

## REPORT TO CABINET

<b>Open/Exempt</b>		Would any decisions proposed :			
<b>Any especially affected Wards</b>	Mandatory/	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES/NO	
	Discretionary/	Need to be recommendations to Council		YES/NO	
	Operational	Is it a Key Decision		YES/NO	
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Financial Implications YES/NO	Policy/ Personnel Implications YES/NO	Statutory Implications YES/NO	Equal Impact Assessment YES/NO If YES: Pre-screening/ Full Assessment	Risk Management Implications YES/NO	Environmental Considerations YES/NO
If not for publication, the paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act considered to justify that is (are) paragraph(s)					

Date of meeting: 16 March 2021

### CREATION OF CIL SPENDING PANEL

<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to give effect to and implement the Cabinet decision CAB152 of 19 August 2020 which approved the Terms of Reference for a CIL Spending Panel.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a Sub-Committee of Cabinet be created which shall be the CIL Spending Panel;</li> <li>2. That the updated Terms of Reference at Appendix A are approved and are to be adopted for the CIL Spending Panel.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reason for Decision</b></p> <p>To create a body which shall operate as the CIL Spending Panel and refresh the Terms of Reference to reflect its constitution.</p>
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### 1 Background

On 19 August 2020 Cabinet agreed and adopted the CIL Spending and Governance Processes document which proposed a scheme for allocating funds collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

This scheme envisages a Panel of elected Members to be known as the 'CIL Spending Panel' which is to have decision making powers in respect of a defined category of applications for CIL funding and is to make recommendations in respect of other categories.

In order to create a decision-making body, it is recommended that this be achieved by virtue of a sub-committee of Cabinet which can delegate its powers to its sub-committee.

## 2 Options Considered

The creation of a free standing Panel was considered, however this would remove it from direct Cabinet oversight, in circumstances where Cabinet is to retain partial decision making powers in relation to the operation of the CIL Spending and Governance Process. Delegating part of its decision making powers to a sub-committee is consequently considered to present a more cohesive approach to delivering the CIL spending scheme.

There is cross party agreement that the CIL Spending Panel should be politically balanced, and this can be achieved by Cabinet setting the terms of reference to provide for Members from other Groups being invited onto the sub-committee to partake in the specific purpose set by the terms of reference. Group nominations are proposed to be submitted to the Chief Executive who will be delegated to appoint to the CIL Spending Panel.

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## 3 Policy Implications

None

## 4 Financial Implications

~~None~~

Whilst the creation of the CIL Spending Panel will not in itself attract any cost, save the usual resource applied towards a Council body, it is to be noted that the Panel will have power delegated to it to approve the allocation and spending of CIL on 'Local Projects'.

## 5 Personnel Implications

None

## 6 Environmental Considerations

None

## 7 Statutory Considerations

None

## 8 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

(Pre screening report template attached)

N/A

## **9 Risk Management Implications**

It is proposed that the CIL Spending Panel have decision making powers with regards to the expenditure of the Community Infrastructure Levy. It is therefore imperative to ensure that requisite authority is held by the Panel so that its decisions are valid.

## **10 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted**

N/A

## **11 Background Papers**

(Definition : Unpublished work relied on to a material extent in preparing the report that disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based. A copy of all background papers must be supplied to Democratic Services with the report for publishing with the agenda)

CIL Spending and Governance Processes Document

**Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment**

Borough Council of  
**King's Lynn & West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function

Is this a new or existing policy/service/function?

New / Existing (delete as appropriate)

Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened.

Please state if this policy/service is rigidly constrained by statutory obligations

**Question**

**Answer**

1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups **according to their different protected characteristic**, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?

Please tick the relevant box for each group.

NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
Age				
Disability				
Gender				
Gender Re-assignment				
Marriage/civil partnership				
Pregnancy & maternity				
Race				
Religion or belief				
Sexual orientation				
Other (eg low income)				

