

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE ON 25 JANUARY 2022

REPORT

SUBJECT: CIL Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP 2022-2024)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks agreement to the draft Infrastructure Investment Plan (a three-year programme 2022-2024) setting out how Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds will be prioritised for delivery of infrastructure projects and referral of the IIP to Full Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Planning Policy Committee:-

1. Agrees the Arun Infrastructure Investment Plan (for the period 2022-2024) be referred to Full Council for approval and publication on the Council's web site.

1. BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Arun District Council became a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority in April 2020. A CIL Governance process was approved at Full Council on 25th January 2021 which set out how CIL receipts will be prioritised and allocated towards infrastructure projects. This process includes Arun District Council undertaking informal consultations with infrastructure providers and Town/Parish Councils inviting project bids and supporting evidence, to help identify infrastructure projects eligible for funding and prioritisation.
- 1.2 Following assessment and prioritisation, projects that meet the assessment criteria should be included in a three-year CIL funding programme for the period 2022 - 2024. This programme is called the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP).
- 1.3 The draft IIP attached at Appendix 1 includes the shortlist of 5 priority projects identified for funding (i.e. green projects using a red amber green coding for the assessment i.e. RAG assessment); and the proposed 3 year spend apportionment for those projects.

- 1.4 Appendix 2 includes the 'long list' or baseline list of all project bids (with RAG assessment) which will be kept under review as the status and priority of projects changes over time, gaining evidence to meet eligibility criteria for IIP prioritisation.
- 1.5 It should also be noted that, in preparing the draft IIP, two stages of informal consultation (April and July 2021) and a formal six week consultation (October 2021) with stakeholders, has taken place including the Parish and Town Councils.
- 1.6 Further monitoring of CIL receipts (e.g. held, or value of demand and liability notices) has also been undertaken to guide the prioritisation work and will continue to be closely monitored each year of the IIP in order to set a realistic funding programme - applying a cap upwards or downwards as necessary, to reflect CIL income. This is necessary to ensure that projects can be funded and minimises the risk of projects being prioritised but subsequently finding that CIL monies are not available at the level forecast.
- 1.7 The next stages of the preparing the IIP involve reporting and agreement at this Committee, for subsequent referral to Full Council for approval on 9 March 2022. The three year IIP programme will take a light touch update over the first two years of operation and a fuller update in year 3 in order to set the future spending priorities for the following 3 year IIP programme.
- 1.8 That the draft IIP set out in Appendix 1 should be agreed as the basis for Arun District Council's funding priorities over the next three years.

8. PROPOSAL(S):

That the Planning Policy Committee agrees the draft Arun IIP is forwarded to Full Council for approval and publishing on the Council's web site.

3. OPTIONS:

- 8.1 That the Planning Policy Committee:-
a) agrees the report conclusion in section 1.6 or
b) the report conclusion is not agreed.

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council	x	
Relevant District Ward Councillors		x
Other groups/persons (please specify)		x

5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial	x	
Legal		x
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		x
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		x
Sustainability	x	
Asset Management/Property/Land		x
Technology		x
Other (please explain)		x

6. IMPLICATIONS:

This report sets out draft IIP 2022 - 2024 setting out the prioritisation of CIL funding towards infrastructure projects covering the three-year period 2022 - 2024. The IIP will be reviewed in 2024 to roll it forward for a further three years. Consultation has been undertaken with all infrastructure provider stakeholders, including Town and Parish Councils. The IIP prioritisation reflects the delivery of key infrastructure priorities within the adopted Arun Local Plan (2018) to ensure sustainable development is supported by necessary infrastructure mitigation.

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The Council needs to ensure CIL receipts are funding infrastructure projects mitigation the impacts of non-strategic scale developments and that this is done in a transparent way.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.