



JOINT COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CIL FUNDING – VARIOUS

DIVISION/S: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Two bids for Strategic CIL funding are being recommended to the Joint Committee for approval following consideration by the CIL Task Group on 15 November 2022.

A CIL bid for £59,963.88 towards an Electric Public Engagement Vehicle was submitted by Surrey Police in November 2022 (Appendix 1). Following consideration by the CIL Task Group, this bid is recommended to the Joint Committee for approval.

The CIL Task Group met with representatives from the NHS on a number of occasions throughout 2022 to discuss a Strategic CIL Bid for Sunbury Health Centre. The original CIL bid (Appendix 2) was considered by the Joint Committee in July, but was put on hold pending further information relating to the sustainable transport options within the bid.

The bid has now been revised to exclude all sustainable transport options. The amended amount requested is £811,525.24 (Appendix 3) and the scheme is recommended to the Joint Committee for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to agree that

- (i) Strategic CIL funding of £59,963.88 is agreed to Surrey Police towards an Electric Public Engagement Vehicle.
- (ii) Strategic CIL funding of £811,525.24 is agreed to the NHS towards Sunbury Health Centre.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations require the Council to use CIL towards funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure required to support the development of its area. The above applications have been considered in the context of existing and upcoming development within Spelthorne. The above schemes meet the general criteria to be considered for CIL funding, and it is recommended funding is granted.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The CIL Task Group meets to consider bids for Strategic CIL funding. Bids considered to meet both Spelthorne's strategic objectives, as well as the

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general CIL criteria, are recommended to the Spelthorne Joint Committee for approval. The Joint Committee is the decision-making body with regards to CIL Strategic Funding.

- 1.2 A bid for an Electric Public Engagement Van was received from Surrey Police in early November and discussed by the CIL Task Group on 15 November 2022. It was decided to recommend this bid for £59,963.88 to the Joint Committee for approval.
- 1.3 A bid for Sunbury Health Centre was considered by the Joint Committee on 18 July 2022. Members required further information specifically with regards to the sustainable transport options, and therefore the bid was placed on hold pending further information from the NHS.
- 1.4 On 16 August 2022 the CIL Task Group met with representatives of the NHS to discuss the transport options. It was decided that all sustainable transport options would be removed from the bid. This gives a revised figure of £811,525.24 being recommended to the Joint Committee for approval.
- 1.5 The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) identifies both policing and healthcare as the infrastructure priorities for Spelthorne.
- 1.6 The amended scheme for Sunbury Health Centre aims to future-proof the facility, and takes into account not only current deficiencies, but the population growth and demand over the coming years.
- 1.7 With regards to Surrey Police, public engagement is a key priority for the Force and local policing teams. The provision of a public engagement van will vastly increase public visibility within the borough and provide advantages, from increased officer efficiency, to improved visibility of the force in the local community.

2. ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The CIL Regulations require the Council to use CIL towards funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure required to support the development of its area.
- 2.2 As an evidence base for the upcoming Local Plan, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) was published in May 2022. The document details existing, and required infrastructure across the Borough, and highlights existing and/or potential funding gaps.
- 2.3 The IDP identifies the Borough's infrastructure requirements and is used as a tool to inform how CIL should be allocated, and where S106 obligations should be secured.
- 2.4 Funding toward both policing and healthcare are identified in the IDP as areas where funding gaps exist.
- 2.5 These bids have been considered in the context of existing and upcoming development within Spelthorne. The schemes meet the general criteria and are appropriate for CIL funding, therefore it is recommended funding is granted.

3. OPTIONS

Surrey Police – Public Engagement Van (Appendix 1)

- 3.1 This project seeks funding towards a new (fully electric) public engagement van to be used for a variety of police engagement purposes and during operational policing.
- 3.2 According to Surrey Police, crime and reported incidents have been steadily increasing following the lifting of Covid restrictions and as a key strategy to resolve this upwards trend the government are recruiting 20,000 officers nationally
- 3.3 Public engagement is a key priority for the Force and their local policing teams. The provision of a public engagement van will vastly increase public visibility within the borough and provide advantages, from increased officer efficiency, to improved visibility of the force in the local community.
- 3.4 The multi-use vehicle will enable officers to engage with the local communities across the borough and vastly increase day-to-day visibility of the force, protecting vulnerable people and helping our residents feel safe in their community.
- 3.5 The total amount of CIL requested for this scheme is £59,963.88 and the scheme is recommended for approval.

NHS – Sunbury Health Centre (Appendix 2)

- 3.6 This bid is for a programme of works to Sunbury Health Centre to facilitate population growth in Spelthorne and provide better patient care for residents now and in the future.
- 3.7 The total patient population managed from Sunbury Health Centre is currently c19,500. The practice has seen a sustained growth of nearly 6% since 2016 and with ONS local population forecast this is set to grow by a further 5% to 2030.
- 3.8 The internal reconfiguration which includes the conversion and remodelling of existing ground floor administrative space to create clinical rooms, and the subdivision of existing large clinical space to create an additional 4 clinical rooms, will allow for an additional 480 clinical appointments per week.
- 3.9 Reassurance has been given from the NHS that the 480 additional appointments per week will be funded and resourced directly from the service provider.
- 3.10 During the meeting on 30 June, between the CIL Task Group and the NHS, it was made explicitly clear that CIL funding is only paid upon completion and construction sign off. This was understood by the NHS and they were able to confirm that CIL payment on completion would not have a negative impact on their cash flow.
- 3.11 It was further understood that the proposed works would cause no, or very minimal, disruption to primary care services.

3.12 In conclusion, the CIL Task Group were satisfied with the clarification received from the NHS on some of the finer points of the proposal. The CIL Task Group recognise the importance of allocating CIL towards key infrastructure projects to support growth in Spelthorne.

3.13 The total amount of CIL requested for this scheme is £811,525.24 and the scheme is recommended for approval.

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 There is no requirement for consultation for the allocation of Strategic CIL funding.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATION

5.1 The fundamental purpose of CIL is to support infrastructure required as a result of growth in an area. The schemes recommended above meet these criteria. They are schemes which will benefit the current, and future, residents of the Borough.

5.2 Forecasting has been undertaken to ensure the Council has sufficient CIL funds to commit the requested amount of money to each scheme. It has been confirmed that the Council can commit to funding the above schemes whilst maintaining a £1 million reserve.

5.3 Where schemes are only partially reliant on CIL funding, it is understood that the remaining amount has been secured through alternative sources.

5.4 As CIL funding is used towards capital projects, it is understood any revenue costs have been secured through alternative sources.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The schemes recommended for CIL funding would bring a number of benefits with regards to equalities and diversity across the Borough.

6.2 The Surrey Police scheme will increase police visibility across the Borough, thereby building public confidence and providing reassurance of the tackling of crime and improvements to safety in Spelthorne.

6.3 The NHS scheme would create enhanced local facilities for the residents of Spelthorne, regardless of their demographic.

6.4 By increasing capacity and improving the facilities at Sunbury Health Group, the number of appointments per week can be significantly increased, thereby benefitting the local community.

7. LOCALISM

7.1 The multi-use vehicle will enable officers to engage with the local communities across the borough and vastly increase day-to-day visibility of the force, protecting vulnerable people and helping our residents feel safe in their community. Furthermore, the vehicle is electric and therefore in line with the Borough's Green Agenda.

- 7.2 The proposed improvements to the Sunbury Health Centre will allow an increase of 480 additional clinical appointments per week. Confirmation from the NHS has been received with regards to funding and resourcing these additional appointments. This is a significant increase in appointments and therefore will have a positive impact on those who use this facility.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
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

The Surrey Police bid has a direct impact on Crime and Disorder in the Borough. The engagement van will boost police visibility across Spelthorne and therefore will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime and disorder.

8.2 Sustainability

The Surrey Police bid is for an electric vehicle. This type of vehicle creates significantly less pollution in comparison with biofuelled counterparts. This type of vehicle is appropriate and in line with the Borough's Green Agenda.

8.3 Public Health implications

The proposed improvements to the Sunbury Health Centre will allow an increase of 480 additional clinical appointments per week. Confirmation from the NHS has been received with regards to funding and resourcing these additional appointments. This is a significant increase to appointments and therefore will have a positive impact on those who use this facility.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The purpose of CIL is to fund infrastructure required as a result of growth. The Council is aware of current infrastructure requirements through its active engagement with key infrastructure providers, particularly highlighted by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and Local Plan, which focus on growth in the Borough over a 15-year period.
- 9.2 Both Policing and Healthcare have been identified in the IDP as areas where a funding gap exist, and therefore CIL funding is appropriate.

9.3 In conclusion, it is recommended that the Joint Committee approves the following schemes and amounts:

- Surrey Police Electric Public Engagement Vehicle - £59,963.88
- NHS Sunbury Health Centre - £811,525.24
- **Total Strategic CIL to approve - £871,489.12**

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 Following approval from the Joint Committee, award letters will be sent to applicants to make them aware of the outcome.

10.2 All Strategic CIL funding will be subject to a legal agreement. Following approval from the Joint Committee, work on the agreement will commence.

10.3 The Council will expect to be provided with an estimated completion date of the project, the date at which funds will be transferred.

10.4 All projects awarded CIL funding are expected to commence within 12 months of the award date. This will be set out in the legal agreement.

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Annexes:

Appendix 1 – Surrey Police Electric Public Engagement Van
Appendix 2 – NHS Sunbury Health Centre Bid (Original)
Appendix 3 – NHS Updated CIL Request Amount

Sources/background papers:

N/A