

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES: MAKING CIL WORK HARDER AND FASTER

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Health and Environment Policy Committee

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We would welcome the thoughts of the committee on:

- The steps we have taken to accelerate the spend of CIL monies
- How we can encourage more ambitious and impactful bids from communities across the district



WHAT IS CIL?

- Community Infrastructure Levy.
- A planning-related charge to help fund local infrastructure.
- Collected from certain types of development that takes place across the district.
- Used to mitigate against the local impacts of development.
- South Downs National Park Authority collects and administers the CIL related to all development within its boundaries.
- Governed by the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (amended in 2019).



WHAT CAN CIL ACHIEVE?

A powerful way to reinvest in the places we live, work, and enjoy. It allows us to deliver projects that:

- enhance quality of life,
- celebrate local identity,
- ensure new development is matched by the right infrastructure.

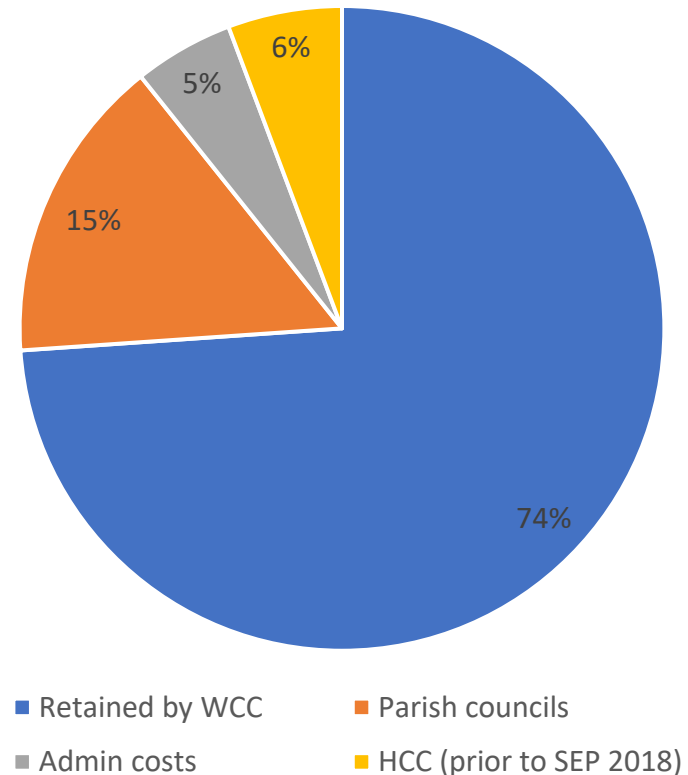
By working with communities, parish councils, and partners, it enables us to:

- make meaningful and lasting improvements.
- support growth while protecting what makes our area special.

CIL COLLECTED

- Nearly **£27m** collected since introduction in 2014.
- Over **£4m** passed to parish councils (by regulation).
- **£1.5m** passed to HCC pre-2018 for traffic/transport schemes.
- Nearly £20m retained by WCC for delivery of infrastructure by the council, local communities, groups and organisations

Distribution of CIL



WHAT CIL CAN BE USED FOR



Education Facilities



Healthcare Facilities



Energy and Carbon Reduction Schemes/Climate change mitigation



Open Space Provision



Built Facilities, Indoor/Outdoor Sport, Recreational and Informal Leisure and Social Facilities



Green and Blue Infrastructure



Community and Cultural Facilities



Active Travel and Movement Infrastructure



But it can't be used for:

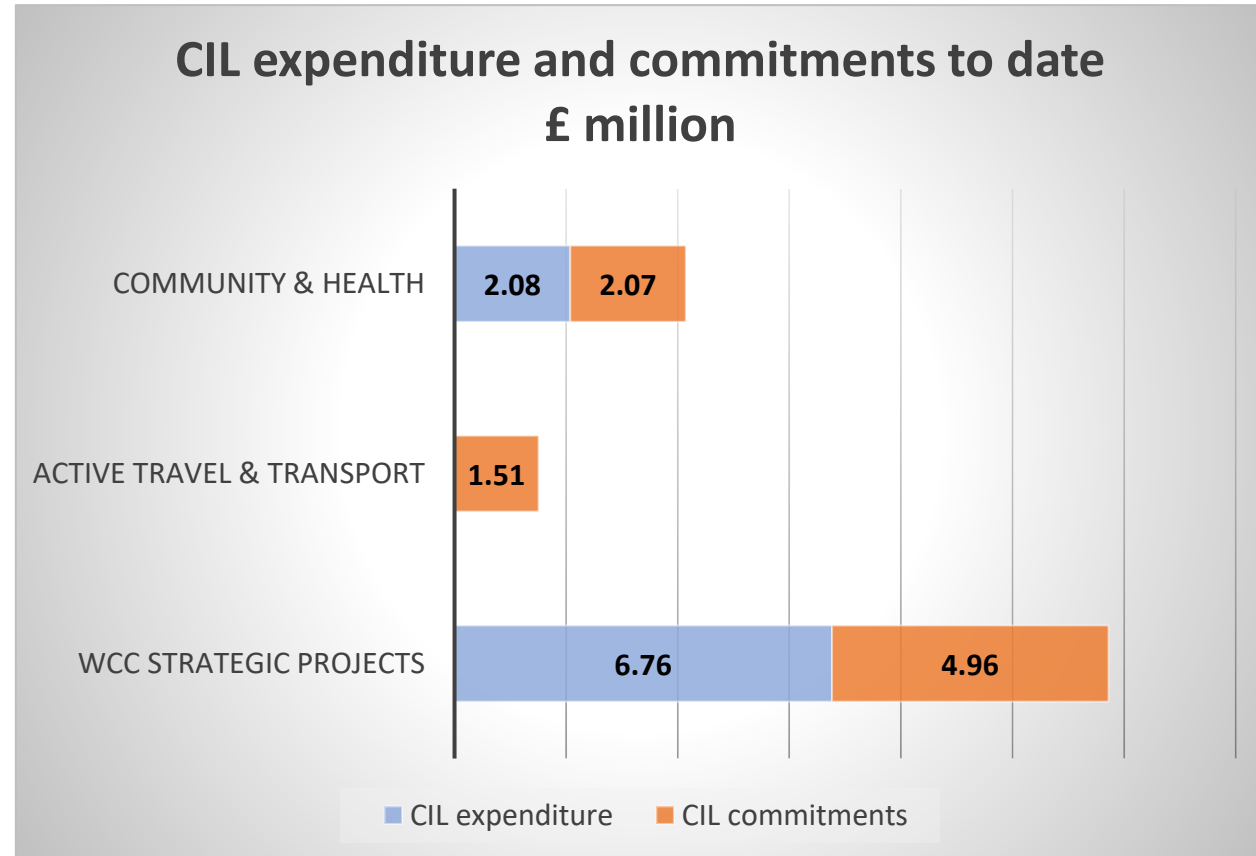
- Revenue costs such as staffing, utilities, or operational running costs
- Private developments or commercial ventures that do not offer public benefit
- Projects outside the local area that do not support local development or residents
- Any activity not linked to infrastructure delivery or local growth objectives

Our policy is to also exclude:

- Ongoing maintenance or repairs of existing facilities or assets

HOW HAVE WE USED OUR CIL?

- 46 community schemes and 14 council schemes delivered with CIL funding.
- **86% (£17.3m)** of the CIL retained by the council for allocation to projects is either **spent (£8.8m)** or **committed (£8.5m)**.



SOME COMPLETED PROJECTS

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL



Winchester Sport and Leisure Park



Durngate flood defenses



Abbey Gardens play area



Winchester City FC 3G pitch



Winnall Flats open space



KGV pavilion

SOME COMPLETED PROJECTS

COMMUNITY AND OTHER EXTERNAL PARTNERS



St Swithun's Church, Kings Worthy
Car park



Denmead Recreation Ground
MUGA



Bishops Waltham GP surgery
Consulting rooms



Shedfield Recreation Ground
Pavilion extension



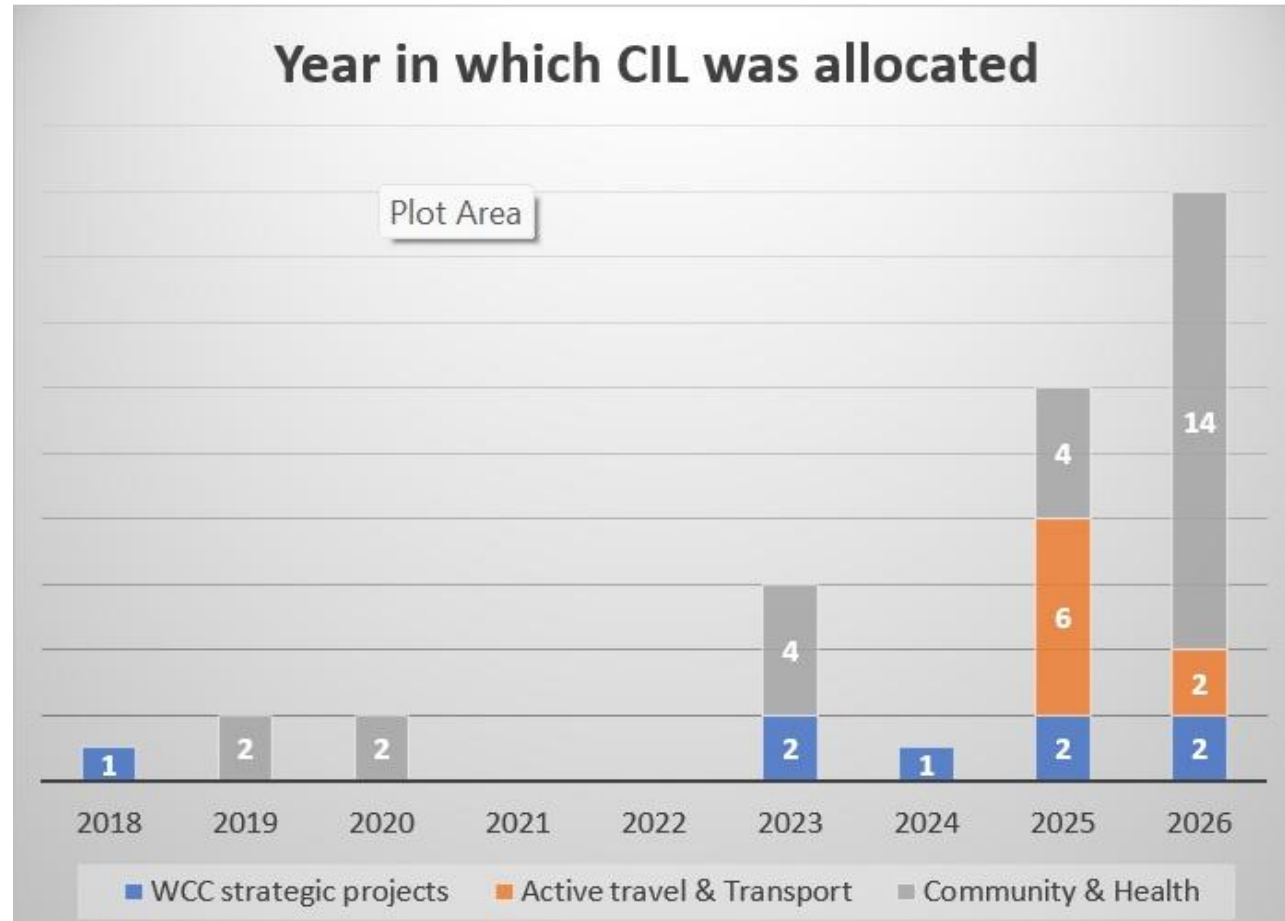
Priory Park, Bishops Waltham
Skate park



Sutton Scotney
River Dever boardwalk

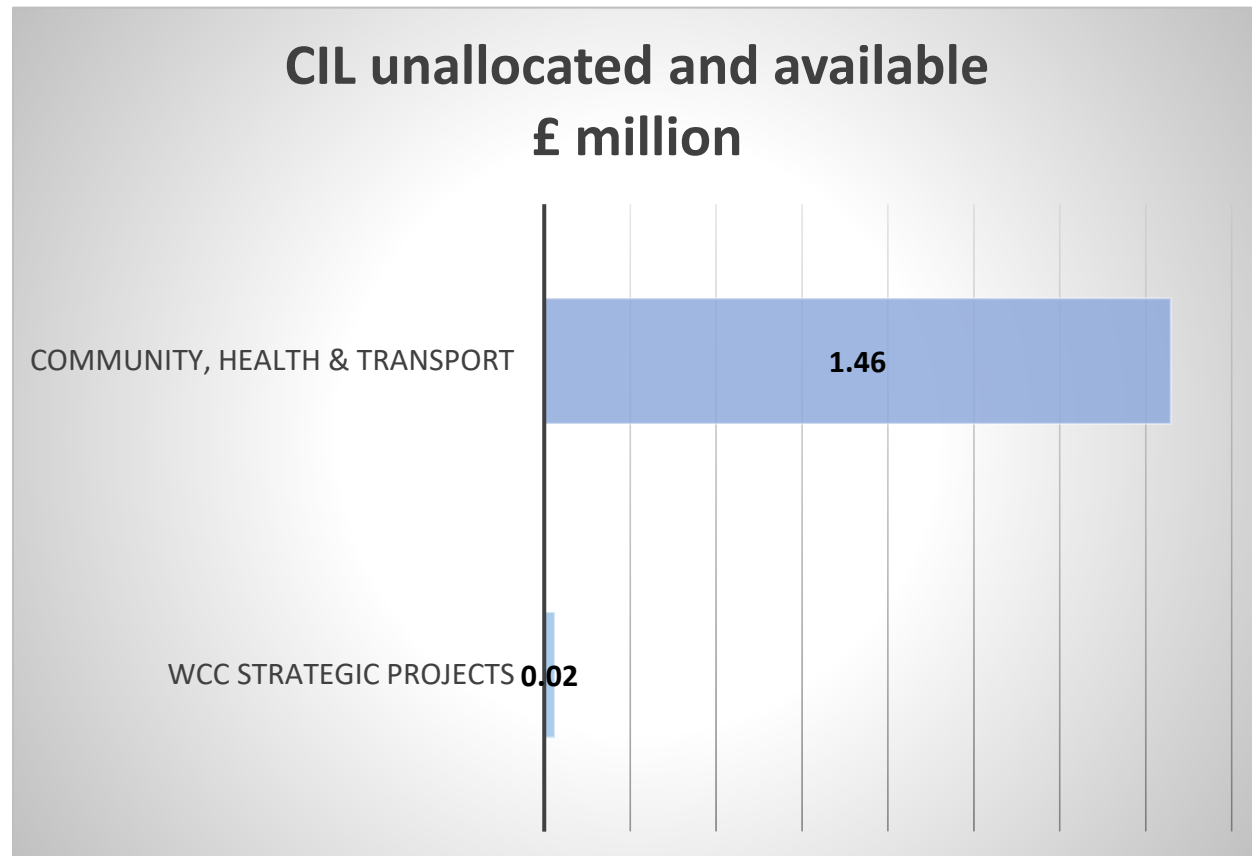
PROJECTS NOT YET DELIVERED

- £8.6m currently committed but not yet spent.
- Very few long-standing awards - two of which have started.
- Includes £4.5m CWR



HOW MUCH CIL DO WE HAVE?

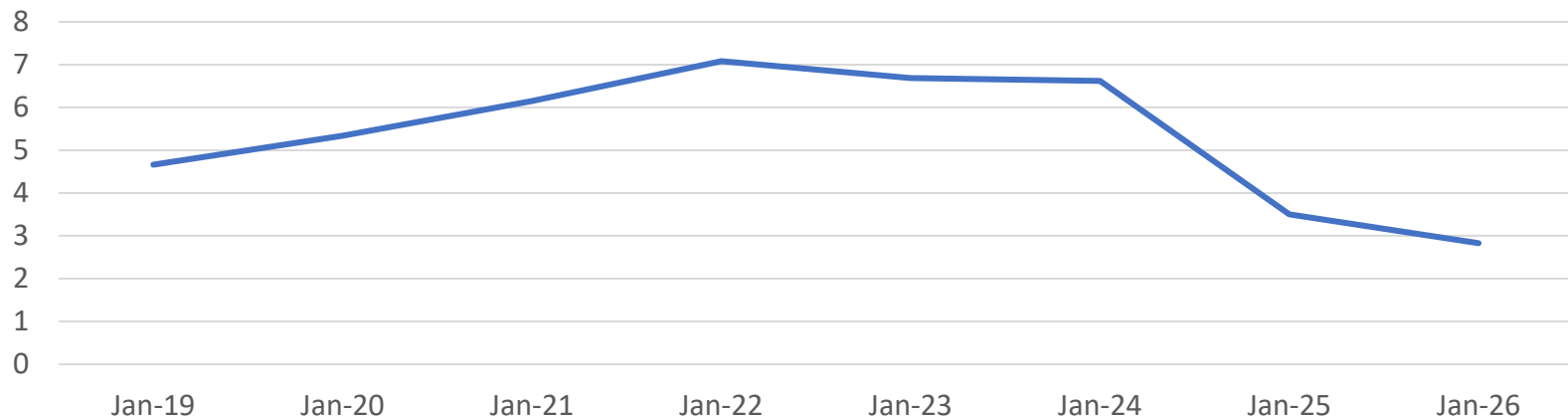
- Around **£1.5m** of CIL remains to be allocated.
- The majority is ring-fenced for community, health and transport projects.
- The availability of CIL funding increases as we collect it from developers.



A REFRESHED APPROACH

- Typically, we have adopted a measured approach of sustaining a long-term funding programme by keeping money available to support future projects.
- We now wish to increase access to CIL funds to deliver necessary infrastructure projects over the next two years.

Historic levels of CIL available to be allocated (£ million)



A REFRESHED APPROACH

To....	We have....
Maximise the amount of funding available...	Ensured stalled projects are identified and any funds unused / not needed are made available to others.
Increase awareness of the funding...	Enhanced promotional campaigns and increased use of social media to increase the number of quality bids.
Remove blockages to scheme delivery...	Increased dialogue with key delivery partners such as HCC Highways teams and NHS Integrated Care Board.
Be more flexible and dynamic in fund distribution...	Removed the ringfence of CIL across two of the three funds, to combine the pots and better respond to demand and need.
Maximise impact of the funding...	Prioritised schemes that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrate high likelihood of deliverability• respond to known community need and deficits• create real community benefit and outcomes
Speed up the application and award process...	Increased the number of opportunities to bid by reducing application times and streamlining approval methods.

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