

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the Committee on matters set out in the 2020/21 (the reported year) Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS).
- 1.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) legislation requires that a report is produced annually before 31 December, relating to the previous financial year on the CIL, Section 106 planning obligations and the infrastructure projects or types of infrastructure that the Council intends to fund wholly or partly by the levy (excluding the neighbourhood portion).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 As a reminder for Members, for the purpose of reporting developer contributions, National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) defines 'infrastructure' as development within the following categories:

- Affordable housing
- Education (Primary, Secondary, Post-16 & Other)
- Health
- Highways
- Transport and travel
- Open space and leisure
- Community facilities
- Digital infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Flood and water management
- Economic development
- Land
- Section 106 monitoring fees
- Bonds (held or repaid to developers)
- Other (Neighbourhood CIL, CIL administration costs)

3.0 Summary of Content

- 3.1 In establishing this as a national requirement MHCLG has prescribed a spreadsheet format in which the data underpinning the IFS should be published before 31 December. The accompanying statement therefore essentially provides context to the CIL income and developer contributions the Council has secured, allocated and spent over the last financial year.
- 3.2 The IFS presents information to a broad audience, therefore comprises the following sections:
 - An introduction setting out the basic requirements and the context of planned growth in the District;

- National and local policy context, along with an explanation of the developer contributions it covers;
- A summary of CIL collected/spent during the reported year;
- A summary of S106 monies collected/spent during the reported year;
- Planned expenditure of CIL income over the next reporting period (April 2021 to March 2022).

3.3 The 2021 IFS itself has not yet been finalised, however, the table below sets out the headline figures for Members' attention.

Description of source	£
CIL	
CIL collected before 01/04/2020	£5,146,605.27
Demand notices issued 2020/21	£751,191.88
Received 2020/21	£1,383,861.71
NSDC CIL total 31/03/2021 (minus admin and all meaningful proportions)	£6,148,592.83
Expenditure (Capital)	£0
Expenditure (Administration)	£68,646.43
Meaningful proportion to Town/Parish Councils	£313,227.72
Retained after contributions	£1,001,987.56
S106	
Received before the reported year, remaining unallocated	£7,438,800.73
Received 2020/21	£1,176,337.66
Agreed 2020/21	£10,392,961.80
S106 contributions held by NSDC 31/03/2021	£8,166,213.10
Allocated but not spent 2019/20	£192,535.47
Balance held for longer term maintenance obligations	£39,605.80

3.4 With regard to planned expenditure over 2021/22 and beyond, the A1 Overbridge at Fernwood remains the priority project for CIL. Details of progress and potential timescales for delivery of this scheme are set out in the Highways Update report being presented to Members at Economic Development Committee on 17/11/2021.

3.5 The Council has now made its first CIL-based capital contribution in the form of £620,000 to Joseph Whittaker School (Rainworth). However, while this contribution was agreed in principle within the reported year, it was not finalised until the current financial year. As such, this will be reported in next year's IFS.

3.6 Section 106 spending will for the most part be directed by the terms of the legal agreement under which the funds were secured. Evidenced needs seeking use of unrestricted funds held by the Council are assessed on a quarterly basis at the Officers Developer Contributions Working Group.

4.0 Digital Implications

4.1 The base data underpinning the IFS should be published on the Council's website in .CSV format in accordance with open data requirements, along with the aforementioned report.

5.0 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 Infrastructure delivery is fundamental to the implementation of the Amended Core Strategy which, as a whole has been subject to appraisal against the Integrated Impacts Assessment (IIA) Framework. The IIA incorporates Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA). The EqIA is a way of demonstrating the District Council is fulfilling the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 5.2 With the focus of the IFS being on providing greater transparency to the decision making process and channelling infrastructure funding to areas of identified need as a result of development (thereby mitigating any perceived inequalities in accordance with adopted policy), an EqIA specifically for the IFS is not required. Members agreed with this view when the proposed approach was presented to the Committee in June 2020.

6.0 Financial Implications (FIN 21-22/2087)

- 6.1 Financial Services work closely with colleagues on the Developer Contributions Officer Steering Group to ensure that funds from developer contributions are appropriately managed in line with the Council's financial procedures.
- 6.2 The IFS will provide greater transparency for Members, service providers, developers and the community on how the Council deals with developer contributions.
- 6.3 CIL funded projects will progress from the IFS in to the Council's Capital Programme in the usual way by a report to Policy & Finance Committee as an when sufficient funding is available.
- 6.4 Currently there are two projects included within the Capital programme, Joseph Whittaker School with a total allocation of £0.620m and the A1 Overbridge at Fernwood with a total allocation of £5.600m.

7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

- 7.1 The IFS has potential to support the delivery of all Community Plan objectives that incorporate a need for infrastructure provision and enhancement. The growth agenda directed by the Local Plan underlines the corporate priorities set out in the Community Plan.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure Funding Statement be produced in accordance with the legislative requirements and be published before the end of the calendar year.

(The published version will be made available for Members viewing in advance of publication).

Reason for Recommendation

To ensure that the District Council is operating in accordance with the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Regulations.

Background Papers

[Infrastructure Funding Statement 2020/21](#)

Infrastructure Funding Statement – Proposed Approach Policy & Finance Committee Report (June 2020)

[Amended Core Strategy 2019](#)

Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation [123 List](#) (Jan 2018)

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