

Winchester District Community Infrastructure Levy Informal Panel Meeting

14 August 2019 at 4.30pm

Broadway Room, City Offices.

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Councillor J Porter (Chair) (JP)
Joseph Holmes (Strategic Director; Resources)(JH)
Richard Botham (Strategic Director; Services)(RB)
Chas Bradfield (Strategic Director; Place)(CB)
Simon Finch (Corporate Head of Regulatory)(SF)
Catherine Knight (Service Lead – Legal)(CK)
James Leibetrau (Senior Planning Attorney)(JL)
Corinne Phillips (CIL Implementation Officer)(CP)

Apologies: Apologies were received from a representative of Hampshire County Council, who was invited to attend.

Minutes

1) Terms of Reference

The legal Terms of Reference for the allocation of CIL funding by the CIL Allocations Advisory Panel (CAAP) were circulated to the Panel. It was agreed that the Terms of Reference will be amended to cover the allocation of funding for WCC District-Wide bids which can be of any value. The Parish Bids (including bids by members, parish councils, community groups and development partners) are up to a maximum value of £200,000 with a minimum value of £10,000 but RB clarified that the WCC bids will not be limited to this amount and can be of any amount. CK clarified that the role of the panel was to resolve to recommend approval of the bids that met the criteria, and not to consider matters related to the actual 'deliverability' of the bids. The WCC District-Wide and the Parish Bids will be assessed according to the same criteria as set out in the Terms of Reference.

2) Criteria

The bids must meet at least one of the specified criteria, as set out and agreed in CAB3071. Perhaps for future rounds of bidding the deliverability of a scheme can be included as one of the criteria. The current application form would have to be amended to reflect this. (CP to discuss with SF)

3) Assessment of bids.

Parish Bids

3.1 Colden Common Parish Church.

Bid for funding of £17,000 for the improvement of the toilets, kitchen access to the building and introduction of a children's zone. The bid meets the criteria as it is included in the R123 List and has wider community benefits. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.

3.2 Colden Common Parish Council.

Bid for funding of £25,000 for the upgrade and improvement of footways and drainage. The bid meets the criteria as contributes towards the delivery of infrastructure that would not otherwise be provided and is being funded partly by HCC so the CIL contribution is helping to lever in funds from elsewhere. It also has wider community benefits. Bid recommended for approval by the panel

3.3 Durley Parish Council.

Bid for funding of £10,000 for the provision of a crossing point near Durley School. The bid meets the criteria as it is included in the IDP and broadly aligns with the R123 list. Although Durley has little in the way of new development within the parish, it is affected by large developments within Eastleigh Borough Council's area, in close proximity to Durley. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.

3.4 Littleton and Harestock Parish Council.

Bid for funding of £18,000 for the provision of a Parkour facility (free running sports activity) The bid meets the criteria as it is broadly included in the R123 list and will help to address impacts of new development beyond that secured by planning permissions (Kings Barton is an example in the area) There is a shortfall of categories of open space except for parkland/recreation grounds. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.

3.5 Otterbourne Parish Council.

Bid for funding of £50,000 for the funding of a zebra crossing on the main road through Otterbourne to facilitate pedestrian movements. The bid meets the criteria with regard to inclusion in the R123 list and the IDP. More information is required as to whether the technical criteria for a pedestrian crossing has been met (this is an HCC numerical criteria) Preliminary recommendation for approval in principle resolved by the panel pending further information becoming available. To be reviewed once more information is made available and final recommendation made.

3.6 Shedfield Parish Council.

Bid for funding of £100,000 for the extension and refurbishment of the sports pavilion. Broadly meets the criteria for CIL in terms of the R123 list and IDP. Bid was vague in terms of detail and further information is required. Preliminary recommendation for approval in principle resolved by the panel pending further information becoming available.

- 3.7 Shedfield Reading Rooms. Bid for funding of £24,000 for re-roofing of the Reading Rooms. This does not fall within the criteria for CIL funding as it is maintenance work. Not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.8 St Swithun's Church. Bid for funding of £100,000 for the provision of a car park. There was some discussion regarding the use of the proposed car park, which appeared to be for the exclusive use of the Church. There was not sufficient benefit for the wider community therefore this bid was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.9 Twyford Patient Participation Group. Bid for funding of £11,440 for the provision of a social worker to assist patients. This does not satisfy any of the criteria for CIL funding and was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.10 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for funding of £300,000 for a flood mitigation scheme for Hazeley Road. Not only was this bid above the £200,000 limit for Parish bids but there was little detail submitted and as Twyford is within the South Down national Park area the bid was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.11 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for funding of £65,000 for traffic management for Dolphin Hill and Hazeley Road. There was insufficient detail to make an informed decision, and as Twyford is within the South Downs National Park the bid was not recommended for approval by the panel. Funding could be pursued within the National Park Authority.
- 3.12 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for funding of £65,000 for an extension to the car park accessed from Hazeley Road near the doctors surgery and shop. Broadly meets the criteria for CIL in terms of the IDP and satisfies the prioritisation criteria in that the scheme has benefits for the wider community. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.13 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for £50,000 for the upgrading of the footway to cycleway along the B3335 through Twyford. Meets the criteria for CIL in terms of delivering much wider as well as local benefits beyond Twyford. It may also help to lever in other funding. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.14 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for £10,000 for tree survey project work. This bid does not fall within the criteria for CIL funding and was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.15 Twyford Parish Council. Bid for £70,000 for a traffic management scheme for Finches Lane and Twyford Road. There was not sufficient detail to make an informed decision, on whether this would have wider benefits. As Twyford is within the South Downs National Park so funding could be pursued with the National Park Authority. The bid was not recommended for approval by the panel.

- 3.16 Twyford parish Council. Bid for £20,000 for a footway improvement for Hazeley Road. There was not sufficient detail to make an informed decision on this bid. As Twyford is within the South Downs National Park so funding could be pursued within the national Park Authority. The bid was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.17 Upham Parish Council. Bid for £25,000 for traffic calming on the B2177 through the village. The bid broadly meets the CIL criteria in terms of delivering much wider as opposed to just local benefits and would help address traffic impacts of new development in the adopted Local Plan beyond that which would be secured by planning permissions. The scheme is being developed with HCC input. The bid was recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.18 Wickham Parish Council. Bid for £5240 for improvements to the access of Knowle Village Hall. Bid was below the specified minimum limit £10,000 required. Bid was not recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.19 Wickham Parish Council. Bid was for £20,000 to improve the recreation ground with new play equipment. The bid meets the CIL criteria in terms of the IDP and would help to address the recreational impacts of new development in the adopted local plan beyond that which would be secured through planning permission. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.20 Havant Borough Council. Bid for £55,000 for a missing cycle link from Waterlooville to Denmead. The scheme will be match funded by Havant Borough Council so awarding WCC CIL funding will help lever in other funding and will address impacts of new development beyond that secured by planning permissions. The bid would also have wider benefits. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.21 Abbotts Barton and Hyde Scout Group (6th Winchester). Bid for £200,000 for a new scout building and community facility. The bid meets the CIL criteria in that it has wider community benefits and will address the impacts of new development beyond that secured by planning permissions. Awarding CIL funding will also help lever in other funds. There was some discussion on the lack of certainty around planning permission and the current lease arrangements. The bid was recommended for approval by the panel subject to planning permission being granted within 12 months of the date of the panel's recommendation.
- 3.22 Alresford and Cheriton Scouts. Bid for £200,000 for a new scout facility. The scheme is somewhat off being in a position where it might be delivered and requires more information for an informed decision to be reached. Suggested this bid is deferred to the next round of bidding.

A total of £435,000 was agreed for district CIL bids. With a further £200,00 for the 6th Winchester Scouts subject to planning permission being secured which makes a total of £635,000.

Winchester City Council Bids;

- 3.23 South Downs Way/Blackpath. Bid for £35,000 for the improvement of the footpath link (an additional £15,000 was requested for signing) The bid meets the CIL criteria in terms of addressing the impacts of new development beyond that secured by planning permissions and achieving wider benefits by improving linkages /sustainable transport routes. Bid recommended for approval by the panel. The additional bid for signing will need to be re-submitted in the next round of bids.
- 3.24 Central Winchester Regeneration. Bid for £500,000 for remodelling the lower High Street and Broadway. Total cost of the scheme is not yet fully known. The bid meets the CIL criteria in terms of the R123 List and the IDP. More information is required but preliminary recommendation for approval of the bid was resolved by the panel.
- 3.25 Station Approach Public Realm Access Improvements. Bid for £500,000 for improved pedestrian and cycle access to and from the city centre and the railway station. The bid meets the CIL criteria in terms of delivering improvements beyond that which could be secured by planning permission (development of Station Approach is included in the Local Plan) and will have wider as well as local benefits. The scheme supports the LEP funding already awarded for the public realm improvements. Accords with the Council Strategy. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.
- 3.26 Chilcomb Sports Ground. Bid for £135,000 for the refurbishment and improvement of the pavilion which will enhance the offer at this location . The bid broadly meets the CIL criteria in terms of the R123 List and accords with the Council Strategy. Bid recommended for approval by the panel.

A total of £675,000 was agreed for WCC CIL bids. If taken further, an additional £500,000 may be required at a later date for Central Winchester Regeneration.

4) Service Agreement

A Service Agreement will need to be drawn up for each community group awarded funding, which will detail how the money will be awarded to ensure transparency and accountability. (CP to Liaise with JL) There will also need to be a form of legal wording for those bids that have not been resolved to be approved in this round of bidding due to a requirement for more information, or a lack of certainty regarding the timescale of a scheme.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.