was received in October 2025 when the MOU was signed, and is currently in the holding account. Approval to accept the grant will enable the monies to be allocated to the relevant areas, so that spend can begin.
- 4.6. The allocation against each project is indicative at this stage, and project proposals are high level and will undergo further scoping and refinement. Delegating the authority to the Corporate Director of Culture, Strategy and Communities to vary the schemes and budgets within the overall grant received will enable any and all required changes to the programme to be made, as more detailed information becomes available during the process of project refinement.

## **5. Alternative options considered**

- 5.1. **Do nothing** – a do-nothing option would result in the funding being required to be repaid to MHCLG. This would result in non-delivery of the shortlisted projects, and the opportunity to deliver Council and stakeholder priorities would be lost.
- 5.2. **Make decision at a later date** – the funding has a spend deadline from MHCLG of March 2027. Although shortlisted projects were pre-selected partially based on their ability to be delivered by this date, a decision on the allocation is required from Cabinet in February 2026 to mitigate the risk of delays and enable the Council to meet this deadline.
- 5.3. **Fund projects utilising Council borrowing** – the Council is not currently in the financial position to fund these projects itself. Delivery is contingent on grant funding from MHCLG's Pride in Place programme.

## **6. Background information**

- 6.1. In the 2025 Spending Review, the Government announced funding for 95 areas selected for the Pride in Place Impact Fund, targeted at areas 'in need' with the aim of addressing deprivation and building resilient, prosperous, and inclusive communities.
- 6.2. Haringey suffers from high levels of deprivation, mainly concentrated in the east of the borough. It is ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> most deprived borough in London. High levels of child poverty, above average levels of unemployment, housing pressures and health inequalities contribute to the levels of deprivation and

highlight the urgent need for targeted investment. Through in-depth ongoing engagement, local people have highlighted their priorities for investment and improvement to the Council.

- 6.3. At the same time, Haringey is a borough of huge opportunity. Home to vibrant communities, a strong voluntary sector, much loved green spaces, a dynamic creative sector, and an ambitious co-designed vision for the future of key town centres outlined in Shaping Tottenham and Shaping Wood Green. The upcoming London Borough of Culture in 2027 and UEFA Euros in 2028 will create opportunities for local people and businesses, and also put the borough on a global stage; attracting attention and visitors from around the world. The £1.5 million Pride in Place funding provides a unique and exciting opportunity to address the borough's challenges and build on its many strengths in a hyperlocal, targeted way.
- 6.4. The allocation to Haringey is part of a much larger £150 million national fund. Haringey is one of 95 pre-selected local authorities to receive funding. Working with local stakeholders including MPs, local authorities are encouraged to invest Pride in Place funding in ways that will increase pride in local neighbourhoods, which in turn create economic growth and opportunities for local people.
- 6.5. The Haringey allocation is £1.5 million, which will be awarded in two tranches: £750k for financial year 2025/26 upon signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, and another £750k in 2026 for financial year 2026/27. The funding deadline to have all the funding spent is March 2027. The first tranche of funding was received in October 2025. The funding is 100% capital, with no revenue funding, but recipients can capitalise some project delivery costs where appropriate (e.g. project management costs and design fees)
- 6.6. To maximise the impact of the Pride in Place Impact Fund and broaden its reach, local authorities are encouraged to explore opportunities to leverage funding and/or seek match funding for initiatives, however this is not compulsory.
- 6.7. Local authorities can invest in one or more of the following categories, there is no requirement to undertake projects under all the objectives:
  - *Community spaces: creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to take control or ownership of underused but valued local assets.*
  - *Public spaces: enhancing the physical environment in public spaces - examples of initiatives include new or improved green spaces or public*

*squares, improved outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, installing street furniture, public art or wayfinding.*

- *High street and town centre revitalisation: making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and which encourage economic activity. Examples of initiatives that could be funded are shop frontage improvements, adaptations that bring premises back into use, streetscape improvements, public art, trails and wayfinding, and creating or improving the infrastructure for regular markets*

6.8. When it was announced that Haringey would be in receipt of £1.5m Pride In Place funding, teams from across the Council created a shortlist of circa 30 capital projects which could be delivered by March 27, meet the grant funding requirements and delivered on 'Pride in Place' aspirations.

6.9. The shortlisted projects proposed by officers were refined further in consultation with Members. MPs for the three main constituencies represented within the borough were then consulted to agree the final Pride in Place Funded Projects. The shortlisted projects are set out in the table below.

| Project Shortlist |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                          |                   |
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| Area              | Project                                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | To engage                                                | Indicative Value* |
| Borough Wide      | Replacing removed trees to maintain canopy cover in low canopy areas | The project will seek to replace lost trees in low canopy areas from both parks and streets across the three constituencies over the next two years. Phase 1 will seek to replace lost trees in three important park locations (total 40 trees) and Phase 2 will seek to target streets across the three constituencies which have lost street trees in recent years (total 60 trees 3x 20). | Relevant Friends of Parks groups, residents associations | £100,000          |
|                   | Paddling Pool upgrades                                               | Project to upgrade paddling pools at Bruce Castle Park, Lordship Recreation Ground and Priory Park to current health & safety and accessibility standards. Pools are widely used by families across the borough and visitors from other boroughs. All three pools need                                                                                                                       | Friends of Parks, Park Cafes, Haringey SEND families     | £200,000          |

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|                         |                                                        | drainage replacement to ensure long-term availability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                       |          |
|                         | Lymington Avenue Improvements                          | Project to enhance the physical condition of the street to increase dwell time, improve the experience of those transiting through, and support the new street market and the London Borough of Culture. Interventions would include deep cleaning, pigeon proofing, pavement resurfacing, improved seating and lighting, and a project with Rising Green youth hub to improve their façade.                                                                                                                                           | The Mall, Wood Green BID, Rising Green Youth Hub, local businesses and The Identity School of Acting. | £310,000 |
| Hornsey & Friern Barnet | Ducketts Common                                        | This project involves investment in the outdated children's play area within the park. The existing wooden structure and other play elements are at the end of their life, offering little value. The northern section of park and basketball courts have received investment, but the play area was excluded from this. The play area is heavily used and provides an important play experience for local children. The nearest alternative (Fairlands Park) is small with limited facilities and mainly serves hyperlocal residents. | Friends of Ducketts Common, Café Roj, North Haringey Primary School                                   | £150,000 |
|                         | Hornsey rail bridge artworks and lighting improvements | Improving the 'gateway' into Turnpike Lane and Wood Green through interventions to the rail bridge, including public art and improved lighting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Wood Green BID, Turnpike Lane Traders Association                                                     | £100,000 |
| Tottenham               | DIY Skate Park                                         | Support long-term community use of an underused undercroft for a grassroots skating group. Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Skateboarder group, Harris                                                                            | £220,000 |

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|  |                                                            | requires group to enter a lease, ensuring space is made safe and access/security improved. Low-cost, impactful measures would create a safe, accessible facility for the skating community, children, and families. Investment would fund new gates and digital locking, restricting access to concealed spaces, adding lighting and CCTV.                                                                               | Academy Tottenham                                                                |          |
|  | Northumberland Park estate public realm at Somerford Grove | The Metropolitan Police have carried out an Environmental Visual Audit (EVA), and generated recommendations for improvements. The proposed public realm project for Somerford Grove aims to deliver EVA suggestions, build community ownership and pride after paused regeneration and years of underinvestment, work with residents to design and implement improvements and support the 'Clear Hold Build' initiative. | The Vale Dukes academy<br>The CDG Lee valley Project 2020<br>Relevant local RAs  | £200,000 |
|  | Lordship Recreation Ground: New nature play area           | Proposal for a new natural play area at the Lordship Lane entrance of the park which would provide local play for Tower Gardens estate residents and disrupt long-standing anti-social behaviour at that location. Friends of Lordship Rec have been consulted on this proposal, and delivery would include ongoing close collaboration with Friends group.                                                              | Friends of Lordship Rec, Atlas House residents and neighbouring homes, Local SNT | £160,000 |
|  | Bruce Castle Park ancient/veteran tree protection          | Permeable pathway and other improvements to protect and support Haringey's oldest tree.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Friends of Bruce Castle Park, Tottenham Trees, Friends of Bruce Castle Museum    | £60,000  |

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|  | <b>Total</b> | <i>*These indicative budgets will need to allow for fees, surveys and project management costs.</i> | <b>1,500,000</b> |
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6.10. Risks associated with the programme are as follows:

| <b>Risk</b>                         | <b>Summary</b>                                                                                             | <b>Mitigation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Spending deadline                   | MHCLG requires that funding is committed by 31 March 2027.                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects put forward for funding have 'delivery by March 2027' as a core requirement.</li> <li>Projects to build on existing data, relationships, networks and priorities.</li> <li>Seeking Cabinet approval at this time to agree the list of projects, so that delivery can commence ASAP.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Competing priorities for investment | There are a broad range of projects and interventions which could be funded across the borough             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of the funding has been divided between projects within the three main constituencies represented in the borough</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Limited time for engagement         | The timeline of the programme leaves limited time to undertake in depth engagement with local stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pride in Place projects have been developed and informed by the previous in-depth engagement with communities on their aspirations and priorities for their local area – e.g. through Shaping Tottenham and Shaping Wood Green</li> <li>Prior engagement has enabled the Council to develop strong relationships with stakeholders, which will be drawn on for delivery of this programme.</li> <li>Projects developed and proposed based on engagement with Members and MPs</li> </ul> |

### Project Timescales

6.11. The below is a high level, indicative timeline for the delivery of projects within the Pride in Place programme. A detailed programme for each project will be created, and this programme wide timeline will be updated following Cabinet approval.

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Milestone</b>                                   |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 2025</b> | MOU signed                                         |
| <b>October 2025</b> | First payment received                             |
| <b>Nov 2025</b>     | Project shortlist created                          |
| <b>Dec 2025</b>     | MPs engaged on project shortlist                   |
| <b>Feb 2026</b>     | Funding allocation / shortlist approved at Cabinet |

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| <b>March 2026</b>               | Project delivery begins                |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> | Submit first monitoring report         |
| <b>March 2026</b>               | Outputs and monitoring approach agreed |
| <b>May 2026</b>                 | Submit second monitoring report        |
| <b>July 2026</b>                | Second payment received                |
| <b>Oct 2026</b>                 | Submit third monitoring report         |
| <b>March 2027</b>               | All projects delivered                 |
| <b>March 2027</b>               | Funding deadline                       |
| <b>June 2027</b>                | Submit final monitoring report         |

### Procurement, Governance and Monitoring

- 6.12. Indicative project costs range in value per project from £60k - £300k. Depending on the value of the works within each project, the project manager will engage with the Procurement service to develop a compliant but expedient approach to delivery.
- 6.13. Indicative project budgets are inclusive of capitalised delivery costs including project management, consultant fees, survey costs etc.
- 6.14. A number of projects (particularly those in parks and those delivered by the Highways service) can be delivered by term contractors or utilising existing frameworks to ensure exemplary design and high-quality delivery whilst adhering to ambitious funding deadlines.
- 6.15. Delivery of the Pride in Place programme will be overseen by the Placemaking Culture and Communities Board to ensure the cross-directorate, collaborative approach taken to date is maintained and to ensure all projects remain on track given the large number of delivery teams involved. Individual projects will have their own governance routes which will be developed by project manager and agreed with the relevant project team and PMO team.
- 6.16. Haringey Council is the accountable body for the fund and will be required to submit an initial high level monitoring report in Feb 2026, which includes a summary of the approach to stakeholder engagement and an initial spend forecast
- 6.17. The Council will determine which of the fund's metrics to use for monitoring and create a bespoke approach, suited to the specific projects that are being funded.
- 6.18. The Programme and Project Baseline reports for 2025–26 and subsequent reports will be submitted through Access Grant Funding, which is an online monitoring portal.

6.19. The first report is due on 16th Feb 2026. In this first report the Council will be asked to provide:

- An update on progress
- A summary of stakeholder engagement, including engagement with local MPs
- An initial forecast of the proposed allocation under the three PiP themes.

### Engagement

6.20. The Pride in Place shortlisted projects have been developed and informed by the previous in depth engagement undertaken with communities on their aspirations and priorities for their local area, including through Shaping Tottenham and Shaping Wood Green. The Council can therefore be confident that the proposed projects meet local need, and address key challenges and opportunities highlighted by local people.

6.21. In addition, the shortlisted Pride in Place projects were developed and informed by engagement and feedback from Members and MPs. Members and MPs will continue to be updated and engaged on the projects as they are progressed and delivered. Local Ward Councillors will also be engaged with throughout.

6.22. The Council holds strong relationships with communities and a broad range of stakeholders across the borough. The Council will meaningfully engage with these communities and networks as necessary on a project-by-project basis throughout delivery.

6.23. Through its local networks, the Council will reach out to stakeholders from seldom heard and minoritised groups, to ensure that all voices are equally heard.

6.24. Key networks that the Council will engage with include but are not limited to: resident associations, voluntary and community sector organisations, landowners, youth hub cohorts, traders networks, religious organisations, the Haringey Youth Panel, community hub users, friends of parks groups etc.

## **7. Contribution to Corporate Priorities**

7.1. The project will enable a contribution to be made across several Council priorities.

7.2. The Haringey Deal - Through the Haringey Deal the Council is striving to build stronger relationships with residents and hear more from those often overlooked; build on the borough's incredible strengths, and work in partnership to solve challenges. The Pride in Place funding objectives align directly with this approach, emphasising the importance of projects which create tangible, impactful change for local communities. The shortlisted Pride in Place projects

are directly informed by in depth ongoing engagement with local stakeholders, including seldom heard voices and those in minoritised groups who are often left out of conversations about the future of their local area.

7.3. The Corporate Delivery Plan 2024 – 2026 – The Corporate Delivery Plan outlines the Council's strategic objectives, priorities and initiatives aimed at creating a fairer, greener borough. The plan is set out in eight separate themes:

- Resident experience and enabling success
- Responding to the climate emergency
- Children and young people
- Adults, health and welfare
- Homes for the future
- Safer Haringey
- Place and Economy
- Culturally rich borough

7.4. The range of different Pride in Place projects will deliver impactful change in various local places from parks to town centres to underused Council assets, in alignment with the above priorities. The projects are cross cutting and will benefit a diverse cross section of local people and visitors to the borough, contributing to the creation of a fairer, greener borough for all.

7.5. The Pride in Place programme will enable delivery on several priorities across both Shaping Wood Green and Shaping Tottenham. These are strategic visions for the future of the borough's key Placemaking areas, developed following extensive engagement with residents and other stakeholders.

- Shaping Wood Green:  
*Culture at the Heart of Wood Green, North London's Town Centre for All, An Economy to Benefit Everyone, Putting the Green in Wood Green, Living Well and Welcoming Place.*
- Shaping Tottenham:  
*Inclusive and prosperous economy, Strong and resilient communities, Healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods, Safe and welcoming, Inclusive and prosperous economy*

## **8. Statutory Officers comments**

### **Finance**

8.1. The recommendations of the report are to formally add the schemes identified in section 6 to the approved General Fund capital programme. The schemes

are 100% grant funded. Included within the scheme allocations are resources for project management to deliver the project.

### **Strategic Procurement**

- 8.2. Strategic Procurement note the contents of this report and confirm Cabinet are required to approve receipt of 3<sup>rd</sup> party grants of £500,000 or more in accordance with CSO 21.01.
- 8.3. Strategic Procurement confirm there are no procurement related matters preventing Cabinet from accepting the recommendations stated in paragraph 3 of this report.

### **Director of Legal & Governance**

- 8.4. This report seeks to draw down grant funding pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding made between the Council and MHCLG, signed and dated 18 October 2025.
- 8.5. Pursuant to section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council has the power to award funding, as it is permitted to do anything that individuals generally may do. This power can be exercised in any manner and for the benefit of the Council and its residents. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides subsidiary powers to Local authorities to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions. Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires local authorities to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs. These statutory powers permit the Council to accept and award the grant funding as per the Recommendations contained in this Report.
- 8.6. Whilst the MOU is not a legally binding agreement it is a condition that the grant fund must be committed by the 31 March 2027 and any uncommitted funding after this date must be repaid to MHCLG.
- 8.7. Paragraph 6.9 of this report states that the projects to be funded are based solely within the borough therefore as the grant funding is intended to be limited to this geographical area it is therefore not capable of influencing competition or investment nationally or distort trade globally due to its limited geographical impact. Nor does the proposed award of any grant funding falls within the definition of a subsidy under the Subsidy Act 2022. Furthermore, the award of any contracts for works in relation to the named projects for which grant funds will be used should comply with the relevant provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 and the Council's Contract Standing Order.

### **Equalities**

- 8.8. The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
  - foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not;
- 8.9. The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex, and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status apply to the first part of the duty.
- 8.10. Although it is not enforced in legislation as a protected characteristic, Haringey Council treats socioeconomic status as a local protected characteristic.
- 8.11. The decision in this report is regarding accepting the Pride in Place Impact Fund. A £1.5 million capital investment from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government aimed at delivering improvements which benefit local communities.
- 8.12. Shortlisted projects have been identified for their ability to support the Council in delivering on its Public Sector Equality Duty, by advancing equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not, through tangible improvements to spaces which can be accessed by all and create opportunities for social cohesion, such as public spaces, parks and community facilities.
- 8.13. Additionally, the decision to accept the Pride in Place Impact Fund aligns with the duty to foster good relations. By investing in improvements that benefit local communities, the initiative has the potential to strengthen cohesion, promote inclusion, and create shared spaces that encourage positive interaction among diverse groups.
- 8.14. It is therefore anticipated that this decision will have a positive impact on individuals who share protected characteristics and will contribute to advancing equality across Haringey. By supporting inclusive improvements that benefit local communities, the initiative is expected to strengthen cohesion and promote fairness in line with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

## **9. Use of Appendices**

N/A

## **10. Background papers**

[Shaping Wood Green](#)

[Shaping Tottenham](#)