

Battle Town Council - Plan for the use of CIL funds Working Group

Notes from Cllrs Burton, Cook, Favell (Convenor), Kiloh & Sharman following a meeting with Ben Yates, Jeff Pyrah and Aaron Sams from RDC by Zoom on 22nd February 2022.

Populating the Plan

It was noted that:

RDC make two payments each year - in April and October - which cover the previous six months receipts.

RDC cannot predict the CIL receipts that BTC may receive in the future until work has started on a development as, even if planning permission is granted, they may not go ahead.

Payments are made in up to three tranches, dependent upon the value of the development.

Section 106 obligations relate to specific developments. These are set by RDC as a condition attached to planning permission, but BTC could make a request when considering outline planning requests and ask RDC Councillors to speak in support. These obligations could cover junction improvements, provision of open spaces etc.

Allocation of Strategic CIL

A new protocol was agreed by RDC in January and is likely to be rolled out in August/September.

There is a Rother Infrastructure Fund, a Climate Emergency Bonus Fund and an Infrastructure Matched Fund (for Parishes, equal to the CIL generated by the Parish).

BTC could apply for funding from more than one pot for the Pavilion (e.g. the solar panels could come from the Climate Emergency Bonus Fund).

BTC can add the Almonry chimney rebuild project to the list of projects in its IDP that was sent to RDC in November.

Actions Required

GF to update the IDP and request Town Clerk to resubmit it to RDC via Aaron Sams, Principal Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Officer.

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Aim of the Working Group:

To prepare a draft 5-year rolling **Plan for the use of CIL funds** for recommendation to F&GP, in readiness for F&GP's proposals for the allocation of CIL funds to be included and recommended to Council.

Objectives:

Agree the outline plan in line with Council's CIL Policy:

- Agree the content of the plan
- Agree the format of the plan

Draft a plan:

- Compile a list of actions required to populate the plan
- Agree a timeline for the actions to be completed

Reports to F&GP