

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****SURREY**

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**SUBJECT:** INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES FOR COMMUNITY  
 INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUNDING  
**DIVISION:** ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

In Autumn 2014 Elmbridge Borough Council awarded CIL funding to six transport schemes and one education scheme promoted by Surrey County Council. The deadline for the next opportunity to bid to Elmbridge Borough Council for CIL funding is April 2015, with Elmbridge Borough Council's Strategic Spending Board anticipated to meet in Summer 2015. This report summarises the successful bids and proposes new bids for the April 2015 deadline.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Approve the submission of one bid for transport scheme detailed in Table 1 and Annex 2 below;
- (ii) Approve the submission of five bids for education schemes detailed in Table 1;
- (iii) Engage with the Area Team Manager and School Commissioning Officer in the development of the approved bids, to ensure that Divisional and Ward Members are fully apprised of the proposed schemes (paragraph 4.1 refers).

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Before bids are submitted to Elmbridge Borough Council they should be approved by the Local Committee.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

1.1 CIL is generally replacing the system of agreeing planning obligations between local councils and developers under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In a two tier area such as Surrey charges are set by the borough or district councils based on the size and type of the new development and its viability. The levy is due once planning permission has been granted for development. Where a community infrastructure levy is in force, applicants must pay the levy to the local council when development commences and can be paid in instalments. The money raised from the community infrastructure levy is used to support growth by funding new and improved infrastructure. This infrastructure is largely provided by the Borough and County Councils and can include transport network improvements, new or enhanced schools and better leisure and recreation facilities.

1.2 Elmbridge Borough is one of the first councils in the country to adopt CIL. Elmbridge Borough and Surrey County Council are committed to joint working to use CIL funding effectively to help deliver infrastructure, and have agreed on a number of principles which will guide this process, as set out within the Memorandum of Understanding reported to Committee in June 2014.

1.3 Elmbridge Borough Council has established a Strategic Spending Board to consider bids for CIL funding, and make recommendations to Elmbridge Borough Council's Cabinet. It is Elmbridge Borough Council's Cabinet, which makes the final decisions. The next meeting of the Strategic Spending Board is anticipated to be in summer 2015; a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 has been set for bids to be submitted.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

2.1 For a scheme to be granted CIL funding, it must feature on the Borough Council's Regulation 123 list. The Regulation 123 list is, in effect, an exclusion list to prevent schemes being funded by both CIL and s106 funds. This document is reproduced in Annex 1.

2.2 The following criteria will influence the selection of recommended schemes for new bids:

- Schemes already identified as part of the Local Committee priorities;
- The Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme;
- Schemes forming part of the Education Capital programme;
- The deliverability of schemes;
- The potential to help initiate important strategic schemes that will require longer term joint funding;
- The value added by joint funding.

2.3 The proposed schemes for new bids for the April 2015 deadline are summarised in Table 1 below. Table 1 also includes schemes that have already been awarded CIL funding, and possible future schemes for future bidding rounds. For the schemes for bids for the April 2015 deadline further details are available for transport schemes in (Annex 2).

## 2.4

**Table 1 Schemes for CIL bids past, present and future**

| Division                            | Successful bids  | Proposed bids for April 2015   | Possible future bids  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| East Molesey and Esher              | <b>Esher Transport Study</b><br>£50,000 towards a feasibility study  | <b>Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) &amp; Bus Stop accessibility improvements</b><br>£110,000 for RTPI displays and bus stop accessibility improvements at bus stops on Quality Bus Corridors in Esher, Cobham, Walton, Thames Ditton and Weybridge. | Implementation of schemes arising out of the <b>Esher Transport Study</b> .   |
| Hersham                             | <b>Burwood Road school safety measures</b><br>£85,000 for works to follow and complement installation of Zebra Crossing<br><b>Burhill Primary School</b><br>£150,000 for MUGA                        |  |   |
| The Dittons                         | <b>Long Ditton Schools Safety measures</b><br>£90,500 for works to follow and complement improved pedestrian crossing in Ditton Hill Road  | <b>Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) &amp; Bus Stop accessibility improvements</b><br>(See above)<br><b>Cranmere Primary School and Nursery</b><br>£889,115 contribution to new nursery provision.  |   |
| Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon          | <b>Fairmile Lane Safety Improvements</b><br>£22,500 contribution to construction of new road table<br><b>Stoke Road speed management measures</b><br>£10,000 contribution to speed management scheme | <b>Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) &amp; Bus Stop accessibility improvements</b><br>(See above)   | Contribution towards construction of the <b>Blundell Lane pedestrian / cycle accessibility improvements</b> scheme. |
| Claygate, Hinchley Wood and Oxshott | <b>Oxshott Speed Management measures</b><br>£25,000 contribution to road safety and speed management schemes   |  | <b>Blundell Lane pedestrian / cycle accessibility improvements</b><br>(see above)                                   |

| Division                   | Successful bids  | Proposed bids for April 2015   | Possible future bids  |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| Weybridge                  |  | <p><b>Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) &amp; Bus Stop accessibility improvements</b><br/>(See above)</p> <p><b>Manby Lodge Infant School</b><br/>£300,000 contribution to offset capital cost of project</p>   | <p>Implementation of schemes arising out of the <b>Elmbridge Cycle Strategy</b>.</p> <p>Implementation of schemes to enhance <b>Access to Brooklands</b></p>  |
| Walton                     |  | <p><b>Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) &amp; Bus Stop accessibility improvements</b><br/>(See above)</p> <p><b>Walton Oaks Primary School</b><br/>£662,974 contribution towards 1 form of entry expansion.</p> | <p><b>Elmbridge Cycle Strategy</b><br/>(See above)</p> <p>Construction of <b>Community Led Scheme for Terrace Road</b>, between The Grove and Cottimore Lane</p> <p>Measures arising out of the <b>Walton to Halliford Transport Study</b>.</p> |
| West Molesey               |  | <p><b>Hurst Park Primary School and Nursery</b><br/>£537,400 contribution to new nursery provision</p>   |   |
| Walton South and Oatlands  |  | <p><b>Cleves Junior School Weybridge</b><br/>£200,000 for provision of a MUGA.</p>   | <p><b>Elmbridge Cycle Strategy</b><br/>(See above)</p>  |
| <b>Total value of bids</b> | <p><b>£433,000 Total</b><br/>£283,000 Transport<br/>£150,000 Education</p> | <p><b>£2,699,489 Total</b><br/>£110,000 Transport<br/>£2,589,489 Education</p>   |   |

2.5 The next opportunity to bid for CIL funding is anticipated to be January 2016.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 Other potential options for CIL funding are contained in the Borough's Regulation 123 List. This sets out those schemes which could be funded by CIL - see Annex 1.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 For any bids that are approved by the Local Committee, the Area Team Manager and School Commissioning Officer will engage with the Divisional and Ward Members to ensure they are fully apprised of the proposals ahead of the bid to the Strategic Spending Board in April 2015. It is recommended that Members reciprocate this engagement to ensure they are fully aware of the proposals in their Divisions and Wards.

## **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The immediate financial implications of this paper are detailed in section 2 above.
- 5.2 The CIL fund is steadily growing as a result of ongoing development activity in Elmbridge. Officers of both County and Borough will continue to work together to make the most of this opportunity, and to ensure that other sources of funding are also as well coordinated as possible to maximise investment in Elmbridge.

## **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey County Council to treat all service users equally and with understanding.

## **7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The infrastructure schemes recommended for approval reflect locally generated priorities.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

| <b>Area assessed:</b>  | <b>Direct Implications:</b>                          |
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| Crime and Disorder   | Set out below.                                       |
| Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)   | Set out below.                                       |
| Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children                        | No significant implications arising from this report |
| Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults | No significant implications arising from this report |
| Public Health  | Set out below.                                       |

### 8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime

### 8.2 Sustainability implications

The provision of strategic transport infrastructure will help reduce congestion and encourage the use of other forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport. This will help reduce carbon emissions and pollution and potentially improve public health.

### 8.3 Public Health implications

Encouraging walking and cycling will have positive health implications. The provision of play space and games facilities encourages active lifestyles.

**9. CONCLUSION:**

9.1 Schemes are recommended to Committee for new bids to be submitted to the Strategic Spending Board and subsequent approval by Elmbridge Borough Council's Cabinet.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Officers will engage with Members to develop the detail of the bids ahead of the submission deadline of April 2015.

10.2 Bids will then be submitted to the Strategic Spending Board for consideration after the General and Local Elections. The Strategic Spending Board is anticipated to meet in summer 2015.

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**Consulted:** N / A.

**Annexes:** 2

**Sources/background papers:** None.