

TITLE: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING REQUEST

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1. To consider increasing the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project by £105,000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve the increase the CIL funding allocation to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project by £105,000, to a total of up to £305,000.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1. East Cambridgeshire District Council introduced CIL on 1 February 2013. The contributions raised through this levy are used to fund, in whole or in part, the necessary infrastructure to support growth and development in the district.
- 3.2. In order for infrastructure to benefit from CIL funding it must be included on the Councils Community Infrastructure Levy Infrastructure List. ‘District Wide Community Facilities’ was added to the list at the Full Council meeting held on 21 October 2021.
- 3.3. At the meeting held on 4 October 2022, this Committee approved the allocation of up to £200,000 to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)

- 4.1. At the time of submitting the original CIL funding application, the project was at an early stage. Since working through the planning process and moving the project forward, the scope and emphasis of the works have varied. For example, the pavilion has been designed to include better disabled access, the car park has been expanded from 30 spaces to 70 and there is now a requirement for the improvement to the New Town road access.
- 4.2. The Football Foundation has reduced its grant allocation to the project from £595,000 to £500,000, due to recent changes in the way the Football Foundation is investing in ‘on pitch’ and ‘off pitch’ sports facility projects.

- 4.3. The Parish Council have undergone a value engineering exercise and increased their contribution to the project from £66,000 to £90,000. They have also secured a further £20,000 funding from local organisations. However, there is now a £105,000 funding shortfall.
- 4.4. The amended match funding amounts do not alter the score of the project and it remains eligible for CIL funding. Members are, therefore, recommended to approve the allocation of a further £105,000 to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The amount of CIL funding requested is available from CIL receipts.
- 5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 5.3. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) completed as part of original funding application.

6.0 APPENDICES

None.

Background Documents:

East Cambridgeshire CIL Infrastructure List – 21 October 2021

Minutes of the Finance & Assets Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022