



JOINT COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

DATE: 28 July 2021

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SUBJECT: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Task Group Reconstitution & CIL Update Report

DIVISION: All

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report sets out the proposed Terms of Reference for the CIL Task Group for the Joint Committee to agree (Appendix A). This group will be responsible for considering bids for the strategic portion of funding collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy regime and making recommendations to the Joint Committee.

It was agreed at the previous Joint Committee Meeting on 9 March 2021 a CIL update would be provided at every subsequent meeting. This report therefore provides an update on the current CIL balances (Appendix B).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The CIL Task Group be reconstituted in accordance with the Terms of Reference at Appendix A.
- (ii) The CIL Progress Report be noted (Appendix B)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The CIL Task Group is responsible for making recommendations on how the strategic portion of CIL is to be spent on infrastructure schemes in the borough. The funds are accrued from payments required of new developments to mitigate their impact on communities through additional pressure on services such as healthcare, education, and highways.
- 1.2 The CIL Task Group is constituted by the Spelthorne Joint Committee and the Terms of Reference were originally agreed at its meeting on 9 March 2021, which also agreed the first round of spending on a number of schemes.
- 1.3 The reconstitution of the CIL Task Group is required due to the newly implemented Committee System at Spelthorne. As the previous Task Group

comprised the Leader of Spelthorne Council, the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and the Chair of the Joint Committee, it will need to be reconstituted following commencement of the Committee system, and it will be for the Joint Committee to agree this. The proposed Terms of Reference are found at Appendix A of this report.

- 1.4 It is proposed to the Joint Committee, subject to the agreement of the Environmental and Sustainability (E&S) Committee, that the composition of the CIL Task Group will include the Leader of Spelthorne Council, the appointed Surrey County Council representative for the Joint Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the E&S Committee, as this has responsibility for Strategic Planning and the Local Plan, and the Chair of each Local Spending Board. The spending boards are set up to allocate funds from the 15% of CIL monies for local rather than strategic schemes and these boards will make decisions autonomously for that given area in accordance with the apportionment set out in their own Terms of Reference to be agreed by the E&S Committee. The Joint Committee has no decision-making powers over the Local CIL Spending Boards, therefore it is for the E&S Committee to agree the membership and the Chairs at its first meeting on 30 June 2021 before the Joint Committee can agree the CIL Task Group composition. Including the chairs of the Local Spending Boards will ensure there is a joined up approach to the overall CIL expenditure.
- 1.5 As agreed at the Joint Committee meeting on 9 March 2021, a CIL update has been provided as part of this report – please see Appendix B.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 Until the CIL Task Group is reconstituted by the Joint Committee, no further CIL funding can be allocated to infrastructure schemes. Once reconstituted, it is recommended the CIL Task Group meets at its earlier convenience in order to consider a number of Strategic CIL bids received, to avoid a delay in funding important projects that will benefit our community. These bids will then be recommended to the Joint Committee for decision.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 To reconstitute the CIL Task Group in order to progress with the consideration of Strategic CIL bids. No alternative options are proposed, although it is for the Joint Committee to agree the composition of the Task Group itself.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 None required.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Once the CIL Task Group has been reconstituted it will be able to meet and consider bids for Strategic CIL.
- 5.2 Although the recommendations of this report do not have an impact on the collection of CIL monies, the lack of a CIL Task Group means recommendations on CIL spending cannot be considered.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Not applicable

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Not applicable

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
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	No significant implications arising from this report.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 It is recommended the Joint Committee agree on the reconstitution of the CIL Task Group in order to progress Strategic CIL spending across the Borough and to note the current CIL progress update.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Once the CIL Task Group has been reconstituted, it is recommended a meeting is convened promptly in order to consider a number of CIL bids received. The recommendations from that meeting will be presented to the Joint Committee for any final decisions to be made.

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Consulted: N/A

Annexes:

APPENDIX A – CIL Task Group Terms of Reference June 2021

APPENDIX B – CIL Progress Report – July 2021

Sources/background papers:

Joint Committee Meeting Minutes – 09 March 2021

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