

Item 8 - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Board - Review of Governance

The attached report was considered by the Development & Conservation Advisory Committee on 9 July 2019. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Development & Conservation Advisory Committee (9 July 2019, Minute 11)

The Planning Standards Manager, with input from the Senior Solicitor, presented the report on proposed amendments to current CIL governance arrangements which had been agreed by Members in July 2017 and were reviewed annually to ensure that they were still fit for purpose. The report set out some suggested changes following feedback received from Members and Officers and the new Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CIL Spending Board.

Members were advised that should they have any CIL queries they could contact officers on the dedicated email address: cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Further to the report and discussions with the Chairman of the CIL Spending Board, the Planning Standards Manager suggested a further amendment at paragraph 5.14, sixth bullet point of Appendix A being amended to read 'Whether sufficient evidence has been provided to show that funding from other sources has been maximised and that this will normally include a majority of funding from other sources.'

The Chairman of the CIL Spending Board addressed the Committee in support of the changes, advising of the reasoning behind the proposals. She hoped to hold a CIL Spending Board under the new Governance arrangements as soon as possible. The previous Vice Chairman of the CIL Spending Board supported the amendments.

Officers were thanked for all their hard work in turning around the proposals in such a short period of time.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The Chairman moved the recommendations as set out in the report subject to the suggested amendment and it was

Resolved: That the proposed changes to the CIL Spending Board governance arrangements as set out in the report, be agreed subject to Appendix A to the report, at paragraph 5.14, sixth bullet point being amended to read 'Whether sufficient evidence has been provided to show that funding from other sources has been maximised and that this will normally include a majority of funding from other sources.'