

**November 2021**

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

**1. Purpose of the report**

To begin to consider the specific use of the Town Council's CIL funding.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 CIL is a levy, payable in relation to much new development, which contributes towards infrastructure requirements in Warwick District. More information can be found on Warwick District Council's website -

[https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20798/community\\_infrastructure\\_levy\\_cil](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20798/community_infrastructure_levy_cil)

Councillors will be aware that the Town Council has begun to receive CIL payments from Warwick District Council in relation to developments in the town area. These payments are made twice a year by WDC, around April and October time, relating to the preceding 6-month period. Each time the Town Council receives a payment, it is required to enter into a legal agreement with WDC regarding the spend of the CIL monies.

- 2.2 The Town Council received 15% of CIL receipts in the town area, Due to the limited scope for development within Warwick Town area, CIL receipts are expected to be relatively modest compared to some parishes with significant housing growth. This will inevitably determine the scale of infrastructure that we are able to deliver.
- 2.3 The Town Council is required to account for CIL monies separately within its accounts. This is done by showing it as a separate earmarked reserve.

**3. Use of CIL monies**

In summary, town and Parish Councils must use CIL receipts for:

'the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure'  
or  
'anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area'.

There is a 5-year deadline (from the date of receipt) for the spend of CIL monies, beyond which the District Council could require it to be repaid.

#### 4. CIL monies received / available

Date received	Amount received (£)	Deadline for spend
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	25,059.60	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	13,350.59	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
<b>Total available</b>	<b>38, 410.19</b>	

#### 5. Developing proposals for use of CIL monies

5.1 Issues that will need to be considered include:

- Criteria for use of CIL monies.
- Timescales for delivery of projects in the context of timescales for spend of CIL monies.
- Funds available and likely future resources available through CIL receipts.
- Realistic costs of projects.
- Engagement with partner organisations regarding development and delivery of projects.
- Engagement with the community to identify projects (or drawing on previous consultation).
- Contribution to Town Council's Corporate objectives
- Potential amalgamation of funds with other funding sources, or contributions to larger schemes.

#### 5. Other infrastructure plans / initiatives

It is important that the Town Council considers wider initiatives and the infrastructure investment / plans of other local organisations, notably WDC and WCC. This is to ensure that we are considering and complementing other infrastructure initiatives. This is particularly important given the relatively modest sums of CIL available to us.

#### 6. Wayfinding

Heath Pedro is developing a wayfinding scheme to improve signage in Warwick. The purpose of this is to install / create a series of wayfinding signs of various types that are attractive, suitably located, clear and easily understood, thus creating a 'legible' townscape that people can easily find their way around. The Town Council could consider discussing this further with WDC and identifying any additional waymarking it could contribute to in order to enhance the scheme. Key Tourist sites need to be approached to support funding.

#### 6.3 WTC's CIL projects

A report on WTC's CIL plans will go to Full Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
This included the following Proposals:

Project	Location	Cost	Quantity	Total
Benches – non backed	Jubilee wood	£380		
Daffodil Bulbs	Emscote Road	£40 x 25kg		
Defibrillator	Court House	£1,500	1	£1,500
Notice Board	TBC	£1,000		
Wayfinding project	Warwick	£20,000	1	£20,000
WIB	Emscote Road	TBC		
Tree planting	TBC	TBC		

**7. Additional finance**

The Town Council could consider additional sources of finance to complement its CIL funding where appropriate – e.g., its own resources, funding available from grants etc.

**8. Recommendation/s**

That the Committee considers the information provided and use it to begin to consider the use of the Town Council’s CIL resources.

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**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Working Group**

Draft Terms of Reference – 2021

- To consider the Town Council’s possible use of its CIL funding, taking into consideration:
  - Rules / limitations regarding CIL funding.
  - Amount / likely amount of funding available.
  - Wider infrastructure initiatives and projects in the town
  - Previous consultation and engagement
  
- To develop proposals for consideration by Finance & Policy & Committee