



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

NOTES and ACTIONS
CIL Board

Tuesday 11th February 2025 @ 1.30pm
Committee Room 3

Present: Cllr Rita Garner, Cllr John Turley, Cllr Dom Ford, David Attmore, Gary Peck, Moira Hayes, Andy Willems, Cllr Sean McDonald (WSCC), Ruth Pineda

Apologies: Chris Maughan, Sam Mason (WSCC), Caroline West (WSCC)

		ACTION
1.	Actions agreed from the last meeting on the 10th December 2024	
	Notes and actions from the previous meeting were agreed.	
2.	CIL Neighbourhood Fund	
	<p>It is estimated that around £130k of funds will be available to groups in 2025 (across four CIL Areas), which is less than the £205k available in 2024.</p> <p>Officers have been discussing the potential to evolve the CIL Neighbourhood Fund, to continue to align with WBCs 'Council for the Community' approach and to reflect the changing context of grant funding. Officers met with Cllr Dom Ford to discuss the 2025 funding round and, as a result, a number of proposals were presented to CIL board for discussion.</p> <p>Firstly, two options were proposed relating to the timeline for the 2025 funding round. It was agreed that Option 2 aligns better with the new CVS contract and 'Fund It' work. It also allows a longer time period for panel members to read through the applications, based on feedback received from panel members in 2024.</p> <p>Cabinet Members will meet to discuss how projects are prioritised and scored for the 2025 funding round. Accessibility and inclusion could be added to the scoring matrix to help prioritise projects. This work will then need to be fed back to officers ahead of the report going to JSC in April.</p>	DF / RG / JT



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	<p>The suggested approach to lower the maximum allocation of CIL funding that can be allocated to groups aligns with the Councils aims to not be a 100% funder. This means that groups are encouraged to find match funding from other sources. It is acknowledged that grant funding is difficult, particularly for small groups, but work through the 'Fund It' programme of works at the Councils should help.</p> <p>It was recommended that it should not be made a pre-condition that groups must have evidence of co-production of their projects, however this could be favourable as part of the assessment process. An increasing number of groups applying to the CIL Neighbourhood Fund have provided evidence of co-production with other community groups, schools etc.</p> <p>Officers to continue to work up the recommendations and discuss with Cllr Dom Ford before the JSC report in April.</p>	<p>DA / RP</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP)</p>	
	<p>An update was given by Officers as to the progress of the current projects funded from the Strategic pot (70%).</p> <p>Montague Gardens Public Realm is due to start in April/May 2025 and will be completed in phases over 18-months. It is a £3.1m project, with £2.7m of CIL funding, as allocated in the 2020-2023 IIP. This is reported in the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) and the spend will be reported in future versions.</p> <p>Shared use route from George V Avenue to Sea Lane Cafe is at Stage 2 planning, with public consultation aimed for spring/summer 2025. The CIL proforma needs to be signed off for the release of £62k (of the £200k initially allocated) CIL funds, as allocated in the 2023-2026 IIP.</p> <p>Public Space Regeneration works to the shopping parades and town centre are currently paused. The update document was shared with Members before the meeting.</p> <p>Safe walking, cycling and horse route to Titnore Lane (WSCC project) updates were provided by WSCC Officers prior to the meeting. The project to date has used s106 funds. Cllr Sean McDonald confirmed the need for a future community highways</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>SM / CW</p>



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	<p>scheme project to come forward to make the crossing safer. WSCC to confirm if the £80k of CIL funding will be needed in 2025/26.</p> <p>A template is to be created so that updates can be provided at each CIL Board meeting on projects that have been allocated CIL funds.</p> <p>The forecasted CIL receipts for 25/26 are c£400k, due to low levels of major developments expected to commence over the next 12 months. There is also a delay in receiving larger CIL funds due to the instalment policy for CIL.</p> <p>Worthing Cabinet Members are to meet in March to discuss allocations to the capital programme (including CIL & s106), which will feed into work around how the CIL funds from the Strategic Pot (70%) are allocated in 25/26.</p> <p>At a future CIL Board meeting, the 2026-2029 IIP will be discussed.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>RG / DF / JT</p>
4.	CIL 'Other Agencies' Pot	
	<p>An update was given by Officers as to the progress of the current and potential projects funded from the Other Agencies pot (10%).</p> <p>Coastal Flood Defences are programmed to commence in Autumn 2025. The Environment Agency (EA) are potentially contributing £2.76m, with other funding be levered in. A final business case is being drawn up. Andy Willems will check the timelines for this project, including when they will aim for sign off at JSC. Increasing the CIL allocation from £100k to £200k will help with match funding.</p> <p>CCTV cameras are owned by WBC with a user agreement in place with Sussex Police. There is an opportunity to a) upgrade the majority of the cameras and some to 360 degree viewing in hotspot areas associated with ASB, and b) purchase deployable cameras to certain hotspot areas, when required. Andy Willems will get an update on the locations of the cameras, timescales of upgrading them and the costs associated.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AW</p>



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	Officers are also to check whether we can provide CIL funding to the Police for capital projects at the neighbourhood police stations, similar to the recently released s106 funding in Adur for Peverel police station. This is linked to improving community safety across the borough.	DA / AW
6.	AOB	
7.	Date of Next Meeting(s) – TBC	
	May 2025. Date to be confirmed.	