

REPORT TITLE: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023 BIDS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to agree the new community and council led projects recommended for CIL funding by the Informal Panel, after the close of the application process earlier in the year. Cabinet agreement is also sought for the Community Infrastructure Funding Programme for 2024/25.

Bids for community projects were received between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 as well as bids for schemes directly delivered by the council and county council. The Informal Panel has assessed these funding requests, in accordance with the agreed spending protocol and have made recommendations as to which schemes should be allocated funding, and included in the programme of CIL supported projects for this year. A review of CIL took place in early 2023. This involved agreeing with Members changes to the CIL spending criteria and how CIL funding would be attributed to different funding streams which needed to be agreed prior to any bids for funding being assessed by the Informal Panel. The changes recommended were agreed by Cabinet in July 2023 (CAB3385 refers). As a consequence it has been agreed with Members that in future the bid window will open between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> November each year to avoid delays caused by the election purdah period and subsequent changes in Cabinet members.

Subject to this funding being approved by Cabinet, these projects will become part of the rolling programme of schemes, wholly or partly funded by CIL, in line with the protocol agreed in September 2018, (CAB3071 refers) and reviewed and updated in July 2023 (CAB3385 refers)

RECOMMENDATIONS:That Cabinet

1. Approve the 2023/24 allocation of £296,341 from Winchester City Council CIL income receipts set aside in the existing allocation for community projects as detailed in Sections 11.5 to 11.13 of this report, and approve the expenditure under Financial Procedure rule 7.4 for the funding of thirteen community led projects recommended by the Informal Panel:
  - a) St John Ambulance Hall, Bishops Waltham. Building purchase -£40,000
  - b) Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham. Energy efficiency measures - £40,000
  - c) Memorial Park, Compton. Inclusive play equipment - £15,000
  - d) Eversley Park Playground, Kings Worthy. Play equipment - £12,000
  - e) Oliver's Battery Recreation Ground. Leisure equipment - £10,000
  - f) Otterbourne Village Hall. Improvements - £12,850
  - g) Shedfield Reading rooms. Improvements - £15,000
  - h) Swanmore Allotments. Infrastructure improvements - £12,100
  - i) Twyford village centre. Real time bus information - £10,000
  - j) Wickham Community Centre. Improvements - £39,717
  - k) Wickham Primary School. Pre-school outdoor provision £21,000
  - l) St Barnabas Church, Winchester. Improvements - £50,000
  - m) Winchester Rugby Football Club. LED Floodlights - £18,674
  
2. Approve a budget and expenditure of a capital grant of £217,000 from the Winchester City Council CIL receipts for the provision of temporary consulting rooms at Bishops Waltham Surgery recommended by the Informal Panel and detailed in Section 11.12 of this report. Funding for this project will be allocated and spent from the 10% community pot ring-fenced for community and health projects. The allocation of CIL money would be dependent on the surgery obtaining planning permission for the temporary consulting rooms.
  
3. Approve a budget and expenditure of a capital grant of £200,000 from the Winchester City Council CIL receipts for the project to extend and redevelop Waterlooville Leisure Centre, recommended by the Informal Panel and detailed in Section 11.7 of this report. Funding for this project will be allocated and spent from the 10% community pot ring-fenced for community and health projects.
  
4. Approve the allocation of up to £410,000 from the Winchester City Council CIL receipts for the projects to improve and refurbish the public toilets in various locations in the town and district area as detailed in section 11.14 of this report. Funding for this project will be allocated and spent from the 60%

CIL pot ring-fenced for Winchester City Council led projects.

5. Approve the allocation of £21,000 to provide new and improved bus shelters on Cromwell Road and Andover Road as detailed in section 11.15 of this report. Funding for this project will be allocated and spent from the 60% CIL pot ring-fenced for Winchester City Council led projects.
6. Approve the allocation of £60,000 to replace gas boilers with air source heat pumps and install solar panels to Meadowside Leisure Centre in Whiteley, as detailed in section 11.15 of this report. Funding for this project will be allocated and spent from the 60% CIL pot ring-fenced for Winchester City Council led projects.
7. Approve a budget and expenditure of a capital grant of £300,000 for the provision of a contra-flow cycle scheme on the Upper High Street, Winchester as detailed in section 11.16 of this report. This funding will be allocated from the 30% of the Winchester City Council CIL receipts ring-fenced for Hampshire County Council led schemes agreed for CIL support by Winchester City Council
8. Note that in accordance with the recommendation of CAB3385, there is now £344,580 remaining in the Community and Health 'pot' (10% of the remaining unallocated CIL) for further rounds of yearly bids for community and health projects.

## IMPLICATIONS:

### 1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME

- 1.1 Tackling the Climate Emergency and Creating a Greener District
- 1.2 A number of the projects supported by the allocation of CIL funding, help to provide the infrastructure required to achieve the corporate priorities and outcomes within the Council Plan. CIL funding is allocated to improve local community facilities and to reduce the need for residents to travel further afield to access those types of facilities, especially in areas where there has been significant development. CIL funding is also provided to enhance public open space and support active travel, to help create a greener district and reduce carbon emissions. The criteria for the funding of schemes includes asking bidders to demonstrate how their projects contribute towards the priorities of the Council Plan and other strategic policies and strategies.
- 1.3 Homes for all
- 1.4 Much of the infrastructure allocated CIL funding is allocated to community projects in areas where new residential development is planned or is already having an impact. This helps in supporting both the existing residents and new residents to form part of the local community by providing the facilities enabling community cohesion.
- 1.5 Living Well
- 1.6 The allocation of CIL funding supports many recreational infrastructure schemes, including sports facilities, outdoor gyms and improved playground facilities and enhances open spaces and accessible footpaths. This encourages and enables greater participation in outdoor recreational and sporting activities and supports green infrastructure, allowing more residents to engage with the natural environment which helps improve health and wellbeing.
- 1.7 Your Services, Your Voice
- 1.8 CIL funding has been set aside for community groups to submit bids for community projects. This helps to ensure that local facilities that are supported by the council are funded from the proceeds of new development. Parish Councils and other community groups tend to engage with residents at a 'grass roots' level to identify and help deliver the facilities which are most important to the local community. Funding can then be directed towards facilities which may not have otherwise been provided.

### 2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The council has collected over £21m of CIL receipts since 2014. The table below sets out the total CIL account with the total collected to date and how it has been used. The current fund retained by the city council and unallocated

is £7,579,211. If the proposals recommended in this report are approved there will be a remaining £6,862,211 to support future infrastructure projects.

2.2 Table 1 CIL Funding Remaining.

WCC CIL Funds remaining	£7,579,211
Total of all proposals recommended as part of this report (subject to approval but excluding the £300,000 for community projects already allocated in September 2022)	£1,208,000
Total Uncommitted CIL Funds (After funding of schemes recommended in this report)	£6,371,211 (+£3659 remaining from 23/24 community CIL scheme) <b>=£6,374,870</b>

2.3 A report to Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 detailed a review of the spending protocol for CIL, including ring-fencing of certain percentages for various spending allocations. As a result of the review, Cabinet agreed that the remaining CIL should be proportioned as follows;

30% to support Hampshire County Council led infrastructure projects

10% to support community and health infrastructure projects

60% to support WCC led infrastructure projects

Table 2 – Amount of CIL remaining ring-fenced at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 (CAB3385 refers)

<b>Remaining CIL unallocated at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>		
<b>= £7,579,211*</b>		
<b>Allocation for HCC/WCC agreed Projects (30%)</b>	<b>Allocation for Community and Health Projects (10%)</b>	<b>Allocation for WCC led Projects (60%)</b>
<b>CIL available to allocate to projects £2,273,763</b>	<b>CIL available to allocate to projects £757,921</b>	<b>CIL available to allocate to projects £4,547,527</b>

Amount recommended to be allocated in total in August 2023 £300,000 (at additional Panel meeting held on 22/08/23)	Amounts recommended by CIL Panel (in total) on 10/08/23 = £296,341 (this amount comes out of the existing £300,000 already allocated by Cabinet in September 2022- CAB3360 refers) leaving £3659 left over  Panel recommended £217,000 for Bishops Waltham surgery and £200,000 for Waterlooville Leisure Centre =£417,000	Amount recommended to be allocated in total in August 2023 £491,000
Remaining uncommitted amount = <b>£1,973,763</b>	Remaining uncommitted amount = <b>£344,580</b>  (£757,921+£3659= £761,580  £761,580 - £417,000 = £344,580	Remaining uncommitted amount = <b>£4,056,527</b>

- \*The amount remaining is the funding left after the administration and Parish Council share has been taken out, as well as the funding previously allocated to projects.

### 3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2019 allows charging authorities to collect funding from qualifying developments in their area, which must be used to fund infrastructure to support or mitigate development. Also it may be used flexibly to fund any infrastructure as defined within the legislation. It also places a requirement on CIL charging authorities to publish an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) which is a reporting mechanism covering the collection and allocation of funds in relation to CIL and s106 planning obligations. The Infrastructure List forms part of the IFS and broadly identifies the types of infrastructure and projects on which CIL can be spent.
- 3.2 The allocation and spending of CIL funding is undertaken in accordance with the protocol previously agreed by Cabinet (CAB3071) and updated by CAB3292, as well as the relevant CIL Regulations and Government Guidance.

- 3.3 Approved council schemes will be procured in accordance with the council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- 3.4 CIL funding is not transferred to community schemes until they have been completed, or substantially completed in order to reduce the risk of funds having to be recovered if a scheme fails to be completed. CIL funding awarded to community projects often makes up less than half of the total cost of the project.

#### 4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Individual projects are either self-resourced by the applicant or through the council's project preparation before being presented to the Panel.
- 4.2 The CIL administration is a funded resource as highlighted in the table in section 2.2.

#### 5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None directly, although CIL funding is supporting a number of council infrastructure projects and buildings and improvement of existing facilities.

#### 6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 Larger council led schemes which may require support with CIL funding will go through a number of stages of consultation from inception to completion, although not specifically in relation to the allocation of CIL funds.
- 6.2 The bids for CIL funding are considered by the Informal CIL Panel in accordance with the agreed protocol. Bidders complete a form available on the city council website which, for community schemes, must be submitted between January 1 and March 31 each year. This includes community bids and those made by services within the council as well as any funding bids made by the County Council. Going forward bids will be invited between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> November following a CIL review undertaken in early 2023 (CAB3385 Refers)
- 6.3 The scheme is advertised via Parish Connect and on the city council website. The CIL Panel includes the Cabinet Member for Place and The Local Plan and the Cabinet Member for Community and Engagement and two Strategic Directors.

#### 7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The projects agreed for allocation of funding will have significant positive impacts upon the environment, including funding for the improvement of walking and cycling routes, open space improvements and investment in other facilities to serve local communities and reduce the need to travel.

7.2 Following a review of the criteria for applying for CIL funding, several new criteria were included in the application process which reflected the council's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and climate change.

## 8 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

8.1 Officers have had regard to the Council's duties under the Human Rights Act 1988, and the Equalities Act 2010. There is no identified adverse impact through the allocation of CIL funding to anyone with a protected characteristic under the Equalities Act 2010 or with regards to human rights.

8.2 The impacts of public sector equality are assessed at the project stage. Many projects for which CIL funding is allocated seek to improve the accessibility of facilities for all, and future funding priorities will endeavour to continue to provide improved facilities at both a local and wider level to enable greater community inclusion and engagement. The impact of CIL funding on equality was discussed when reviewing the criteria, but it was not thought necessary to include it as a separate criterion as the improvement of infrastructure will generally be of benefit to all. The wider benefit of a project to the community is one of the criteria considered when assessing funding bids.

## 9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 The information supplied on the application form does not contain any personal information. Often only the e-mail of an organisation is included for communication purposes (or Town/Parish Clerk e-mail) with the Town/Parish Council or community organisation address. The application forms are not publicly available.

## 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
Financial Exposure Schemes allocated CIL funding exceed the amount requested.	A fixed amount if CIL is allocated to community schemes each year. Schemes are funded from within the budget unless any increase is agreed by Cabinet. Schemes are rarely fully funded using CIL. Council schemes are prioritised within budget limits in accordance with the agreed protocol and within the ring- fenced percentages agreed by	The CIL funding allocated to schemes often allows additional funding to be levered in from other organisations to help deliver schemes that often would not otherwise have progressed.



<p>Inflationary pressures may mean that the cost of schemes increase and cannot be delivered without additional funding.</p>	<p>Cabinet. CIL funding is paid in tranches once significant progress is made or at the end of a project. Council officers are in contact with parties responsible for schemes to identify how they intend to deliver the works if cost increase significantly. The CIL allocation can be reviewed if necessary and in accordance with a recommendation in CAB3360 the council may decide to increase CIL funding to address a funding shortfall within limits to allow a scheme to proceed.</p>	
<p>Exposure to challenge If CIL funding is not spent in a timely manner in accordance with the CIL Regulations and Government Guidance and used for the approved projects</p>	<p>The allocation of CIL funding to schemes is assessed against agreed criteria, and schemes which benefit are also in accordance with the relevant CIL Regulations and Government Guidance applying to CIL. The progress of schemes allocated funding are monitored and, if not progressing satisfactorily the same process to allocate funds can be used to withdraw funding from schemes which are not progressing. Funding is released on completion or once substantial progress has been made.</p>	
<p>Reputation Failure to deliver schemes using CIL income could damage the</p>	<p>The CIL programme of allocations is monitored and reviewed regularly to ensure it is up to date and</p>	<p>.</p>

council's reputation.	progress is being made to deliver infrastructure.	
Achievement of outcome The projects funded by CIL are not delivered	Community projects are delivered by outside organisations including Town/Parish Councils and the County Council. Progress is monitored and reported on by the City Council. Council projects are allocated CIL once a business case has been made and agreed by Cabinet when required which ensures the delivery of a scheme.	The projects delivered are of benefit to their communities and can have a wider benefit for reducing the need to travel, improving the natural and built environment and improving the energy efficiency of existing community facilities.
Property Assets may not have the capacity to cope with the increased pressure from new developments	CIL is allocated to improve facilities and increase capacity to meet the increase in demand resulting from new development in accordance with the agreed spending protocol. Projects will not be progressed unless adequate resources are identified.	Significant improvements can be made to infrastructure which would not otherwise be funded.
Community Support Failure to deliver schemes using CIL income from new development could harm the council's reputation with local communities particularly in areas where development has taken place.	Most of the funding allocated to improve community facilities has been in areas where development has taken place, or is planned, and many schemes have been implemented by Town/Parish Councils who represent their local communities (See Appendix A).	Communities across the district will benefit from CIL funding to improve the infrastructure which would not otherwise have been funded.
Timescales Projects will not be delivered within a reasonable timescale.	The projects on the spending programme are regularly reviewed and reported upon annually. Any projects not showing satisfactory progress can	

	be removed from the programme and the funding for the project can be withdrawn.	
Project capacity Lack of resources can hinder the use of CIL funds to deliver much needed infrastructure.	Up to 5% of the CIL income collected can be used to provide support for the collection, allocation and spending of CIL to provide infrastructure improvements.	
The cost of living crisis has caused costs for capital projects to increase. There is a risk that that have been approved will not be delivered due to the affordability of the costs changing between the application for CIL funding being agreed and securing the quotes and doing the works for the projects.	Officers are in regular contact with project owners and will monitor this risk as part of the delivery risks.  Cabinet have agreed that inflationary costs for projects can be considered using Decision Day governance to ensure the transparency of any project price adjustments.	Project money which has been allocated may be returned to the pot to be use on projects which are viable.

## 11 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

11.1 A strategic review of CIL undertaken earlier in the year made recommendations which were agreed by Cabinet in July 2023 (CAB 3385 refers) this included;

- Ring –fencing a proportion of the retained CIL to different allocations as detailed in 2.2 above.
- A refreshed criteria for considering all CIL bids to reflect the council's priorities and commitment to carbon reduction.
- A refreshed Infrastructure List to include the infrastructure categories and projects which could be supported using CIL funding.

11.2 Prior to the strategic review, Cabinet would agree the amount of CIL which would be set aside for community projects each year, when a report of the CIL programme was updated and agreed. Consequently Cabinet had already agreed an allocation of £300,000 to fund a fifth round of bids for 2023. In

future, the community and health bids will be funded using the 10% allocation ring-fenced from the WCC retained CIL pot.

- 11.3 The community bids which were invited between 1st January and 31st March 2023, were submitted under the existing criteria, and for which £300k had been allocated by Cabinet in September 2022. The review of CIL which was agreed by Cabinet in July 2023 delayed the decisions made by the Panel, as it was decided that there needed to be a new strategic direction for the allocation of CIL funding. This review ring-fenced the remaining CIL funding into three different pots as detailed in 2.3 Table 2 above.
- 11.4 The allocation of £300,000 in September 2022 (CAB3360 refers) brought the total amount of CIL allocated to the funding of community schemes to-date to £1,849,000. The community CIL scheme has been used to support the funding of 38 community schemes since 2019, of which 23 have now been completed. The CIL funding allocated is paid upon completion or substantial completion of projects, to significantly reduce the risk of having to recover funds, if a project is not completed.

#### Community Schemes considered by the Informal Panel

- 11.5 The fifth round of bidding resulted in 21 community bids being received, with a total value of CIL requested, being in excess of £1.25m. As with previous years, this far exceeded the £300k of CIL allocated for the community schemes for 2023.
- 11.6 The community bids were considered by the Informal Panel in a meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to consider the bids received, the minutes of which are detailed in Appendix A to this report. There were a wide range of bids received, but many involved the improvement of sports, recreational and community facilities, which supports the Council Plan priority of 'Living Well' and improving both the built and natural environment.
- 11.7 The Panel had to prioritise the allocation of funding for those projects which met at least one of the criteria in the spending protocol, and favourably recommended those which they regarded would be of most benefit and best supported the development of the area in which they were located. Those projects which could demonstrate health and well-being benefits, and benefits in terms of energy efficiency and carbon reduction were also considered favourably. Value for money was also a factor, with a number of schemes that could demonstrate that additional funding had also been identified, with a 'top up' using CIL, being recommended for CIL funding by the Panel.
- 11.8 The Informal Panel agreed to recommend the allocation of funding for fifteen of the twenty-one schemes. The bids recommended for funding were mainly in locations which already have, or will in the near future, experience significant growth. These areas included Bishops Waltham, Wickham, Swanmore, Shedfield, Kings Worthy and Winchester town.

- 11.9 In September 2022, £300,000 was set aside (under the 'old' CIL protocol) for the funding of community bids for 2023/24. In August 2023 the CIL Informal Panel agreed to allocate funding of £296,341 for the community bids.
- 11.10 However as two of the community bids which the Panel agreed to recommend had a total value of £417,000 the Informal Panel agreed that the funding for these two schemes would come from the newly agreed 10% (community and health 'ring-fenced' pot). The two schemes were the extension of the temporary consulting rooms at Bishops Waltham doctor's surgery and the extension and refurbishment of Waterlooville Leisure Centre.
- 11.11 The schemes for temporary doctor's consulting rooms for Bishops Waltham Surgery and an extension and refurbishment of Waterlooville Leisure Centre, within Havant Borough Council's area, will both be funded from the remaining 10% ring-fenced for community and health projects. This was due to their strategic importance in providing for the community in areas where there had been significant growth and because they provided basic health infrastructure which was essential to the well-being of the residents in the area. Both schemes were also of a high cost, which if funded from the £300,000 allocated for the 23/24 bids would have left very little funding for the other community schemes.
- 11.12 The temporary doctor's consulting rooms required £217,000 of CIL funding to provide portacabins with connections to the required services in the car park of the existing doctor's surgery. A permanent site for either a larger surgery to replace the existing one, or a satellite site in addition to the existing surgery is being explored with the Integrated Care Board as a long term solution. This is likely to take several years. The temporary solution will require planning permission to be granted.
- 11.13 The extension and refurbishment of Waterlooville Leisure Centre is a scheme which will cost in the region of £3.5m. Although within Havant Borough Council area, the Leisure Centre serves many residents within the Winchester district, including the West of Waterlooville development, which is primarily with the Winchester district. The increase in population as a result of the residential development in the area has put increasing pressure upon the existing infrastructure within the local community. The Hampshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment evidences a need for the projects by highlighting that those in the Southeast of the Winchester District currently experience poor access to community leisure facilities. Havant Borough Council own the leisure centre and will deliver the project. The Havant Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will also see Waterlooville Leisure Centre being fully connected within sustainable travel routes and encourage access by green travel. Havant Borough Council have also made a bid for CIL funding from East Hants District Council, the outcome of which is yet to be determined. This allocation is subject to the project receiving full planning permission which would need to be supported by a business case and be accompanied by an active travel package to link the site to the Winchester area.

### City Council Projects

11.14 The Informal Panel also considered the bids for CIL funding which related to projects that would be taken forward by various teams within the city council. These included the refurbishments and improvement of a number of public toilets in the town and district. The Public Toilet Strategy was the subject of a Cabinet report on 13th September 2023 (CAB3411 refers) which made a business case for the improvement and refurbishment of a number of public toilets, subject to CIL funding as listed below:

- a) Abbey Gardens, Winchester;
- b) Middle Brook Street, Winchester;
- c) St Catherine's Park and Ride, Winchester;
- d) Market Lane, Winchester;
- e) South Winchester Park and Ride;
- f) Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester;
- g) Station Road, New Alresford;
- h) Basingwell Street, Bishops Waltham;
- i) Station Road, Wickham; and
- j) Kidmore Lane, Denmead

11.15 Further city council schemes considered included the provision of new and improved bus shelters in Cromwell Road and Andover Road, the installation of solar panels and heat pumps to replace gas boilers at Meadowside Leisure Centre and the provision of a new access road and drainage improvements for a potential rural housing site at Waterloo lane Micheldever. The Panel recommended CIL funding for the public toilets, bus shelters and solar panels and heat pumps for Meadowside Leisure Centre, but required additional information in relation to the project at Micheldever to be able to make an informed decision. It was agreed that a further meeting was required regarding this proposal before a final decision could be made.

### Hampshire County Council projects

11.16 A number of CIL bids for highway projects to be led by the County Council were also received. The Panel felt that there was not enough information for the bids to be decided, therefore further meetings would need to be held. The panel met again to discuss a bid for funding for a contra-flow cycle lane on Upper High Street, Winchester on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. This meeting was attended by a Hampshire County Council representative to explain the technical details and rationale behind the scheme. The minutes of this additional panel meeting are detailed in Appendix A. Following the

discussions of the Panel it was agreed to recommend funding, as there was also government funding available, which could be withdrawn if the CIL funding requested was not agreed.

- 11.17 The decision for two further bids for the funding of pedestrian crossing facilities in Twyford and Waltham Chase was postponed, pending meetings with Hampshire County Council to agree the funding priorities for highway schemes. This is because there is a finite pot of CIL which has been ring-fenced to support projects which will be brought forward by the County Council and agreeing to schemes 'ad-hoc' will rapidly deplete the CIL resources available.
- 11.18 Moving forward, there are a number of high priority projects linked to the Winchester Movement Strategy and Central Winchester Regeneration, which may need CIL support, including schemes identified by the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Ring-fencing a specific percentage of the CIL retained by the city council has identified a certain amount of funding, which can be made available to support measures. However, highway schemes are expensive to implement, and the CIL available is a fraction of the resources required to realise the schemes which are needed to encourage active travel and reduce traffic in the city and wider district. Further discussions are therefore required with the County Council and ward members to ensure that the CIL funding delivers the priorities important to the wider community.

### Conclusion

- 11.19 The continuing support of the programme of community schemes continues to ensure that local communities which have experienced additional development and demand for local facilities are supported to provide improved local facilities. The allocation of CIL provides a way to help local communities provide facilities which in turn helps reduce the need to travel to engage in social and well-being activities and provides improved open space and recreational facilities as well as supporting carbon reduction schemes in the town and district. There have been numerous projects completed by Town/Parish Councils and community organisations which may not have been able to complete their schemes without additional CIL funding.
- 11.20 In July 2023 Cabinet agreed to a more strategic approach to ring-fencing certain percentages of the CIL collected by the city council to ensure the ongoing support for community schemes as well as supporting strategic infrastructure provided by the county council and city council schemes. This will continue to ensure that the CIL collected from developments within the town and district, are used in the most effective way possible, and to benefit those communities most affected by development whilst ensuring a strategic approach to supporting larger projects which have a wider benefit.

## 12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The development of a CIL spending programme accords with the protocol previously agreed by Cabinet and refreshed in July 2023 to reflect spending priorities. It was therefore not considered necessary to consider other options. The criteria for supporting projects using CIL will be kept under review and aligned with the Council Plan and emerging Local Plan and any proposed changes will be reported to Cabinet.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

#### Previous Committee Reports:-

CAB2807 – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Protocol -8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

CAB3071 – Community Infrastructure Levy Operational Review – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

CAB3194 - Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Programme – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

CAB3257 - Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Programme – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

CAB3292 – Community Infrastructure Levy Future Funding Priorities and Monitoring Update – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

CAB3310 - Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Programme – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

CAB3360 – Community Infrastructure Levy – Community and Winchester Council Projects Approval – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

CAB3385 – Community Infrastructure Levy – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### Other Background Documents:-

None

### APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Minutes of the Informal Panel Meetings (10<sup>th</sup> August and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023)