

Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 7 September 2021

Subject: **Community Infrastructure Levy Expenditure Priorities 2021-23**

Portfolio Holder: Planning
Councillor D A Webster

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 This report seeks consideration of the priorities for the Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure during 2021-23.
- 1.2 On 8th September 2020 Cabinet approved a proposal for Community Infrastructure Levy funding priorities. The decision allocated spending of the available £4,229,615 that had been accumulated since first CIL receipts in 2015/16. £2M was previously committed to the creation of a new North Northallerton Primary School. The remaining sums were allocated as shown below:
- (1) Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre - 50% of total CIL funds available, £1,034,860;
 - (2) Sowerby Sports Village - 25% of total CIL funds available, £517,403;
 - (3) The Northallerton Sports Village at North Northallerton, 15% of total CIL funds available -£310,442;
 - (4) Bedale Leisure Centre - 10% of total CIL funds available, £206,961;
- 1.3 Any further funding received after the September 2020 report to 31st March 2021 was also to be allocated to the same priorities in accordance with the percentage split. The total actual additional sum received was £14,675.
- 1.4 Some funds have been spent but not all of the priority projects have drawn on the fund and none of the projects have yet drawn-down all of the allocated funds.
- 1.5 Funds have also been reserved to provide the 15% CIL share to Northallerton and Brompton Town Councils relating to the North Northallerton Development. The North Northallerton Development CIL was by Payment in Kind, rather than a cash payment, but Northallerton and Brompton Town Councils are nonetheless entitled to a cash payment.

2.0 Future Priorities

2.1 Since 1st April 2021 to 9th July 2021 a further £190,105 has been received and is available for allocation on priority schemes. Additional sums are due before the end of this financial year (2021-22), taken together both small and large schemes are anticipated to generate more than £425K. This will be available to allocate for spending by the 2021/2022-year end. Further schemes are likely to commence leading to a similar amount of funding being available in 2022/23, including sites allocated in the Local Plan. An estimated total of £850K CIL is likely to be available during the two years.

2.2 The following priority projects will continue to build community capacity to accommodate new developments and create facilities where significant new development has and will take place. As the total value of funding is not and cannot be known at this time funding should be allocated, as before, by proportion with a funding cap where appropriate. In any instance that funding is not required for a specific project, it is to be distributed to the other priority schemes in accord with the proportions shown.

- (1) Bedale
25% up to £250K for the range of Bedale leisure improvements including the 3G pitch to prime the Football Foundation (FF) funding bid. If the FF funding is not available or the commissioned feasibility study shows it “not viable” funds can be released for the other priorities.
- (2) Sowerby
25% up to £250K for the Sports Village developments including the 3G pitch changing facilities and site infrastructure. Football Foundation decision due October 2021, expect to get the funding for the 3G but grant will not be provided for the changing accommodation. Additional funding is therefore required for the changing accommodation. If all the funding is not required it is to be released for the other priorities.
- (3) Northallerton
20% up to £250K. Sports Village funds. Will require significant funding, currently has no additional funding. If all the funding is not required it is to be released for the other priorities.
- (4) Aiskew
15% up to £100K. Community Hall, on charity own land, Aiskew PC will receive 15% CIL funding, additional bids can be made to Big Lottery etc. CIL priority funding is appropriate to increase the likelihood of success of the project. If all the funding is not required it is to be released for the other priorities.
- (5) Easingwold
15% up to £200K. Review the case for funding improvements to important footways within and leading to the town centre.

3.0 Link to Council Priorities

3.1 CIL supports the provision of key projects identified in the Council Plan under the priority of 'Enhancing Health and Wellbeing'. Provision of improved community facilities also enhances vibrancy of, and the attractiveness of the area to residents and visitors, 'Providing a Special Place to Live' and helping to 'Drive Economic Vitality'. The Council plays a major role in improving public health and wellbeing, particularly in respect of prevention, and the continued improvement of facilities will help to improve and promote the physical and mental activity needs of the local population.

4.0 Risk Assessment

4.1 Risk in approving the recommendations:-

Risk	Implication	Gross Prob	Gross Imp	Gross Total	Preventative action	Net Prob	Net Imp	Net Total
Communities that are not shown to receive funding may feel let down	Difficulties in relationships with communities, complaints made to the Council and in local media	3	4	12	Engage with communities, consider future funding priorities and other support and demonstrate that funding is allocated to meet identified priority needs	3	2	6

4.2 The key risk is in not approving the recommendations as shown below:-

Risk	Implication	Gross Prob	Gross Imp	Gross Total	Preventative action	Net Prob	Net Imp	Net Total
Development opportunities to support local communities will be lost	Lack of improvements to facilities and unspent funds remain in reserves	4	5	20	Approve the recommendations	1	1	1

Prob = Probability, Imp = Impact, Score range is Low = 1, High = 5

4.3 Overall the risk of agreeing with the recommendations outweighs the risks of not agreeing them and is considered acceptable.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications to the Council by following the recommendation of this report.

5.2 The sums received from developers are held for expenditure on CIL projects and are not part of the Council's funds.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 The Council will need to follow the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations as amended to ensure that the proper legal procedures continue to be adhered to. The arrangements for the management of CIL monies may require legal mechanisms between the Council and any delivery partners.

7.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

7.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

8.0 Recommendations

8.1 That Cabinet approves the allocation of CIL funds received between April 2022 and March 2023 to:

- (1) the schemes identified in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and
- (2) the funding be released to the priority schemes in accordance with the sums detailed within paragraph 2.2 of the report.

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Background papers: None

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