

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 5 DECEMBER 2023 FROM THE REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023

RD61: CABINET REPORT – CIL GOVERNANCE AND SPENDING DOCUMENT 2024 AND ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING LIST

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The Planning Control Manager presented the report which set out the proposed scheme for allocating funds collected through CIL and presented the final version of the proposed priorities.

The Chair thanked officers for their report and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

Councillor Crofts asked what assurances were in place to ensure that allocated CIL funds were spent correctly, and the Planning Control Manager explained that annual reports had to be provided and recipients also had to sign a contract and terms of reference. They also had to adhere to timescales and progress was monitored by the CIL Team. Monitoring methods were included in the Governance Document.

The Chair commented that the CIL Spending Panel thoroughly considered applications at their meetings.

Councillor Blunt commented that the CIL Spending Panel was still learning and adapting its criteria and processes as they gained more experience. He assured Members that the CIL Spending Panel ensured the best use of CIL funds and he supported the recommendations.

Councillor Kemp commented that there were barriers to accessing CIL funding in unparished areas where there were no constituted groups set up. The Planning Control Manager commented that the CIL Officers provided an excellent service and would support and advise potential applicants. There was also a plethora of information on the application process and criteria on the Borough Council's website.

Councillor Collingham commented that she had received great support from the CIL Team when preparing an application.

The Portfolio Holder for Biodiversity and Climate Change, Councillor de Whalley, thanked officers for their work and welcomed proposals to simplify and clarify processes. He provided comment on further improvements which could be considered in the future.

The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Marketing and Events, Councillor Ring, welcomed ideas to improve processes and commented that, in the future, consideration should be given to giving greater weight to applications where community fundraising had taken place.

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development, Councillor Moriarty thanked the officers for their contribution and explained that this had been a light touch look at the way CIL was governed, and a more thorough review would be conducted in the future. He noted the comments of the Panel Members and Portfolio Holders and explained that the CIL

Spending Panel would look at processes in more depth and further changes and proposals would be brought bank to the Panel in due course for consideration.

RESOLVED: The Regeneration and Development Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet, as set out below.

That Cabinet agree to adopt the arrangements in the CIL Governance and Spending document attached to the report.