

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) SPENDING BOARD - PROJECTS UPDATE

Development and Conservation Advisory Committee – 26 March 2024

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer for Planning & Regulatory Services

**Status:** For consideration

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** This report showcases the infrastructure projects that have benefitted from CIL funding, awarded by the CIL Spending Board.

**This report supports the Key Aim of:** Ensuring that Sevenoaks District remains a great place to live, work and visit.

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**Recommendation to the Development and Conservation Advisory Committee:** That the Board notes the infrastructure projects that the CIL Spending Board has supported through the awarding of CIL funding.

**Reason for recommendation:** To demonstrate that CIL funding has been fully utilised towards the provision of and improvement to infrastructure to support development.

### Introduction and Background

- 1 The District Council adopted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule in 2014 and has been charging on all qualifying development since.
- 2 As of February 2024 the total amount of money collected from qualifying development was £15.7 million, to be spent on infrastructure to support development. Whilst there are a number of draws on the money, the largest proportion (70%) is made available to the CIL Spending Board to allocate to infrastructure projects.
- 3 The CIL Spending Board meets approximately once a year. Since its first meeting in 2018 the Board has awarded over £9.2 million to infrastructure projects across the District.
- 4 Many of these projects have social, economic and/or environmental benefits that have significantly benefited our local communities. To showcase some of

these projects that have benefitted from CIL funding awarded by the CIL Spending Board, a presentation will be given to this committee by the Chairman of the Board.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

The funding allocated by the CIL Spending Board has been levied from qualifying development. There are no financial implications for the Council with regards to this report.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

The Council has a duty as the charging authority, to ensure that the allocation and spending of CIL is in line with the CIL Regulations 2010 (and subsequent amendments). In addition, the CIL Spending Board operates in line with the Council's CIL Governance arrangements.

### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

### Climate Change Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to tackle climate change. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

#### **Appendices**

None

#### **Background Papers**

None

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