

Sevenoaks District Council

Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Board

Decision Making Process

Lead Officer's initial validation of bids

The lead officer will undertake an initial validation of bids. The following will not be put to the spending board for consideration:

- Those schemes for which a pro-forma has not been completed.
- Those schemes where the bidding organisation does not have the legal right to carry out the proposed scheme or the support from the statutory provider of that service.
- Those schemes that could clearly not be defined as infrastructure to support development.

The lead officer's validation of bids will be agreed by the chairman of the CIL Spending Board in advance of papers being published for the spending board meeting.

A written response will be provided to the bidder to explain this decision. This may suggest that a revised submission is considered at a future meeting.

CIL Spending Board's consideration

The CIL spending board's key considerations will be whether there is a public benefit of the proposed scheme for residents in Sevenoaks District and whether the scheme constitutes value for money. In determining this, the spending board will consider the following issues in making its recommendation.

- Whether sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate a strong social, environmental or economic justification for the scheme.
- Whether sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate a strong link between new development and the scheme.
- Whether the scheme forms part of a planned strategy to address the need for infrastructure.
- Whether the CIL contribution will be matched by funding from other sources.
- Whether the use of other funding sources has been maximised.
- Whether there is sufficient certainty that the scheme will be delivered.

- Whether the scheme is supported by at least one of the relevant SDC ward members (note: this will be a prerequisite of a successful funding bid).
- Whether the scheme is supported by the relevant town/parish council.
- Whether evidence has been provided to demonstrate that there are sufficient maintenance arrangements in place.

The board may also take into account other factors that it considers relevant.

Limited CIL funding is available and it is unlikely that it will fund all of the infrastructure schemes that are considered necessary to support development. Where it is necessary to choose between schemes that could both be appropriate uses of CIL (i.e. they satisfy all of the considerations set out above), the board will give particular consideration to the public benefit of the schemes for residents in Sevenoaks District and the link between development and the scheme.

Types of recommendation

The board may make the following recommendations to Cabinet for it to ratify:

- Funding for the scheme is approved.
- Funding for the scheme is not approved on the basis that other proposed schemes have been given greater priority.
- Funding for the scheme is not approved on the basis that insufficient evidence has been provided to justify it.
- Funding for the scheme is not approved on the basis that the scheme is not considered to be an appropriate use of CIL.

These recommendations should give bidders an indication of whether they should consider bidding for this scheme again and what additional information, if anything, should be provided with any resubmission.