

Item 5 - Governance of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The attached report was considered by the Planning Advisory Committee on 16 May 2017. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Planning Advisory Committee (16 May 2017, Minute 8)

The Planning Policy Team Leader presented the report which made some recommendations to amending the current CIL governance arrangements. The recommended changes were intended to assist the CIL Spending Board in making decisions and make the process more consistent.

There was a general discussion on whether 7 members of the Board was enough. It was also suggested that it should be politically proportionate, and if possible that members should represent a diverse geographical area.

In response to questions on oversight of the money being spent once allocated: Members noted that there was a requirement for an annual report each calendar year and feedback could be requested and reported then; that there was also the oversight of the Audit Committee; and the Scrutiny Committee also had the power to review.

Resolved: That the recommendations as detailed within paragraphs 11 to 16 of the report to Cabinet be supported -

- a) a fixed membership of greater than 7 members; politically proportionate with an advisory of geographical representation of the District where possible; no pool; a speaking protocol; and officers granted permission to work on the necessary amendments and submit the requisite reports in order to affect the agreed changes;
- b) the original pro-forma be amended as illustrated in the proposed form at Appendix A to the report, and that the pro-formas be used immediately upon approval;
- c) as well the initial validation, bids go through another validation process, as detailed within the report, with recommendations based on the initial priorities laid out for consideration at Appendix C to the report, with permission to refine and agree these at the initial meeting of the Spending Board.
- d) the report circulated and drafted by officers, with the assistance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, consist of the following
 - *Summary of current CIL Legislation or any recent changes.*
 - *Amount of funding available to be spent by the Spending Board.*
 - *Summary of where the CIL receipts have come from.*

- *Summary of needs highlighted in the Infrastructure Strategy (Regulation 123 List)*
 - *Summary of the priorities for the Spending of CIL receipts. Summary of the top 5 bids and reasons for this.*
 - *Summary of all bids submitted.*
 - *Recommendation of officers.*
 - Appendices will consist of the completed Assessment Criteria and pro-formas completed.
- e) the provisional timescales set out at Appendix D to the report be noted.