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## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Title/Subject Matter:** Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation

**Meeting/Date:** Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) -  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Cabinet – 18th April 2023

**Executive Portfolio:** Executive Councillor for Planning

**Report by:** Chief Planning Officer

**Ward(s) affected:** All Ward(s)

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of the area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. Huntingdonshire District Council became a CIL charging authority in May 2012.

Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area. This helps to deliver across several the Council's Corporate Plan priorities for 2022/23 but specifically:

- Improving housing provision.
- work closely with towns and parishes to widen knowledge around the Community Infrastructure Levy and how local communities can access these funds.

The latest funding round was launched on 9th November 2022 with a closing date of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Bids received within that round for CIL funding towards infrastructure projects have been assessed by officers to reach the recommendations within this report.

### **Recommendation(s):**

The Cabinet is

### **RECOMMENDED**

- a) Note the information on projects previously allocated or in receipt of funding commitments and the updates on their delivery (see Appendix 1).

- b) Agree officer recommendations for projects submitted in this round for over £50,000 CIL funding as detailed in Section 4.
  
- c) Agree change requests for St Ives Park Extension and St Neots Riverside projects (see Appendix 3)

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to invite the Cabinet to consider recommendations relating to infrastructure projects seeking funding in whole or in part from an amount of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies received to date.

## **2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The requirement for infrastructure to support new development is a high priority and CIL continues to be implemented across the country with government enabling and directing local authorities to obtain contributions by charging a Community Infrastructure Levy on new development, in addition to negotiating Section 106 planning obligations with a developer where applicable.
- 2.2 Up to 5% of CIL receipts each financial year may be retained for administration costs. 15% - 25% of CIL receipts – the ‘meaningful proportion’ – are passed to parish/town councils in line with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011 and the total amount transferred to parish/town councils has increased each year in line with receipt increases. The remaining 70-80%, the strategic proportion, is available for Huntingdonshire District Council as the charging authority to spend on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area.
- 2.3 An update on the projects allocated CIL funding previously can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Under Cabinet approved governance arrangements, the Cabinet is to consider applications for CIL funding over £50,000. Any requests of £50,000 or less have been considered and approved in line with delegated authority and are detailed at Appendix 2. The total amount of funding to be considered for allocation in a financial year will not exceed £500,000 for allocations of £50,000 or less, including those for non-parished areas. This report relates to the second funding round for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 2.5 Change requests have been received for the previously approved projects at St Ives Berman Park and St Neots Riverside Park, these are covered in full in Appendix 3. These are recommended for approval of the changes.

### 3. OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ANALYSIS

- 3.1 In November 2022, stakeholders were invited to submit on-line proforma applications for funding from the Strategic Portion of CIL, in line with guidance issued and available on the [Council CIL Funding webpages](#). Communications were issued to infrastructure providers including the County Council, Town & Parish Councils and HDC Members. The Council website was also updated to announce a new round. The projects submitted during this funding round have been reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria for CIL funding.
- 3.2 The levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development. It can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure if that is necessary to support new development.
- 3.3 In considering spend allocation, the potential support a number of strategic infrastructure projects may need in the near future should be noted i.e., if all the money received to date is allocated to other projects, it may not be possible to provide these strategic projects with the funding they may need over the next few years to be delivered. As required under legislation, the Council has stated in the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) 2020-2021 that CIL funds would be approved in line with the governance process and could be allocated towards:
- Strategic Transport including items such as A428, A141, A14, A1, and East West Rail; and
  - Supporting the delivery of growth in the District, as identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and HDC's Corporate Plan.
- 3.4 Governance arrangements highlight it is for the applicant to develop their business case. The role of HDC is to consider the applications as submitted. This ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and transparently. For any application to be considered, it must meet the following gateway criteria:
- The application form has been completed satisfactorily
  - All supporting documentation, identified in the application form, has been provided
  - The organisation has the legal right to carry out the proposed project
  - The project is clearly defined as 'Infrastructure' as per the CIL Regulations

- The project is listed in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan / Infrastructure Funding Statement or is for infrastructure that supports growth of the area.

Applications that meet this gateway criteria are then assessed further based on:

- The need for the project
- The public benefit of the project
- The deliverability of the project
- The value for money that a scheme provides

Colleagues from across various services such as economic development, operations and active lifestyles have been contacted where considered appropriate to ascertain if they are generally supportive of the proposals. Detail on the bids submitted in response to the current round for CIL funding are outlined in section 4 below.

- 3.5 CIL allocations previously reported as completed at Cabinet are not referenced again in this update.
- 3.6 There is circa £20m of CIL receipts now currently available for allocation on further infrastructure projects. Overall CIL allocations have represented 30% of the overall project costs for all projects awarded CIL funding, so for every £1 spent by HDC there will be approximately £3.30 spent on infrastructure delivery for the benefit of the district based on projects supported to date.

#### 4. PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING FROM STRATEGIC CIL FOR MORE THAN £50,000.00

4.1 Detail on the bids submitted in response to the current round for over £50,000.00 CIL funding, which require Cabinet approval, as outlined in para 2.4 above, are stated below with the officer recommendations. Project bids for £50,000.00 or less were considered at a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, in accordance with delegated authority. Information on these bids can be found at Appendix 2 to this report, including the decisions reached, and is for Members to note.

##### 4.2 Monks Wood Specialist Police Training Facility.

PROJECT PROPOSED	LOCATION	CIL FUNDING REQUESTED	TOTAL COST	%CIL ASK
POLICE TRAINING FACILITY	SAWTRY	£641,492.00	£12,300,900.00	5%

**Project Summary:** £641,492.00 CIL request for proposed new facility to meet the statutory requirements to train police across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. This includes a new shooting range, accommodation, classroom space, training rooms (including replica buildings), taser training facilities and fitness rooms. Construction is expected to take place April 2023 to May 2024.

**Officer Analysis:** A previous application has been submitted for this project. The officer recommendation at that time was to decline the project, which was approved at Cabinet in October 2022. The main reasons the project was declined were a) due to elements of Business Plan not being submitted; b) Need for project due to growth not highlighted, albeit population growth would benefit as well as existing, and c) The financial elements were not shown in full and apportioned as to how the CIL if approved would cover the needs for Cambridgeshire rather than the 3 counties. These elements have been covered in this application and the funding request noting feedback given and reasons for it reduced from £3.8m to £641,492.

The infrastructure is needed as part of the police estate to ensure policing can be provided effectively and efficiently and to support and enable local communities to be educated to be safer. It is infrastructure of district wide benefit. Huntingdonshire as a whole has experienced a 12% growth in dwelling stock since 2011. The funding will support the joined-up training facilities to be provided to ensure an appropriately trained police service can be provided as part of the police estate. The HDC Corporate Plan under Strengthening our Communities makes reference to “- work with police and communities to help people feel safe where they live”. The new facilities will also

enable the continued growth and deliverability of the districts largest site allocation at Alconbury Weald, where the current facilities are located and moving to make way for development.

This scheme is considered very good value for money. The Cambridgeshire share of this project is approximately £3.8m (31.29%) of total project cost. The CIL request equates to 5.22% of the overall project cost and 17% of the Cambridgeshire 'portion'.

**Recommendation: APPROVE SUBJECT TO:**

- 1) Police Joint Chief Officer Board (JCOB) approval of final detailed design which is due March 2023
- 2) Confirmation of all match funding following decisions for CIL funding requests with other local authorities.

**4.3 Huntingdon Pavilion Works.**

PROJECT PROPOSED	LOCATION	CIL FUNDING REQUESTED	TOTAL COST	%CIL ASK
KING GEORGE V PAVILION WORKS	HUNTINGDON	£750,000.00	£2,000,000.00	38%

**Project Summary:** £750,000.00 CIL request for proposed demolition and rebuilding of the existing 1880s cricket pavilion (former cart shed) at St Peters Road in Huntingdon, to provide a 21st century purpose built, eco-friendly, sustainable prefabricated timber building for sports and location of the Huntingdonshire Community Cancer Network (HCCN). Construction is expected to take place August 2023 to Summer 2024.

**Officer Analysis:** A previous scheme submitted in 2021 for CIL funding was not supported at Cabinet. The current application is scaled down and does not include the indoor cricket nets or an indoor facility to all of an 8-a-side cricket pitch for training and tournaments, which would also cater for wheelchair cricket as the whole facility would be accessible.

The infrastructure is needed to support the important cricket facility and the growth of the Huntingdon spatial planning area. There has been 8.36% growth in dwelling stock between 2011 and 2022 in the Huntingdon Spatial Planning Area. The funding would support the continued development of this district facility and enable it to expand and welcome women and younger people, with improved changing facilities. It would also be DDA compliant and provide a permanent facility for the Huntingdonshire Community Care Network (HCCN) which provides a range of support services and activities as well as working with the local nursing team. HCCN would utilise the facilities during the day 5 days a week. Cricket would have the building in the evenings for training, and at weekends for matches. If the building

becomes available out of cricket season then it could be hired or used by other community groups. This would allow all the building to be used efficiently 7 days a week. However, this new scheme is not addressing indoor sport need as per the original application. Also, the Cricket Club lease has now expired, and the new lease not yet agreed nor is there a lease yet for HCCN.

The scheme is considered good value for money. The CIL request equates to 37.5% of the project cost. However, the project cost remains the same as the previous application declined but is delivering less, specifically on indoor sports provision, and the cost for this stage is considered high with no greater sport benefit. The CIL ask has also increased by 50%. It has been confirmed that if this phase 1 project is agreed, funding would then be sourced for phase 2 but cannot be confirmed at this point.

The HDC Head of Leisure Services and HDC Sports development Manager have noted the indoor sports hall provision loss as currently the need is for more indoor sports space, which is not now being addressed, and cannot see the level of community benefit that would be expected. There are also questions over whether Sport England might fund this now proposed element without the indoor sports, as they may be more likely to fund the sports hall part for multi sports. It was questioned if this was the best location for such a facility and if it was expanded is there enough parking etc. The cost is not considered at the right level, in line with Sport England costs and if the design would meet needs. Key points to note are the costs are considered too high and there is no additional indoor sport provision.

**Recommendation: DECLINE**

**4.4 St Neots (Longsands) Computer Suite.**

PROJECT PROPOSED	LOCATION	CIL FUNDING REQUESTED	TOTAL COST	%CIL ASK
COMPUTER SCIENCE DIGITAL SUITE	ST NEOTS	£325,052.00	£650,104.00	50%

**Project Summary:** £325,052.00 CIL request for proposed dedicated Computer Science suite of four classrooms and a computing lab through refurbishment of existing building. This will allow the school to offer Digital T-Level qualifications, working with local businesses for industry placements. Through talking to local businesses there is a need for improved digital skills, in fact a local business has donated the computing equipment. Works are expected to start in June 2024 with the new suite being completed by September 2024.

**Officer Analysis:** The infrastructure is needed to support continued education development in the area to meet business needs. It is to expand IT facilities. There has been just over 10% growth in the spatial planning area based on dwelling stock since 2011.

The funding would support the secondary education provision in the St Neots area building on engagement with local businesses to be able to offer Digital T Level to students – the nearest other facility is in Bedford. The T and A levels will be available to any student whether in Longsands or Ernulf catchments or elsewhere across the district.

It is considered good value for money with the CIL request equating to 50% of the project cost. The other 50% of funding has been applied for via the Building and Facilities Improvement Grant (BFIG), which is part of the T Levels capital fund run by the Department for Education. An outcome of this is due later this calendar year. It is also helpful to note that a local business has gifted £40,000 for the IT equipment needed for the facility.

Economic Development are supportive in principle and have already met with Longsands to discuss the project.

**Recommendation: APPROVE**

In light of the need for CIL funding as match funding to support the application for the other funding, it is suggested that if approved, this is for 12 months to enable the funding application to be considered – this would work based on the times provided by the applicant.

It is further Recommended that SUBJECT TO:

1) Match-funding being achieved, the delivery time is extended for a further 2 years to enable the project to be implemented without the need to bring to Cabinet again. Updates on progress would be given as part of any future CIL round reports.

**4.5 Alconbury Memorial Hall Extension.**

PROJECT PROPOSED	LOCATION	CIL FUNDING REQUESTED	TOTAL COST	%CIL ASK
MEMORIAL HALL EXTENSION FOR STORAGE	ALCONBURY	£95,450.00	£95,450.00	100%

**Project Summary:** £95,450.00 CIL request for proposed 40m2 extension to village hall. Currently the hall is being used for pre-school and other activities, with storage being upstairs. The extension would mean that the items can be stored on the ground floor, freeing up space and making the facility easier to use. Construction is intended to complete in Summer 2024.

**Officer Analysis:** There is no match funding in place and has been very limited growth in the village (1.2% or 8 completions 2011-2022). There is large growth in the adjoining areas, but they have access to their own community rooms. Although the extension would benefit the community and make the hall more efficient, it is not a CIL infrastructure priority to meet the needs of future growth. The project is not

delivering increased community space but a storage facility to support the existing facility. It is also not considered good value for money with CIL equating 100% of the project cost.

**Recommendation: DECLINE**

#### 4.6 St Ives (One Leisure) Sand Dressed Pitch.

PROJECT PROPOSED	LOCATION	CIL FUNDING REQUESTED	TOTAL COST	%CIL ASK
REPLACEMENT OF SAND DRESSED PITCH	ST IVES (ONE LEISURE)	£175,000.00	£300,000.00	58.3%

**Project Summary:** £175,000.00 CIL request for proposed replacement of the existing artificial turf pitch carpet and review/replace the subbase. The overall project includes upgrading the floodlights. It is intended for works to be completed in October 2024.

**Officer Analysis:** The infrastructure is needed to address the sport provision for the locality and wider district. There has been growth in this area at 9.1% for dwelling completions, which puts it in the top 30% in the area. The funding will support the replacement of the existing ATP carpet and review/replace the subbase that will provide a quality surface for not just hockey but also football, tennis and other physical activity programmes. The project will also include replacing the existing floodlights with LED lights to become more energy efficient. It is considered value for money. The CIL request equates to 58.33% of the project cost with £125,000 coming from HDC Capital funding.

**Recommendation: APPROVE**

#### 5. COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

5.1 The comments of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel will be included in this section prior to its consideration by the Cabinet.

#### 6. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

- 6.1 The key impact from not considering the CIL spend will be the potential for certain infrastructure projects not being delivered and match funding lost.

## **7. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- 7.1 Project bids submitted will be notified of the outcome of the decision made by Cabinet. Next steps as appropriate are noted below:
1. Notify applicants of outcome of Cabinet meeting and provide feedback.
  2. Prepare and initiate contracts for approved projects once any additional requirements have been met.
  3. Issue funds in accordance with agreed milestones set out in the contract.
  4. Commence quarterly monitoring of projects approved.
  5. Provide an update for members at next funding round

## **8. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

*(See Corporate Plan)*

- 8.1 This helps to deliver across several the Council's priorities for 2022/23 but specifically:
- Improving housing provision

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Regulation 59 (1) of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires a charging authority to apply CIL to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area. It may also, under Regulation 59 (3), support infrastructure outside its area where to do so would support the development of its area.
- 9.2 Passing CIL to another person for that person to apply to funding the provision, improvement, replace, operation and maintenance of infrastructure is also permitted under Regulation 59 (4).

- 9.3 Section 216 (2) of the Planning Act 2008 as amended by Regulation 63 of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended) stated that infrastructure 'includes [and is therefore not limited to]:
- (a) roads and other transport facilities,
  - (b) flood defences,
  - (c) schools and other educational facilities,
  - (d) medical facilities,
  - (e) sporting and recreational facilities,
  - (f) open spaces.'
- 9.4 The levy may not be used to fund affordable housing.

## **10. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 CIL money can only be spent to deliver infrastructure, in accordance with the legal restrictions on the spending of CIL receipts.
- 10.2 Staff resource to administer and monitor the allocation of the CIL. This is funded, in part, by the administration costs permitted from the CIL receipts.
- 10.3 Staff resource from elsewhere in the Council will be used in preparing funding bids and implementing successful cases.
- 10.4 After the funds applied for and recommended for this round, there would be circa £18m remaining to spend on strategic transport infrastructure and other infrastructure needs as stated in the Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Funding Statement and noted at para 3.3 above.

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS**

- 11.1 The projects identified have been considered in terms of how they support growth, their deliverability and risks, benefits and outputs and the extent of match funding being provided. The current stage of development of the project has also been considered. A summary of the key issues noted by officers in assessing each application request for £50,000 or less CIL funding is noted in Appendix 2. Recommendations are for one of the following:

- Approve – to agree CIL funding subject to, where necessary, provision of further documentation necessary in line with delegated authority, as noted in the report recommendations and the completion of a contract.
- Decline – to decline the project for receipt of CIL funding.

## **12. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

Appendix 1 – Update on ‘live’ Projects previously approved CIL funding to-date.

Appendix 2 - Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Project Bids submitted for consideration in 2022/23 round 2 for £50,000.00 or less – Decisions

## **13. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Section 216 of Planning Act 2008

Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2694/infrastructure-delivery-plan.pdf>

Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan – Infrastructure Schedule

<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2693/infrastructure-schedule.pdf>

Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan Addendum <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2861/infrastructure-delivery-plan-addendum.pdf>

Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021-2022

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/5874/infrastructure-funding-statement-2021-22.pdf>

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**APPENDIX 1 - Update on 'live' Projects previously approved to-date**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Project cost</b>	<b>CIL funding offered</b>	<b>Expected delivery date</b>	<b>Update</b>
<p><b>St Ives Park Extension</b></p> <p>Approved by Cabinet - 18th July 2019</p>	<p>The provision of Benches/Interpretation and a feasibility study on the commercial opportunities through the park when fully available plus first year's maintenance due to early release</p>	£80,000.00	£80,000.00	Completion September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Change request submitted – See Appendix 3
<p><b>Improvements to path/cycle route at Riverside Park, St Neots</b></p> <p>Approved by Cabinet - 18th July 2019</p>	<p>Improvements to the path and cycle route at Riverside Park, originated from a pedestrian audit.</p>	£600,000.00	£445,000.00	Completion March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024	Change request submitted – See Appendix 3
<p><b>Warboys Village Hall</b></p> <p>Approved by Cabinet - 18th July 2019</p> <p>Extension of time to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 agreed by Cabinet 18th November 2021</p>	<p>Funding towards a new facility</p>	£1,000,000.00	£200,000.00	December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Planning permission has been granted. Currently at tendering stage.

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<b>Fenstanton Village Hall</b>  Approved by Cabinet - 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Funding towards a new village hall in Fenstanton	£880,000.00	£75,000.00	30/07/24	Works due to start later this year with the ground works and footings due to complete in October.
<b>Raised zebra crossing, B645, Kimbolton</b>  Approved by Cabinet - 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Zebra crossing on B645	£48,000.00	£20,000.00		<b>Works completed.</b>
<b>Alconbury Weald Special school</b> to serve Huntingdonshire, located at Alconbury Weald  Approved by Cabinet – 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 and confirmed 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Alconbury Weald Special school	£20,000,000.00	£4,000,000.00	July 2024	Project on track and works due to start April 2023.

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<b>New length of cycle/footway and safer crossing point on Buckden Road, Brampton</b>  Approved by Cabinet - 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Cycleway between Buckden and Brampton	£188,391.50	£100,000.00	31/09/2023	The scheme no longer includes junction narrowing due to matters raised with bus safety as well as land ownership issues, which would have resulted in further legal costs and time delays. Construction may be delayed from June to school summer break to enable longer working hours to take place. Additional funding of £275k has been agreed by CCC Transport & Highways Committee to meet increased costs.
<b>Extension and landscaping of Little Paxton Cemetery</b>  Delegated approval 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Cemetery landscaping and extension	£137,408.40	£30,600.00	30/04/2023	Landscaping work on track to start in early 2023.

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<b>New mains power supply in Priory Park, St Neots</b>  Delegated approval 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Power supply to Priory Park	£15,500.00	£15,500.00	December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Delays due to Covid and to allow for full tree surveys. Quotes being sought for the most cost-effective solution due to results or survey.
<b>B1040 Wheatsheaf Road/Somersham Road Accident Reduction Scheme</b>  Approved by Cabinet - 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Junction safety improvements	£1,200,000.00	£500,000.00	September 2024	Focus has been on detailed design stage. Project on track for construction phase to start by Spring 2024. Milestones on track.
<b>Ramsey Skate Park</b>  Delegated Approval 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	A plaza style concrete skate park, enabling inclusive and disabled sports access.	£130,000.00	£50,000.00	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Reviewing location due to attenuation basin.
<b>Godmanchester Community Nursery -</b>  Delegated Approval 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Installation of Classroom, public toilets, café, and office	£250,000.00 (as part of a larger project)	£45,000.00		<b>Works completed.</b>

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<b>St Neots Future High Street Fund</b>	A comprehensive programme of schemes designed to enable the redevelopment of several strategically chosen areas of St Neots town centre and bring change to strengthen the economy of St Neots, attracting visitors, residents and businesses, while retaining the features that make it a strong and vibrant market town	£16,300,000 (funding envelope as project details developed)	£4,830,000.00	31/03/2025	The updated position in relation to the Future High Street Fund is set out in the Market Towns Programme-Spring Update to Cabinet in September 2022. <a href="https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s123594/3.%20Market%20Towns%20Programme%20Report.pdf">https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s123594/3.%20Market%20Towns%20Programme%20Report.pdf</a> The next update is due in March 2023 and will be included in the next update.
<b>Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Improvement Project</b>  Approved at Cabinet 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Part of larger project, the bid seeks funding for: •Pathway improvements and associated lighting and signage. • Upgrading existing car park. • 5 new play zones • Associated management costs	£2,995,184.00	£1,495,184.00	April 2024	4 new play provisions installed, including accessible play equipment. Planning permission for extension to the existing countryside centre, new car parking arrangements and other wider improvements to the park to be submitted.

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<b>Hinchingsbrooke Hospital</b>  Approved at Cabinet 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Redevelopment Phase 2 – Main Theatres	£25,506,600.00	£271,000.00	May 2023	Project on track for completion.
<b>Sawtry Village Academy</b>  Approved at Cabinet 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	New community 3G Artificial Grass Pitch	£775,000.00	£150,000.00	31/12/2023	Working with the Football Foundation on their application. Planning Permission validated in February 2023 and pending consideration.
<b>Brampton FP24 /Buckden FP13 Public Rights of Way.</b>  Agreed by delegation on 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Great Ouse Valley Rights of Way Maintenance/ Improvement.	£132,000.00	£50,000.00	December 2023, unless delayed by weather and ground conditions.	Works due to start in March 2023 with CCC making up the funding shortfall.
<b>Ramsey Pavilion</b>  Agreed by delegation 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	To fund remaining infrastructure including the car park and access.	£585,000.00	£33,000.00	31/12/2023	Matters being reviewed with a view to securing a Building control certificate of completion to enable the fire safety certificate to be issued.

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<b>Glatton Village Hall</b>  Agreed by delegation 3rd October 2022	Replacement of an asbestos roof for the Glatton Village Hall.	£64,750.00	£49,750.00	Once planning permission is agreed milestones will be updated.	Planning application has been submitted. Due to the outcome of the structural surveys, the project is being reviewed by the applicant. An update will be provided in the next report when more details are available.
<b>Elton Speed Restrictions</b>  Agreed by delegation 3rd October 2022	Road Safety Table.	£51,671.74	£13,747.70	30/04/2023	Final negotiation being undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council for costings, project due to commence March 2023.
<b>Great Gransden Play</b>  Agreed by delegation 3rd October 2022	Improvement of the current playground to make it more inclusive to all children.	£38,000.00	£20,000.00	Spring 2023	As Planning Permission will not be required Contract is being prepared.
<b>Sawtry Pavilion Extension</b>  Approved at Cabinet 18th October 2022	Extension to current sports pavilion including 4 changing rooms, 2 officials rooms etc.	£800,000.00	£80,000.00	31/12/2023	Obtaining quotes as Football Federation estimates came in higher than expected. An update will be provided at the next report when further details are known.

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<b>Alconbury Weald MAGPAS</b>  Approved at Cabinet 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Building a new Air Ambulance operational airbase, headquarters, clinical training centre, including public/visitor centre with patient facilities and community facilities	£7,000,000.00	£750,000.00	01/06/2023	Project on track for first, public part of the building to be completed by May 2023.
<b>Upwood Bentley Close Playground</b>  Approved at Cabinet 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Play area improvements to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New play equipment</li> <li>• New safety flooring</li> <li>• Biodiversity features including bug houses.</li> </ul>	£61,979.00	£55,769.00	31/12/2023	Confirmation Planning Permission is not required, contract being finalised.
<b>Alconbury Weald Health Facility</b>  Approved at Cabinet 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	New primary health care facility at Alconbury Weald.	£7,888,400.00	£6,013,388.00	31/12/2027	Work underway on arranging the best of use of the space to maximise local facilities.
<b>Godmanchester Astro turf football pitch</b>  Approved at Cabinet 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Installation of a full-sized football pitch all weather (Astro turf) football pitch	£800,000.00	£150,000.00	30/09/2024	Surveys carried out on site, on track to commence on site in October.

## Non-Parished Areas

Project Name	Description	Project cost	CIL funding offered	Update
<b>Winwick traffic calming</b>  Delegated Approval 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Reduced Speed Limits and Moving Vehicle Activated Sign	£17,716.42	Up to £6,000.00	<b>Works completed.</b>

**APPENDIX 2 - Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Project Bids submitted for consideration in Round 2 2022/23 for £50,000.00 or less – Decisions**

<b>Project proposed</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Who placed the CIL bid?</b>	<b>CIL funding requested</b>	<b>Total project cost without VAT</b>	<b>CIL as a % of total EXCL VAT</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Clean and restore MUGA	Molesworth	Parish Council	£2495.00	£2495.00	100%	Decline	This project would be for the existing MUGA and it is for maintenance of the infrastructure. There has been limited growth in Molesworth.
Install solar lights at the Skate park to maximise usage.	Yaxley	Parish Council	£5850.00	£11,711.00	50%	Approve	n/a
Community car park extension	Somersham	Parish Council	£15,480.90	£20,480.90	76%	Approve	n/a
Bench and noticeboard	Grafham	Parish Council	£2,880.00	£3,200.00	90%	Decline	This is not CIL infrastructure, there has also been limited growth locally.
Defibrillator	Winwick	Non-Parished meeting	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	100%	Approve	This is for a Non Parished Area.

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Play equipment improvements	Catworth	Playing field committee	£28,943.60	£49,035.60	59%	Approve	n/a
Community swimming pool	Somersham	Community Interest Company	£50,000.00	£131,980.00	38%	Decline	Issues with the cost of the project and long term viability.
Play equipment	St Neots	Parish Council	£40,000.00	£80,000.00	50%	Decline	Issues with the location for this project and it's proximity to other play areas.
Power supply installation	Ellington	Parish Council	£4,889.10	£4,889.10	100%	Decline	This project is not considered to be needed as essential to support local growth.

### APPENDIX 3 – Change Requests for approved projects

Project Change Request Applications Received									
	Project Name	Name	Who placed the CIL bid?	Description	Total project cost without VAT	CIL funding requested	CIL as a % of total EXCL VAT	Recommendation	Cabinet decision or delegated
	St Ives Park Extension	St Ives	HDC	The provision of Benches/Interpretation and a feasibility study on the commercial opportunities through the park when fully available plus first year's maintenance due to early release	<b>£80,000</b>	£80,000	100.00%	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<p>An application was originally received to support the delivery of a new park for the town – the land for which was negotiated by HDC as part of planning permission provided on long term lease to the Council. The original project was to cover the early maintenance of the park (above that agreed from Operations future growth bid) along with the provision of Benches/Interpretation, a feasibility study on the commercial opportunities through the park when fully available (given it is being released in three phases – two of which are long lease and one of which is a community transfer). This was approved by <a href="#">Cabinet</a> on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Berman Park is now open to the public and a cycleway installed by the developer.</p> <p>A review of the project has been undertaken following a project pause over the last couple of years due to the need to concentrate on other matters during the pandemic. It has been submitted that in view of the naturalised vision for this park and the way on which the local community have connected with the park – regular organised walks and Biodiversity learning sessions – it is no longer felt that this is an appropriate location to seek commercial opportunities.</p> <p>Following a recent successful grant to HDC from the CPCA of £1.3m to improve Biodiversity in Huntingdonshire, it has meant the parks development has been reviewed recognising social as well as economic benefits.</p> <p>In light of the above, the following amended scope was submitted to utilise the £80,000 funding:</p>									

- Improved footpath access to south of park – currently too steep for use with wheelchairs/buddies
- Concrete pads under and around benches to improve accessibility
- Improved signage linking the park to the wider Strategic Green Space
- Vehicular access feasibility and costings to The Thicket via Berman Park and The How to carry out essential Health and Safety maintenance
- Topological survey of whole Strategic Green Space to identify hidden valley and build basis for maintenance
- Vehicle access to the How constructed

It is considered that this is an acceptable change and will support the wider use and development of this strategic green space, ensuring its long-term use for current and future communities.

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St Neots Riverside Park	St Neots	HDC	Improvements to the path and cycle route at Riverside Park, originated from a pedestrian audit	<b>£445,000</b>	£445,000	100.00%	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>

An application was originally received for improvements to the path and cycle route at Riverside Park, originating from a pedestrian audit. The application was originally from Cambridgeshire County Council as Highways Authority, but this was passed to HDC to lead as on their land. The original application was approved by [Cabinet](#) on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Following a project pause over the last couple of years due to the need to concentrate on other matters during the pandemic as well as the impact on site due to flooding degrading the footpath at an accelerated pace and increased material costs, the project has been reviewed.

It has been submitted that:

- Project is rebranded 'St Neots Riverside Walk' and should prioritise both the footpaths that were most in need of refurbishment as well as those that would give the best impact for the Health and Wellbeing of Park users by widening footpath to 4m and replacing where needed to upgrade.
- Lighting will also be updated to LED lighting.
- Benches will also be installed using funding from the Reopening Market Towns.
- Edging up of some areas and new signage to support the park use will also be installed to encourage the use of the strategic open space. The footpath route chosen provides views over the river and park whilst also connecting the park with the access to the town Centre Economy. This latter point was a key element stated within the St Neots Future High Street Fund as was noted as funding supporting the FHSF proposals.

It is considered that noting the importance for this strategic green space to be used by residents of Huntingdonshire, the proposed changes will bring benefit now and for the long-term use of the site. As such it is recommended that this change request is supported.