



A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) meeting held on 3rd September 2025.

Contact Officer: L Adams
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2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

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3. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 24)

a) The Panel are to receive the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and the notices of Key Executive decisions 1st October 2025 to 31st January 2026

b) Members to discuss future planning of items for the Work Programme

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4. OUTSTANDING RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Pages 25 - 26)

To note the responses outstanding from previous meetings.

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5. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING (Pages 27 - 68)

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on Officer recommendations c) to h) from the Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation Cabinet report attached.

Executive Councillor: T Sanderson

Contact Officer: R Lyons
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30 day of September 2025

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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Please contact Miss Lauren Adams, Democratic Services Officer, Tel No. 01480 388234/e-mail Lauren.Adams@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH) held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 3 September 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor C M Gleadow – Chair.

Councillors A Blackwell, J R Catmur,
B S Chapman, I D Gardener, A R Jennings,
R Martin, S R McAdam, Dr M Pickering,
S L Taylor and C H Tevlin.

APOLOGY(ES): Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S J Corney.

25. MINUTES

The Attendees from the meeting held 8th July 2025 have been amended to reflect the presence of Councillors J Catmur virtually.

The final paragraph of minute 25/22 was amended to read:

Councillor Taylor expressed her concerns over the report, highlighting that the company were met at the UKREiiF but the Council has not sought anyone else. She acknowledged their impressive track record but wonders why the funds from the reserves of £1 million is being given to a private company when this could be spent on the Council's own assets, referencing St Neots Riverside paths as an example.

After which the minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

27. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel.

It was noted with disappointment that the Parking strategy was not due to come to the Panel until Spring 2026 even though this has already been discussed at Cabinet and other forums. The Panel heard that this is underway and if it can be brought forward, it will come to the Panel sooner than currently estimated.

Further clarification regarding engagement with Parishes, in particular, the Local Plan, was sought by the Panel. It was confirmed that this will get picked up with future written correspondence outside of the meeting.

28. OUTSTANDING RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Panel received and noted the responses received in relation to questions arising at previous meetings of the Panel.

29. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE UPDATE 2025/26 Q1

By means of a report by the Head of Policy, Performance & Emergency Planning (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), The Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q1 Report was presented to the Panel.

Attention was drawn to page 58 of the report, commenting on the scrutiny process and asked for clarification on how the training has impacted how the items are coming to the Panel for discussion, referencing the higher volume at some meetings which can make it difficult to scrutinise effectively. The Panel heard that training was provided to Panel Members so they could own the scrutiny process such as bringing forward items they wish to be discussed. Open dialogue for further discussions was encouraged regarding the size of the Officer's reports and what information is necessary for scrutiny.

Appreciation was shown for the report, but a question was raised regarding this being continuous work based on the actions presented. It was suggested that further information about the continued improvement within these areas would be helpful. Recommendation one in the report was also questioned, how the Joint Administration are prioritising their finances and funding to the priorities of the Council. It was confirmed to the Panel that the financial information requested is available but they would need to take this away and come back with a full answer for the Panel.

A question was raised relating to recommendation seven relating to future agendas being issued ahead of time, in that there was no additional time provided with the issuing of the current agenda. It was noted that there was still a large volume of reading required in a short space of time. The Chair agreed, advising she would look into seeing if a forward agenda could be shared with the Panel moving forward.

Concerns were raised relating to Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and its absence from this report. The Panel heard that when the Peer Challenge was brought in, the Council were unaware of LGR so it could not be included as it is a reflection of the process at the time. It was advised that all of the work being undertaken around the Peer Challenge will be beneficial to the new unitary authority after reorganisation and that there will be a transition period which will help integrate systems and processes.

A question relating to the Communication Engagement strategy was raised regarding the short statements which were to accompany the Corporate narratives, which was to be used to communicate with staff and Members. Officers were asked where can the Members see

examples of this in use. The Panel heard that this will be coming through imminently after a conversation with the Communications team earlier that day, confirming there is a campaign coming which will highlight the things the Council has done and that Members will be briefed further on this.

After concerns were raised involving actions which were due to be completed imminently, the Panel were assured that updates regarding this would be provided in the next quarterly update.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report.

30. COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

By means of a report by the Corporate Director for Place (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), The Commercial Investment Strategy Report was presented to the Panel.

Agreement with the principle that all decisions taken under the Strategy should lead to revenue generation was expressed; however, concerns were raised about the approach to risk. The view being that all investments should comply with the Council's agreed level of risk. It was also suggested that an appropriate forum should be identified for reporting on the activities of the governance arrangements. However, it is recognised that monitoring extends wider than the Strategy and is constrained by the terms of the Constitution. The Panel heard that the risk level should be taken into account in any business cases that are brought forward but a previous discussion was referenced in which the Council were willing to accept a higher degree of risk relative to the returns that would be generated and these are balanced against economical and social value in the local area. The Officer agreed that a review of the strategy would be sensible and that building in a timescale could be a good idea for this.

The Chair has commented that the yield appears to be optimistic and that there is significant reliance on the S151 Officer.

It was challenged whether the Council should be making investments given that Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) will be implemented in a short period of time. It was suggested the Council should have an exit strategy that includes disposing of assets and any money devoted to Huntingdonshire. The Council's approach to holding Community Infrastructure Levy funding was also questioned. It was pointed out to the Panel that there will not necessarily be further investments, but the Strategy has been updated in case it is needed. The business case for any investments will include consideration of the implications of LGR. The Officers advised they share the Member's concern in this matter and want to do their best for the communities they represent and this comes into the decisions that are being made. It was reiterated that the Council wish to ensure the new Organisation are financially viable as the alternative would

fail residents of Huntingdonshire.

Concern was expressed that the Strategy will not achieve the objective of generating revenue as effectively as the previous iteration. Assurance was sought that the Strategy will not be used for Invest-to-save purposes as this does not accord with the Strategy's revenue generating objective. The Panel heard that the prime goal of the strategy is income generation and that there are benefits to having a spread portfolio rather than all investments being tied solely into the Local area. It was advised that investing outside of the area still means returns will be spent on the local area and services.

It was suggested that the contents of the Strategy should be made clearer and given greater emphasis. Another issue identified was the delegated authority and the process of delegation. The Panel heard that it was reflecting the existing constitution.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report.

31. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025/26 (QUARTER 1)

By means of a report by the Business Intelligence and Performance Manager (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), the Corporate Performance 2025/26 Quarter 1 Report was presented to the Panel.

The predicted status of PI10 was questioned. It is currently Red and predicted to be Red, but the text states that it is not clear how this will be achieved. It is understood this can be attributed to the Valuation Office backlog, which it is expected will be resolved. Following a further question on this PI about whether the Council is able to collect Council Tax if properties do not have a banding valuation and what the implications might be, Members have been advised that affected properties are given an estimated banding so payments can be made.

The improved performance on missed bins was also welcomed by the Panel.

Satisfaction for the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) was expressed but a question was raised whether there are enough enforcement resources as instances of illegal parking are still being witnessed. Enforcement only recently commenced, and this will form part of the scheduled ongoing monitoring process.

Street Cleansing were praised for exceeding their targets every month of the quarter. After questions by the Members about street cleansing performance, the Panel has discussed the methodology through which standards are assessed. It has been agreed that this together with information on context is required better to understand the figures. This information will be provided with the next Quarter report. Details of how parking "hotspots" can be reported also will be

provided.

A question regarding graffiti was raised in which the Panel wanted to understand if all graffiti is removed by the Council or just obscene graffiti. The Panel were advised this question would be taken away and a response sought.

Following an enquiry, it has been agreed that PI19 will be split between blue and green bin recycling.

After a comment by the Panel, future reports will make clear whether the direction of travel shown in each illustration is positive or negative for clarity.

It has been noted that food collection will be included in the report from the first Quarter next year.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report.

32. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK INITIAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

By means of a report by Head of Policy, Performance & Emergency Planning (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), The Local Government Outcomes Framework Initial Consultation Response was presented to the Panel.

It was suggested that leading indicators could have been utilised in the response in the report to highlight how well the Council is doing.

It was also commented that the data included in the report could have been streamlined to make the report easier to read. The Panel heard that effort was taken to make the report easy to read with fewer data overlaps and omissions. The Panel were advised this will be brought back to the Committee with more information with an estimate date given as December.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report.

33. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The Panel were advised by the Corporate Director of Place that this item had been retracted from the agenda due to some challenges in the service area. The Members were encouraged to share any specific challenges they have offline.

Following this, it was

RESOLVED

that there would be no discussion regarding this item.

Chair

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26 - Performance and Growth

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
8 th October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Infrastructure Levy Funding 	
5 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 2) Treasury Management 6 Month Performance Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q2 Transformation Report
3 rd December 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Quality Framework

Unscheduled Agenda Items

Item	Notes	Progress
Local Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Parishes and residents – ease of submitting responses 	
Market Towns Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons learnt following project completion 	
Market Towns Project – Ramsey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested to see progress and development of the projects plans involving Ramsey 	
CIL Strategic Allocation		
Local Development Order for Brampton Cross		

Housing Strategy Refresh		
Decision to implement 2025/26 Parking Fees		
Parking Strategy Refresh		Under development, anticipated for inclusion in the democratic cycle in Spring 2026

O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

Subject	Brief	Status
Huntingdonshire Evening Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdonshire's Evening Economy - supporting the night-time economy across our District • How HDC currently supports the evening economy across our market towns and rural areas (possibly across financial/business support, safety, growth, CCTV service, rural rates relief policies), as well as how we can influence our partners to provide further support for this strategic sector (including wider economic support, skills and employment). 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26 - Environment, Communities and Partnerships

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
14 th October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub – RIBA Stage 2 (Private) 	
6 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Sustainable Framework for Play in Huntingdonshire Council Tax Support 2026/27 	
4 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Tax Premiums Policy 	

Unscheduled Agenda Items

Item	Notes	Progress
Fleet Decarbonisation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report under development following discussion with the Climate working group for initial feedback 	Report being finalised prior to scheduling onto the democratic cycle of meetings in the Autumn.
Community Safety Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider bringing forward a paper to review and understand what Huntingdonshire District Council has done or is currently doing in relation to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). 	Report being developed ahead of scheduling onto the Agenda.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the importance of community safety, I believe it would be beneficial to examine the CSP's activities, outcomes, and any ongoing initiatives to ensure transparency and alignment with local needs, thus improve local understanding. Is it working, could this be improved? 	
Community Health and Wealth Update	Following the project launch an update on initial feedback and successes will be brought to the Panel.	Report being developed ahead of scheduling onto the Agenda.

O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

Subject	Brief	Status
Civil Parking Enforcement Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on implementation and feedback on progress was requested by Councillor Alban at the July meeting of the Panel 	Investigating with Officers an appropriate time to schedule onto the agenda
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on redevelopment works Big organisations making a difference locally, local recruitment Link to preventative and integrated care 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Open Spaces in Huntingdonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HDC owned – HCP, Paxton Pits Great Fen Green spaces perspective and how links with the local plan Access for residents – health lifestyles, mental health, OLAL Purpose of open spaces, and strategic use of them Mental Health, Well-being Wildlife corridors 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Customer Service Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Merits of speed of customer contact versus depth of discussion and customer outcome 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Huntingdonshire's Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and influence of Huntingdonshire • Creating a legacy for the district 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Working Groups

Climate Working Group
Members: Cllrs N Hunt, T D Alban, M Hassall, C Lowe, B Pitt and D Shaw Lead Officer: Adjusted to suit the topic, enquiries to B Buddle
Progress: November 2022: Initial Meetings held to establish Terms of Reference for the group. April 2023: Regular meetings established. Evidence and information gathering to be progressed. Group to be involved in the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Development. January 2024: Meetings held to discuss proposed work plan for the group and to discuss HVO Fuels project November 2024: Meeting to discuss future proposed projects January 2025: Group met to review the HVO draft report prior to its consideration by the Panel August 2025: Group met twice to discuss both the Energy Strategy and the Fleet Decarbonisation Project for initial feedback prior to their inclusion in the democratic cycle of meetings over Autumn 2025 Next Steps: Meetings to be scheduled as required to allow involvement in proposed works.
Disabled Facilities Grants Group
Members: I P Taylor, B Banks, C Tevlin and C Lowe Lead Officer: Claudia Deeth
Progress: February 2024: Councillors invited to express their interest in being involved with the project. August 2024: initial meeting held and scope of project discussed February 2025: Further meeting held to update the group on the progress of the project Next Steps: DFG team to arrange ongoing schedule of meetings

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- Notes:-
- (i) Additions changes from the previous Forward Plan are annotated ***
 - (ii) Part II confidential items which will be considered in private are annotated ## and shown in italic.

Matter for Decision Description of Decision	Decision Maker	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2025/26 To consider applications received via the Community Chest Awards Scheme for 2024/25.	Grants Panel	18 Mar 2026		Claudia Deeth, Public Protection Manager Tel: (01480) 388233 or email: Claudia.Deeth@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		S Howell & L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Community Infrastructure Levy Funding*** To consider application for funding from the latest Community Infrastructure Levy funding round which opened on 2 June 2025.	Cabinet	14 Oct 2025		Claire Burton, Implementation Team Leader Tel No: (01480) 388274 / email: Claire.Burton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		T Sanderson	Performance & Growth

Matter for Decision Description of Decision	Decision Maker	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
<p>Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub - RIBA Stage 2##</p> <p>To gain approval to proceed with the preferred option and provide detail on the final designs, costs and capital requirements.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>14 Oct 2025</p>	<p>Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub Feasibility Report - RIBA Stage 1 Built Facility Strategy Swim England Aquatics Review</p>	<p>Gregg Holland, Head of Leisure Service, Health and Environment Tel No: (01480) 388157 / email: Gregg.Holland@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>S Howell</p>	<p>Environment, Communities & Partnerships</p>

Matter for Decision Description of Decision	Decision Maker	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Play Sufficiency*** To approve a new framework for play provision in the District and to ensure provision is sustainable and meets the needs of all communities.	Cabinet	18 Nov 2025		Helen Lack, Development and Delivery Manager - Parks Countryside and Climate Tel: (01480) 388658 or email: Helen.Lack@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Kerr	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Council Tax Support 2026/27***	Cabinet	18 Nov 2025		Katie Kelly, Revenue and Benefits Manager		S Ferguson	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Council Tax Premiums Policy***	Cabinet	20 Jan 2026		Katie Kelly, Revenue and Benefits Manager		S Ferguson	Environment, Communities & Partnerships

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Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) Panel – Questions and actions requiring a response.

Minute No.	Item	Councillor	Question	Answer
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Chapman	Is the St Neots Market Square covered by CPE?	Response circulated via email 23.09.2025
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Chapman	Does the Council only remove obscene graffiti?	HDC's Street Cleansing team does not only remove obscene graffiti. The team will seek to remove graffiti from all Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) owned assets, such as bins, signs, and street furniture. Where graffiti is considered obscene, it is treated as a priority for removal in public areas, even if it is not on HDC-owned property. In cases where obscene graffiti appears on privately-owned or non-HDC assets, the council will work with and encourage the property owner to arrange removal, offering advice or support where possible, but the responsibility does not rest exclusively with the council.
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Gardener	What are the sample areas of the District used to assess street cleaning performance?	<p>Street cleansing inspections are carried out by the Street Cleansing Manager, Assistant Manager, and Team Leader, all of whom are trained and accredited to apply the nationally recognised NI195 grading system. This ensures consistent and objective scoring using the "Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rolling ward-based inspection programme ensures monitoring is spread across all areas of the district. • Sites are chosen to cover a range of land types (housing, retail, industrial, rural roads), where available in each ward. • Around 175–200 inspections are undertaken each month, a substantially higher volume than the former government-mandated NI195 regime, which required only quarterly checks. • Inspections are carried out through the Association of Public Service Excellence (Apse) Land Asset Management (LAMS) system, which records photographs, time/date, and inspector details, providing robust evidence and enabling external benchmarking. <p>1. Scope of Inspections Each inspection assesses a 50m transect of an HDC-owned site against seven criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detritus (dust, soil, grit, natural debris) • Litter (dropped paper, wrappers, bottles, etc.)

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-tipping (waste larger than one sack) • Fly-posting (unofficial posters or stickers) • Dog fouling (bagged or loose) • Graffiti (on HDC-owned assets only) • Staining/gum <p>Where HDC litter bins are present, these are also assessed. Graffiti and litter observed on land owned by other bodies do not form part of the inspection grading, though inspectors may record them for onward reporting.</p>
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Taylor	Question relating to an individual case	Responded to directly offline.
25/29	Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q1	Cllr Gardener	How will future engagement on the Local Plan will work.	Responded to directly.
25/27	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	Cllr Martin	Update on Parking Strategy.	Update to be provided the next meeting on the Parking Strategy.

Public
Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation

Meeting/Date: Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth)
8th October 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Planning (TS)

Report by: Chief Planning Officer (CK)

Ward(s) affected: All

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on Officer recommendations c) to h) from the Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation Cabinet report attached.

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Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation

Meeting/Date: Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth)
– 8th October 2025
Cabinet – 14th October 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Planning (TS)

Report by: Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection
(CK)

Ward(s) affected: All Ward(s)

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 them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area. Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) became a CIL charging authority in May 2012.

Local authorities must spend the levy on delivering infrastructure needed to support the development of their area through:

- increasing the capacity of existing infrastructure or
- repairing failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support new development.

CIL helps to deliver across the priorities in the Council's Corporate Plan 2023 - 2028 specifically Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations by:

- Improving housing - 24. Maintain the level of new housing delivery, which meets the needs of Huntingdonshire residents, including the type of home and tenure (open market and social housing).
- Forward-thinking economic growth - 39. Influence delivery of infrastructure including East West Rail, A428, A141 Strategic Outline Business Case and future Transport Strategies.

A review of CIL governance is continuing and the first stage was presented to Cabinet in June 2024. Following this an interim round of funding was opened at the request of Councillors, using the agreed Statement of Intent as a guide. At Cabinet in April 2025 decisions were made by Councillors using the interim guidance.

The latest funding round was launched on 2nd June 2025 with a closing date of 15th August 2025, a window of 11 weeks for submission. Bids received within that round for CIL funding towards infrastructure projects have been assessed by officers to reach the recommendations within this report. The outcomes of this round do not preclude applicants from submitting applications to future rounds, and they will be considered against the adopted criteria at the time of determination.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet is

RECOMMENDED

- a) Note the updates on delivery in relation to the projects previously allocated or in receipt of CIL funding commitments (see Appendix 1).
- b) Note any new allocated CIL projects for £100,000.00 or less approved by delegation on 3rd October 2025 (see Appendix 2).
- c) Agree officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.2 to **APPROVE** funding for Huntingdon Campus Skills training facility.
- d) Agree officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.3 to **DECLINE** funding for Warner's Park Pavilion, St Ives extension and refurbishment.
- e) Agree officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.4 to **APPROVE A LESSER AMOUNT of** funding for Kimbolton and Stonely Playgrounds.
- f) Agree officer recommendations at Paragraph 4.5 to **APPROVE** funding for HDC One Leisure St Ives for a new 3G Pitch.
- g) Agree officer recommendation at Paragraph 4.6 to **APPROVE** funding for Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon expansion project.
- h) Agree officer recommendation at Paragraph 4.7 to **APPROVE** funding for King George V Pavilion, Huntingdon redevelopment.

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.

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 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. 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 growth/development of its area.
- 2.3 Prior to this funding round, circa £29.8m of CIL has been allocated to funding 60 projects throughout the district supporting the delivery of over £106m worth of infrastructure. This has contributed to delivering infrastructure across the priorities in the Council's Corporate Plan 2023 – 2028 to meet Local Plan growth.
- 2.4 An update on the projects allocated CIL funding previously can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.5 Under the governance arrangements approved by Cabinet in June 2024, Cabinet is to consider applications for CIL funding over £100,000.00. Any requests of £100,000.00 or less have been considered and approved in line with delegated authority and are detailed for information 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 £100,000.00 or less, including those for non-parished areas. This report relates to the first funding round for the 2025/26 financial year.
- 2.6 The determination of CIL requests as set out in this paper have been considered in accordance with HDCs interim governance procedures for CIL, as well as ensuring compliance with the fundamentals as set out in the established legislation. This is important to ensure a fair, transparent and lawful process, which is robust to challenge and/or complaint. Officers have undertaken the assessments on this basis.
- 2.7 It is important to be able to demonstrate how a decision has been reached, with clear reasons, in order to uphold the integrity of the process, and ensure

that the decision can be understood even if it is not agreed with. If Members are minded to reach alternative conclusions to those as recommended by this report, reasons for this should be clearly articulated and evidenced where possible.

- 2.8 As the review of the CIL funding process and its associated governance is now moving to the next phase, to link into the Infrastructure Delivery Strategy and Plan being prepared to support the update to the Local Plan; once this work is completed, future rounds of CIL awards are likely to be judged against any updated processes.
- 2.9 The Planning and Infrastructure Bill was published on 11th March 2025 and is currently in the House of Lords at Committee stage following the second reading. The aim of the Bill is to accelerate the construction of homes and key infrastructure. It covers areas including:
- Faster Planning Decisions
 - Boosting housebuilding, to support the construction of the national target of 1.5 million homes
 - Infrastructure Development, to facilitate development of vital infrastructure such as roads, railways, wind farms, enhancing connectivity and energy security as part of requirements for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs)
 - Economic Growth through the removal of unnecessary blockers to growth
 - Energy Security through provision for cheaper homegrown power
 - Community Benefits such as residents receiving financial benefits where living near certain infrastructure, such as new electricity transmission infrastructure.
- 2.10 As the Bill progresses through parliament, it will be important to keep abreast of matters and how it may, particularly in relation to strategic infrastructure, impact on future CIL governance considerations.
- 2.11 An update to the Huntingdonshire Local Plan is underway and anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by December 2026. The Local Plan will need to be accompanied by an Infrastructure Development Plan highlighting the infrastructure needs to deliver the housing and economic growth for Huntingdonshire in the future to meet the growth aspirations for the area.
- 2.12 In May 2025 a CIL funding enquiry form was launched online and promoted to town/parish councils and Members. Applicants were encouraged to submit this form before completing an application, this was to support any applications and prevent anyone completing an application for ineligible project. Since its launch, 12 enquiry forms have been submitted and applicants feedback has been that the responses they received have been helpful. This funding round, following the introduction of the enquiry form, has seen a significant decrease in applications for funding of £100,000 or less. The one application in this category that was submitted this round, and has been declined, did not use the opportunity to make an enquiry first.

3 OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ANALYSIS

- 3.1 In June 2025, stakeholders were invited to submit on-line proforma applications for funding from the Strategic Proportion of CIL, in line with [Council Guidance on Allocation and Spending webpage](#) . Communications were issued to infrastructure providers including the County Council, NHS, Police & Fire Services, Town & Parish Councils and HDC Members. The Council website was also updated to announce a new round, plus social media posts were issued. The projects submitted during this funding round have been reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria for Strategic CIL funding.
- 3.2 CIL is intended to be used 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 considered 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 \(IFS\) 2023-2024](#) that CIL funds could, if approved in line with the governance process, 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 CIL governance arrangements highlight it is for the applicant to develop their application and supporting documents. The role of HDC is to consider the applications as submitted. This ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and transparently. A [template business plan](#) is provided on the website if needed and officers are available to answer any questions applicants may have.
- 3.5 Applications are initially assessed on:
- the need for the project based on local growth
 - the public benefit of the project including public support for it
 - the deliverability of the project including other funding, contingency amounts, risks and milestone timings
 - the links to the project and the [Corporate Plan](#), [Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy](#) and [HDCs Local Plan to 2036](#).
- 3.6 Applications are then assessed further based on the Cabinet agreed [Statement of Intent](#):

The key principles that form the statement of intent for the council's new agreed CIL governance, as referenced at para 3.1, are:

- the primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.
- CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy
- CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.
- the use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (for example: Affordable housing).
- a new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.
- a new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.
- there should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.

3.7 For this round an interim scoring was used based on how the project met evidential criteria such as housing growth, ownership of the land, contingency, inclusion in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, CIL ask and match funding. The project was also scored on how it met the Statement of Intent.

3.8 An update on CIL allocations previously approved is provided at Appendix 1 – projects previously reported as completed to Cabinet are not referenced again in the update.

3.9 There is circa £35m of CIL receipts now currently available for allocation on further infrastructure projects including those listed in paragraph 3.3.

3.10 The next CIL funding dates have been confirmed to town/parish councils and infrastructure partners. The start date for the next funding round is October 27th and the closing date is 19th December. Decisions will be issued in March 2026.

4. PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING FROM STRATEGIC CIL FOR MORE THAN £100,000.00

- 4.1 Detail on the bids submitted in response to the current round for over £100,000.00 CIL funding, which require Cabinet approval, as outlined in para 2.5 above, are stated below with the officer recommendations. A project bid for £100,000.00 or less was considered at a meeting on 3rd October 2025, in accordance with delegated authority. Information on this bid can be found at Appendix 2 to this report, including the officer recommendation, and is for Members to note.

4.2 **Huntingdon Campus 'Retrofit' skills training facility.**

Proposal: To create a training centre at Huntingdon Campus to provide for retro fit skills, including solar panel installation, various insulation techniques, heat pump installation and associated electrical skills.

Applicant: Cambridge Regional College

Parish: Huntingdon

Total Project Cost: £725,912.00

CIL Ask: £200,000.00

CIL Ask %: 28%

Scoring: 33 + 12 = 45/59 Overall

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

The application was of a very good quality. The submission included a business plan, costing schedule, evidence of match funding and a quote for the works.

PROPOSAL

This proposal is to create a new centre based at the Huntingdon Campus to provide training in retro fit skills. The new centre would repurpose an existing building, including installing bays which mirror working environments to enable students to learn and develop their skills.

This project delivers 15 multi-use retro fit bays which will help students learn how to work with:

- Solar panel installation

- Heat pump installation
- Rainwater harvesting

These skills link to the new Central Government target for Net Zero housing. Data provided shows that retrofitting the 13.9 million homes in Cambridgeshire would require a workforce of circa 523,000 jobs by 2050 and there is a shortfall in people with the appropriate skills.

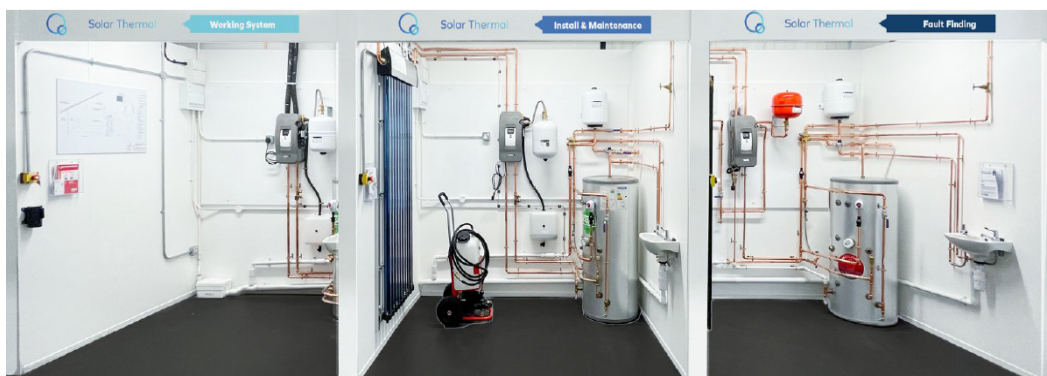
This project would allow around 937 learners to gain skills in green technology by 2028.



Location of the campus



Air source heat pump bays



Solar thermal working bays



Solar PV working bays

SUBMISSION HISTORY

This is the first submission for this project. The applicants completed a CIL funding enquiry form and spoke to the Implementation team prior to submission of an application.

CONSULTATIONS MADE BY OFFICER ON THIS PROJECT

The HDC Economic Development team were consulted on this proposal who have said:

From an Economic Development perspective, we are pleased to offer our support for this funding application. The proposed training facility will meet key objectives of the Huntingdonshire [Economic Growth Strategy](#), which emphasises fostering economic prosperity, supporting local businesses, and creating employment opportunities.

Economic Benefits

Supporting an initiative to boost retrofit construction skills in Huntingdonshire would generate multiple economic benefits, including creating high level local jobs, retaining more of the construction spend within the district, and upskilling the workforce to meet growing demand for energy efficient housing upgrades.

This would strengthen the local supply chain, reduce reliance on external contractors, and position Huntingdonshire as a hub for green construction expertise attracting inward investment and future retrofit projects. In the longer term, improved building efficiency would lower energy costs for residents and businesses, freeing up disposable income to circulate in the local economy while contributing to net-zero targets that can unlock further funding opportunities.

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	Yes – resolves a gap in skills required to support the delivery of the growth across Huntingdonshire

CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Yes – links to creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations, improving housing and an inclusive economy.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Yes – CPCA and college
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	n/a
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	Yes – supporting evidence is thorough and there are links to the IDP.
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	Yes – there are several industrial partners working closely with the college.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	Yes - this would support the communities across the district.

Using the interim scoring system this project scored 46/59.

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

This project will lead to an improvement in training availability on new technology that is required now and in the coming years. There is a stated deficit in this training locally and with central and local government priorities on building housing and new green technology.

This project fits well with the statement of intent and strategic needs for the District. There are clear links to the Corporate Plan priorities.

The project has match funding in place from the CPCA of £330k and funding from the College, making it good value for money.

The supporting evidence is factual and shows the benefits of the project for the District clearly. The project will enable circa 937 learners to gain skills in green technology by 2028 supporting the delivery of new housing.

4.3 St Ives Warner's Park Pavilion.

Proposal:	This project aims to extend and refurbish Warner's Park pavilion in St Ives.
Applicant:	St Ives Town Council
Parish:	St Ives
Total Project Cost:	£177,399.00 (Not including £30,000 already spent by Town Council)
CIL Ask:	£160,000.00
CIL Ask %:	90%
Scoring:	16 + 3 = 19/59 Overall

RECOMMENDATION - DECLINE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

The application had a business plan and a copy of St Ives Town Council minutes as supporting information.

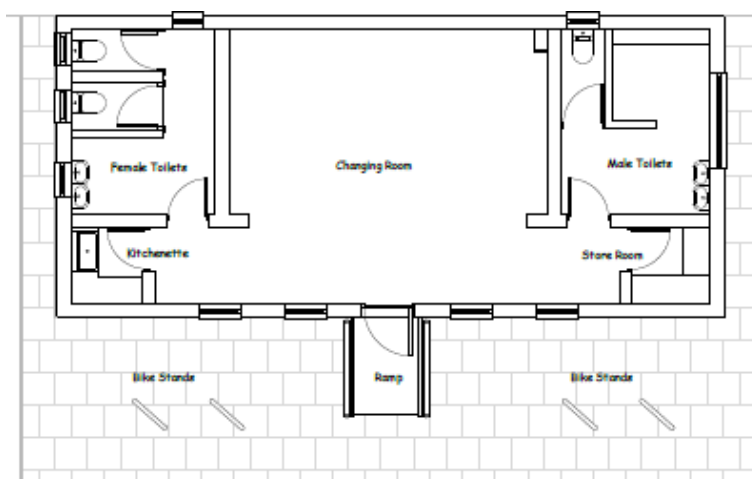
PROPOSAL

The project is to extend and refurbish the Pavilion at Warner's Park.

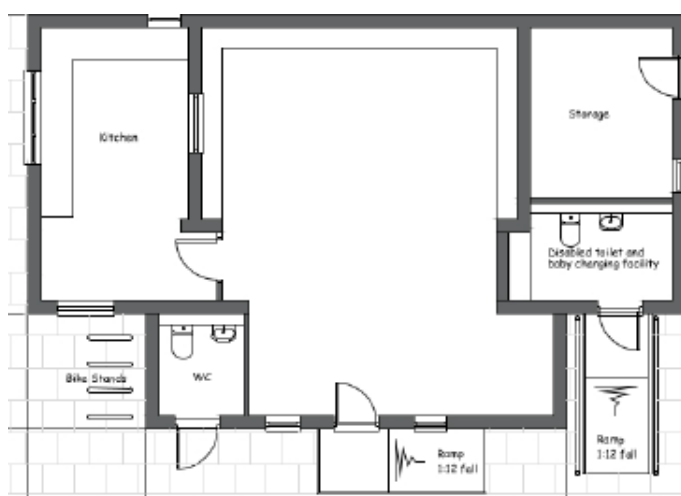
This Project would include:

- new front extension to increase usable space.
- relocation of the kitchen to face the children's play area, allowing parents and carers to remain nearby while enjoying refreshments.
- installation of externally accessible public toilets, including an accessible facility.
- refurbishment of the interior.





The Pavilion floor plan as existing.



The Pavilion floor plan as proposed.

SUBMISSION HISTORY

This is the first submission for this project and a CIL funding enquiry form was not completed prior to submission of this application.

CONSULTATIONS MADE BY OFFICER ON THIS PROJECT

No consultations were held for this project:

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	No – this has not been evidenced.
CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Partial - this has loose links to both in that it will improve an existing community facility which will improve the quality of

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
	life for local people and link to pride in place.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Partial - funds have been received from HDC previously and used for professional fees including architects, surveyors and planners. For this stage one other source of funding has been applied for from elsewhere and if successful would cover the funding shortfall.
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	N/A
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	No - the supporting evidence is a little weak - such as it may increase bookings, it may be used etc. There is no evidence of who may book it, any confirmation they would use or how often or any evidence of who uses it now.
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	No - there has been engagement with the community from 2019 but no evidence of it.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	No - this is more a local priority with no mention of the wider district.

Using the interim scoring system this project scored 19/59.

RECOMMENDATION - DECLINE

The supporting information for this project does not clearly evidence the links to the need and growth. Nothing confirms who would use the improved space, any bookings being turned away at existing facilities or support for it. The consultation with the community seems to date from 2019 and was not included either.

There are no strong evidenced links that would make this eligible for the CIL pot, as the links to growth are not shown. Also, it is not clear why this is a priority for the Town, the Town Council has prioritised their own CIL meaningful funding on maintenance for play areas, and repairs to Listed Buildings. It is unclear if maintenance is being budgeted for by the Town Council through their precept or if they are using their own CIL meaningful funds for it, and future maintenance of the pavilion would need to be considered.

There is no clear need for this beyond requests for an outside toilet from 2019.

Overall, it does not meet the statement of intent, or the supporting evidence does not clearly evidence it.

4.4 Kimbolton and Stonely playgrounds.

Proposal: Improvements to play facilities in Kimbolton through the full renovation of the existing playground and the creation of a brand-new additional play area in Stonely.

Applicant: Kimbolton and Stonely Parish Council

Parish: Kimbolton and Stonely

Total Project Cost: £163,360.66

CIL Ask: £118,517.66

CIL Ask %: 73%

Scoring: 31/59 Overall for approve a lesser amount.

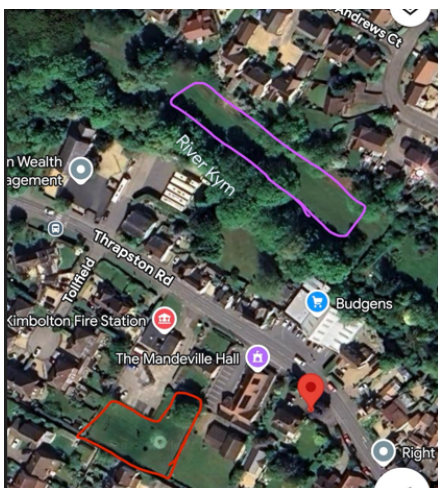
RECOMMENDATION – APPROVE A LESSER AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

The application included lots of information on community engagement. The submission included a business plan, letters of support, drawings from local children, plans and quotes for the two play areas.

PROPOSAL

This project aims to renovate the existing playground in Kimbolton and create a new one in Stonely.



In red the existing play area and in purple the proposed Stonely one.

Kimbolton – The current offering has been installed for 20 years and is now getting to the point where general maintenance is coming to an end. The current equipment includes:

- 11 elephant springers
- 2 metal benches
- 1 picnic table
- 1 pedestal slide
- 6 'Stopa' Steps
- 1 steel swing set
- 1 steel tower with slide
- 1 balance bean
- 1 balance weaver
- 2 bins

All of this equipment is due to be removed, with a cost of £5,000.00. Below are photos of the current equipment.



The new equipment at Kimbolton here would cost £106,115.56, with an optional £1500 fee for sturdier temporary fencing to make £107,615.56 the Parish have requested and would include:

- 1 'Fort Knox' with stainless steel slide
- 1 locomotive style activity frame
- 1 nest swirl roundabout
- 1 triple bay swing – which is inclusive
- 2 benches
- 1 chunky noughts and crosses set
- 1 shop play set
- 2 picnic tables
- 1 high planter

- 1 4-way spring rocker



The proposed replacement equipment plan is above.

Stonely – There is no current play equipment here, the cost for this site is £55,745.10 and they are looking to install:

- 1 20m steel cableway
- 1 'Orchard' climbing frame/net
- 1 pick-up sticks climbing frame installation
- 1 jungle swing trail
- 1 picnic table



Some of the proposed Stonely equipment is above.

CONSULTATIONS MADE BY OFFICER ON THIS PROJECT

The Open Spaces team were consulted, and they agreed that play areas were of benefit to children and updated equipment would be more inclusive.

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	Yes - this would mitigate the future growth that is currently being considered through Planning.
CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Partial - the project links through play and active lifestyles making it link to Improving quality of life for local people and pride in place.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Partial - they have applied for National Lottery funding, it would be interesting to see who else they have considered.
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	N/A
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	Yes - there is a lot of supporting evidence of local community supporting this Mums, Nans, businesses etc
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	Yes - they have worked with the community to design the play areas but not on funding.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	Yes - through the links to play, healthy lifestyles and the links to current growth this is a district priority.

Using the interim scoring system, this project scored 25/59 and did not provide a good cost benefit return to approve . Due to the current planned growth being considered through planning applications and the submitted funding application and supporting evidence, officers also looked at offering a lesser amount to focus on the Kimbolton play area and using this approach the project would score 30/59.

This lesser amount is calculated by using the quote amount of £106,115.56 (without the upgraded temporary fencing) and excluding the £25,000 from the Parish and £19,482.74 requested from National Lottery.

The evidence supplied with this application shows clear local support and states that the play equipment is very old.

There have been relatively few completions in the last five years, 28 or a 4.24% increase, which has meant the Parish has had little funding from CIL or S106. There is the potential for further new dwellings with applications currently being considered for 285 dwellings, which would be a 41% increase. New dwellings will bring more CIL but there may not be S106 to cover play.

Due to the new growth currently being considered it is appropriate to look to the Strategic CIL pot to help mitigate the growth by supporting this project.

Although the application is for two sites and more funding, HDC does have the option to offer reduced funding. Two play areas so close together for a population of 250 under 15 is ambitious, with Stonely having only 15 children under the age of 15 in 2021, according to data from [City Population](#) (based on ONS). As such the Officer recommends reducing the amount of CIL offered and to focus on renewing the equipment on the main Kimbolton site, which would also be accessible to Stonely residents.

The new play equipment would be accessible, which will benefit the community of Kimbolton. Any concerns about being able to access the site have also been covered in the items the offer is made subject to.

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE A LESSER AMOUNT OF £61,632.81

SUBJECT TO:

1. Full funding being achieved including match funding being confirmed of amounts shown in the application form.
2. All necessary permissions being agreed including Building Control.
3. Repayment of CIL provided to forward fund any S106 funds agreed for the Kimbolton play area from Planning applications 25/00433/FUL and 25/01543/OUT to replace the play equipment as stated in the application and quote JVQ 1230.
4. Confirmation of continued accessibility for the site from the fire station car park.
5. Funding is for the Kimbolton Mandeville Hall Community Playground agreed play area quote JVQ 1230 only.
6. Evidence of a sinking fund for future replacement play equipment.
7. Evidence of a current lease for the Mandeville Hall land.

4.5 New 3G Pitch, HDC One Leisure St Ives.

Proposal: Installation of a second full size third generation floodlit artificial turf pitch at One Leisure, St Ives.

Parish: St Ives

Total Project Cost: £1,400,031.26

CIL Ask: £300,000.00

CIL Ask %: 21%

Scoring: 30 + 12 = 42/59

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

The application was of a high quality. The submission included a business plan, detailed costing breakdown, plans, letters of support from Hunts FA, lease details, information from Sports England, and a risk assessment.

PROPOSAL

This project aims to deliver a new full-size floodlit 3G artificial turf pitch at the HDC One Leisure St Ives site.

This project delivers:

- a new full-size 3G artificial turf pitch.
- floodlighting to increase usage hours of the pitch.
- installation of two non turf cricket pitches for junior cricket provision.

The aims of this project are to:

- expand the availability of high-quality, floodlit outdoor training and match space as part of Huntingdonshire's wider sporting infrastructure supported by relevant strategic documents.
- support the development of grassroots and competitive sport by working closely with National Governing Bodies (notably Huntingdonshire FA (HFA)), local clubs, and schools.
- Increase participation across a wide range of user groups, including women and girls, young people, disabled users, and underrepresented communities.
- generate sustainable income to contribute to the long-term maintenance, replacement, and development of the facility.
- improve the overall customer experience and attract new users and partners to HDC One Leisure, St Ives.

The evidence provided shows that the need for this project was identified in multiple strategic reports including HDC's Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS, 2023) and the Football Foundation (FF) Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP, 2024). Since these reports were issued other 3G pitches have been created, including the one at Godmanchester, making St Ives the priority.

Analysis area	Future number of teams	Future requirement	Future number of available full size 3G pitches	Future shortfall
Huntingdon	98	3 (2.58)	1	2
North East	41	1 (1.07)	1	-
North West	53	1 (1.39)	1	-
St. Ives	101	3 (2.66)	2	1
St. Neots	107	3 (2.82)	2	1
West	14	0 (0.37)	0	-
Total	414	11	7	4

The table above shows future demand for 3G pitches for affiliated football team training.

Evidence supplied also shows how local St Ives football teams are currently struggling with availability on the current offering with long waiting lists. In particular girls teams, disabled players and older adults are missing out. It is also intended for the new pitch to be used by other sports such as rugby and lacrosse, with football remaining as its core use. As an additional benefit of this project two new artificial cricket wickets will be created, this is to address concerns raised by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) about the loss of a cricket provision due to the creation of the pitch.

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	Yes - this project aims to mitigate pressure on football pitches caused by growth. Evidence has been supplied on the need locally due to growth and why this is a priority above other sites.
CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Yes - there are clear links to both. This project would encourage better physical, and so mental, health which links it to improving the quality of life for local people and health embedded.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Yes - funds are being applied for from Football foundation and HDC.
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	N/a
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	Yes - there is a lot of supporting information

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
	which is evidence based.
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	Yes - there is clear partnership working at national and local levels.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	Yes - there is clear evidence this is a strategic district priority.

Using the interim scoring system this project scored 42/59.

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

Subject to:

1. Full planning permission being granted.
2. Building control and any other relevant permissions being granted prior to payment out of CIL funding.
3. Full funding, including any match funding states in application form being achieved.

This is a well written submission with a lot of evidential information submitted. There is very good evidence of partnership working with National partners like Sports England, and local communities.

This project addresses a shortage in 3G pitches that has been exacerbated through growth within the district. There are reports highlighting the need for this pitch due to current and future growth. There is also feedback from local groups about the difficulty booking local facilities and how this will only worsen with further growth.

This project has links to several key strategies including HDC Corporate Plan, Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy, Be Well in Cambridgeshire and the Playing pitch Strategy which highlights the strategic importance of it.

4.6 Cromwell Museum Expansion Project, Huntingdon.

Proposal: Funding to restore, convert and fit out a new museum.

Applicant: The Cromwell Museum

Parish: Huntingdon

Total Project Cost: £6,308,000.00

CIL Ask: £1,000,000.00

CIL Ask %: 15%

Scoring: 36 + 10 = 46/59 Overall

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

This submission was of high quality and included a business case, detailed costings, risk report, confirmation of CPCA funds, Town council minutes and proposal plans and sketches.

PROPOSAL

Huntingdon Town Council have purchased a building to house the museum in. The proposed CIL funding is to help with the significant repair and renovation of the building.

The new building would create additional facilities including:

- A café
- Toilets (with changing rooms)
- A gift shop.

The new building would have approx. 350m² of space, which is almost 5 times that of the existing museum.



Proposed floor plans

SUBMISSION HISTORY

This is the first submission for this project, they did not fill out an enquiry form but they did have a meeting with the Implementation team prior to submission.

CONSULTATIONS MADE BY OFFICER ON THIS PROJECT

The HDC Economic Development team were consulted on this project due to its links to town centre regeneration. Their response was:

From an Economic Development perspective, we are pleased to offer our support for this funding application. The proposed training facility will meet key objectives of the Huntingdonshire Economic Growth Strategy, which emphasises supporting local

businesses and bringing vibrancy into in our market towns. Furthermore, this would create additional educational opportunities which also aligns with Huntingdonshire District Councils Corporate plan in creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations. For reference, the strategies can be accessed here:

- [Economic Growth Strategy](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)

Economic Benefits

The expansion of the Cromwell Museum into a state-of-the-art facility will generate multiple economic benefits and deliver substantial recreational and educational outcomes for Huntingdonshire. As a major cultural destination, it will significantly enhance the town's leisure and visitor offer, encouraging greater footfall into the town centre and contributing to community wellbeing through accessible, high-quality recreational opportunities. At the same time, the museum will provide a vital educational resource, supporting schools, colleges and lifelong learners with curriculum-linked programmes, interactive exhibitions and opportunities to engage with Huntingdonshire's unique history and heritage. By fostering intergenerational learning and creating an engaging environment for both residents and visitors, the project will not only strengthen local identity and pride but also attract wider audiences, generating long-term social, cultural and economic benefits for the area.

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	Yes- there are strong links to growth and the need to invest in towns.
CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Yes - strong links to town centre regeneration so linking it to improving the quality of life for local people and pride in place.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Yes – phase 1 was fully funded and this would be the first funding of the second phase.
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	N/A
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	Yes -evidence supplied supported the need for the project and it being key to town centre regeneration

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	Yes - several partners have been engaged with the process of moving the museum.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	Yes- This is a district wide priority to regenerate town centres and attract new visitors to Huntingdonshire.

Using the interim scoring system this project scored 46/59.

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

SUBJECT TO:

- 1) Full funding being confirmed
- 2) Confirmed cost breakdown following Listed Building Consent.
- 3) Full consents and permissions being gained for the works.
- 4) Funding to be released in staged payments, with the final payment upon completion.
- 5) Confirmation of the engagement plan to be launched for the Museum. This must be supplied prior to completion of works.
- 6) Delegated authority for the Corporate Director of Place and the Head of Planning to approve the final offer up to £1,000,000.00 once full details and match funding are confirmed.
- 7) All subjectives to be satisfied within 3 years of HDC Cabinet decision on funding, unless extended by agreement in writing following the provision of additional information relating to security of funding timing of delivery.

This project has strong links to the strategic corporate policy of town centre regeneration. The evidence supplied shows how the museum would become the cultural focus for the town and should bring in more footfall. Figures provided in the supporting information estimate the new museum location could boost the local economy by £1,000,000.00.

The museum is referenced in '[A vision for Huntingdon strategy](#)', and the HDC [Corporate Plan](#) has a clear objective of town centre investments, which this project would fit into. The Museum is also mentioned in the Huntingdon Town Council Neighbourhood Plan, and the Town Council has agreed to carry out the ongoing maintenance for the new building.

Phase 1 of this project has already been fully funded and the CIL ask for the second phase is of a low percentage, 15%. The Museum has listed several funders it is already in discussion with, and CIL funded would not be released until the project is funded in full. Planning applications are not timetabled to be submitted until 2027, so it is anticipated that the full costs will not be known until permissions/consents have been granted.

With a larger home for the museum there is more opportunity for schools and community groups to visit, which alongside to the proximity to the bus station makes it an easier day out to manage.

Overall, there are strong links to the project and growth with the goal of bringing the increased population back into Huntingdon Town Centre.

4.7 King George V Pavilion redevelopment, Huntingdon.

Proposal: Project to demolish the existing structure and build a new pavilion with compliant changing rooms, modern support facilities, social space and equipment storage.

Applicant: Huntingdon Town Council

Parish: Huntingdon

Total Project Cost: £1,000,000.00

CIL Ask: £125,000.00

CIL Ask %: 13%

Scoring: 42 + 12 = 54/59 Overall

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBMISSION

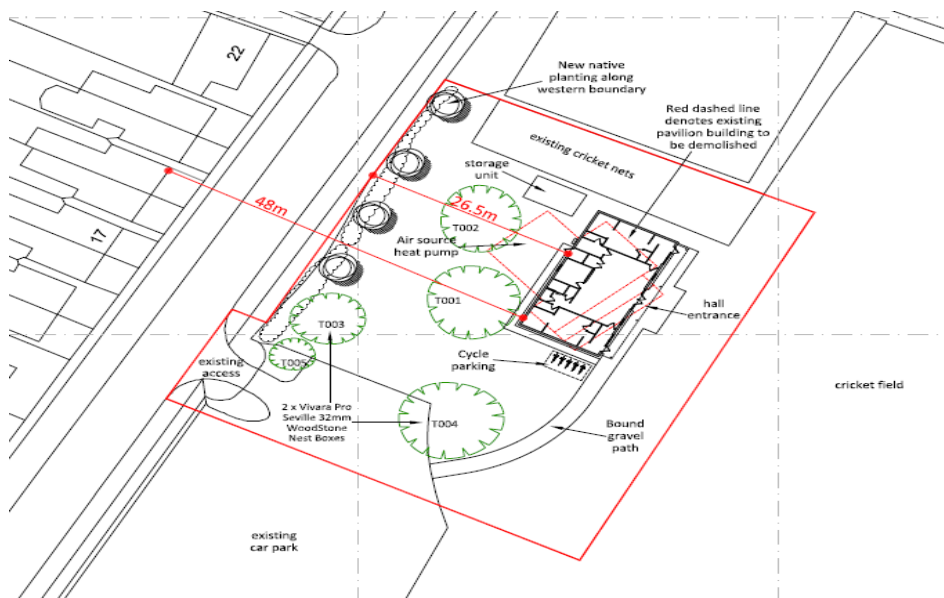
This submission included a business case, financial breakdown, details of the lease, a risk assessment, photos of the existing pavilion and proposed plans.

PROPOSAL

This project will involve demolishing the existing structure and building a new pavilion with compliant changing rooms, modern support facilities, social space and equipment storage.



01 – Existing South Elevation



Floor plan as proposed

The need for this project is evidenced through the Huntingdonshire District Council Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy, which rates the pavilion's ancillary and training facilities as 'poor'.

The building is over 60 years old, in significant disrepair, and no longer meets modern accessibility, safeguarding, or functionality standards. Consultation with Huntingdon & District Cricket Club confirms the facility limits participation, particularly for women, girls, juniors, and people with disabilities. Without investment, the club risks decline in membership and reduced community use.

SUBMISSION HISTORY

Although applications for changes to the King George Pavilion were submitted in 20/21, 22/23 and 23/24 funding rounds, this application is different to the previous applications.

Previously the 20/21 funding application was for a new sports facility building, with space for the Cancer Care Network and community rooms. Over the following applications these plans reduced with a longer-term goal to make further improvements in the future.

This application firmly focuses on the use of the building to support local cricket teams and how the loss of this building negatively affects the sport. There are clear links to the playing pitch strategy and overall need to increase cricket facilities in the district.

CONSULTATIONS MADE BY OFFICER ON THIS PROJECT

The HDC Active Lifestyles team were consulted on this project:

From a Strategic Sports Development perspective, the Active Lifestyles Team is pleased to offer strong support for this application. The proposed new pavilion directly addresses priorities identified within the Huntingdonshire District Council Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) and is fully aligned with its accompanying action plan. It also reflects wider strategic objectives within the Huntingdon Neighbourhood Plan and Huntingdonshire Futures Strategy, which highlight the importance of inclusive, high-quality community facilities that improve well-being, participation, and pride in place.

Benefits

The redevelopment of the pavilion will remove the single greatest barrier currently limiting growth of cricket at King George V Playing Fields – the absence of fit-for-purpose ancillary provision. A modern facility will enable Huntingdon & District Cricket Club to reinstate its junior programme, creating a pathway from entry-level cricket (All Stars and Dynamos) through to adult participation. This supports the ECB's *Inspiring Generations* strategy to make cricket more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable.

The facility will also provide flexible, accessible space for use by other community groups and local residents, unlocking opportunities for health, wellbeing, education, and social programmes not currently deliverable on the site. In this way, the pavilion has the potential to operate as a broader community asset – improving quality of life, reducing inequalities in access to sport, and promoting a stronger sense of local pride.

ASSESSMENT

The main issues to consider in the assessment of this application are found in the Statement of Intent:

Principles of Statement of intent	Met?
The primary use of CIL is to fund infrastructure that is directly linked to supporting or mitigating the impact of growth and new development.	Yes – there is a need for this from the playing pitch strategy. More resources are needed due to growth and there is a risk of losing this one.
CIL funded projects can also contribute towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Council's Corporate Plan and Place Strategy	Yes – evidenced links to the Corporate Plan and Place Strategy through improving the quality of life for local people and health embedded.
CIL should be used in a way which leverages other sources of funding for greater impact.	Yes – this is a 38% CIL ask with funding from Huntingdon Town council and potentially HDC capital funding.
The use of CIL should be considered alongside other developer contributions to maximise site-specific benefits (e.g. Affordable housing).	N/A
A new approach to allocating CIL should follow a programme-led, evidence-based approach.	Yes - evidence supplied supporting the need for this project.
A new approach to CIL should recognise the Importance of working with partners to deliver infrastructure.	Yes -this project includes Town Council, HDC, Cricket Club and other local clubs.
There should be greater alignment between local and district-wide priorities.	Yes -the need for sufficient sports facilities is a district priority.

Using the interim scoring system this project scored 54/59.

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVE

SUBJECT TO:

- 1) Full planning permission being granted.
- 2) Future sinking fund for maintenance evidenced.
- 3) Full funding being confirmed.

The loss of a cricket provision would be detrimental to the district. This project is good value for money as it is a 13% CIL ask and rather than previous submissions this project is focused on cricket rather than wider functions.

The supporting evidence shows clear links to several District and County strategies in order to improve health and well-being within the District. This project would ensure the cricket grounds are used in the future by current groups, but also potentially a wider audience including girls/women.

Unlike the previous submissions this project focuses on keeping the existing infrastructure in place and expanding the current provision.

5. Interim Governance

- 5.1 This funding round was the second round to have been undertaken since the first stage of the latest governance review was approved by Cabinet in June 2024.
- 5.2 For the launch of this funding round a programme of engagement was implemented which included:
 - updated information on the HDC website.
 - a presentation at the town/parish forum and a stall with further information.
 - articles in the town/parish newsletter every month between April and July.
 - an email sent in April to all towns/parishes to alert them to the next round.
 - video on how to complete the form added to the website.
 - one to one meetings with stakeholders – CCC, Fire, police, NHS.
 - An email on launch day to all towns/parishes and key stakeholders. Stakeholders include anyone who has contacted us previously with a query on a potential project.
- 5.3 The response received to date on the engagement has continued to be positive.
- 5.4 The Council website was updated. The dedicated CIL Funding webpage provided details of the funding round. A video was also available to provide assistance on how to complete the online application form along with helpful hints and tips and a business case template if needed. The Guidance document was updated in line with the approved Statement of Intent and the online application form was updated. The new funding round was promoted via email communications and meetings with partners and social media posts were issued.

- 5.5 The Town and Parish Council monthly newsletter was utilised each month providing updates and details of timing.
- 5.6 For this interim round engagement was a key element as indicated above at para 5.2. Key to this included the Town and Parish Forum.
- 5.7 With the Statement of Intent rightly necessitating an update of guidance and application form, time was taken to review the assessment of applications. An indicative scoring system was used as explained to Cabinet in April 2025
- 5.8 This performed well as a guide and, whilst not considered an official element of the assessment, it helps to ensure applications are being considered in a consistent and fair and appropriate way. All applications are considered by an officer in the Implementation team and then the assessment is reviewed by the Team Leader and discussed with the Head of Planning, Infrastructure and Public Protection.
- 5.9 Details of applications this round and last are shown below.

	Round Nov 24 – Jan 25	Round Jun – Aug 25
Number of eligible applications received for Cabinet consideration	4	6
Number of applications approved/recommended for approval by Cabinet	3 (75%)	4 for full funding and 1 for part funding (83%)
Number of eligible applications received for consideration under delegated authority	6	1
Number of applications approved under delegated authority	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

- 5.10 The table above shows that the number of applications this round in the over £100,000 CIL ask category has increased slightly and the level of recommended approvals has also increased suggesting the quality and type of the applications to be considered by Cabinet has improved as a result of the refocused engagement, (including the new enquiry form), and collaboration programme working with the new Statement of Intent.
- 5.11 In this latest round 71% of applications have been approved or recommended for approval for some or all of the funding requested. In addition, two of those applications to be considered in this report at 4.4 and 4.7 are resubmissions and, following support and engagement with the applicants, the information now submitted is now considered of the appropriate detail and quality to recommend approval of CIL funding. In total £1,930,115.66 of CIL funding was requested through all the submitted applications, of which £1,686,632.81 has been recommended for approval.
- 5.12 In the past, many applications for £100,000.00 or less were received which were not in line with governance requirements. These had tended to fall in the following categories:

- Community building improvements
- Play areas/refurbishments
- Notice boards
- Car parking
- Traffic initiatives

- 5.13 These had generally been unacceptable as not linked to growth/future growth; not considered strategic infrastructure need to support the Local Plan and associated Corporate Plan / Place Strategy objectives; looking to address existing deficiencies; required for elements that should be addressed via general maintenance or a replacement sinking fund; already considered as part of legal agreements associated with planned growth and general improvements for consideration by the Town/Parish Council using their CIL 'meaningful proportion' allocation, precept funding or other external funding opportunities.
- 5.14 Following the launch of the CIL funding enquiry form 12 forms were completed and the feedback has been that the applicants have found the responses helpful. The one application for funding of £100,000.00 or less had not followed this process, and it would have benefited them if they had. Following on from this round it could be considered that for these projects the enquiry form completion becomes a mandatory stage to support the applicants further.
- 5.15 An engagement plan will be taken forward again for the next round to capture all of the above and other opportunities, including it is hoped a presence at the Town and Parish Forum in the coming months.

6. COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

- 6.1 The Panel discussed the Community Infrastructure Levy Allocation Report at its meeting on 8th October 2025.

7. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

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

8. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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

9. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

(See Corporate Plan)

9.1 CIL helps to deliver across the priorities in the Council's Corporate Plan 2023 - 2028 specifically Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations by:

- Improving housing - 24. Maintain the level of new housing delivery, which meets the needs of Huntingdonshire residents, including the type of home and tenure (open market and social housing).
- Forward-thinking economic growth - 39. Influence delivery of infrastructure including East West Rail, A428, A141 Strategic Outline Business Case and future Transport Strategies.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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).
- 10.3 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 defenses,
 - (c) schools and other educational facilities,
 - (d) medical facilities,
 - (e) sporting and recreational facilities,
 - (f) open spaces.'
- 10.4 The levy may not be used to fund affordable housing.

11. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 CIL money can only be spent on delivering 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.

12. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 12.1 The recommendations for individual funding awards for projects (as stated in section 4) have been considered in accordance with the Council's interim governance framework for CIL, as well as the wider legislative context as set out in the report. For each project award, or decline, a reason has been provided which would be communicated to the applicant.
- 12.2 An update on 'live projects' is provided at Appendix 1. A summary of each application request for £100,000.00 or less CIL funding is provided separately in Appendix 2 which has been considered in line with delegated authority – these are for information only.

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 2025/26 round 1 for £100,000.00 or less – Decisions.

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>

Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Review June 2024

<https://democracy.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s134148/7.%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20Governance%20Review%20Report.pdf>

Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Review June 2024 Appendix 1

<https://democracy.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s134149/7.%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20Governance%20Review%20Appendix%201.pdf>

Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/4

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/q1gejgem/infrastructure-funding-statement-2023-2024.pdf>

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

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
Warboys Village Hall Approved by Cabinet - 18th July 2019	Funding towards a new facility	£1,000,000.00 at allocation 2019 Updated 2024 to now £1,600,000.00	£200,000.00	COMPLETED
Fenstanton Village Hall Approved by Cabinet - 16 th July 2020	Funding towards a new village hall in Fenstanton	£880,000.00	£75,000.00	Work has started on site with completion due 2026.

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
B1040 Wheatsheaf Road/Somersham Road Accident Reduction Scheme Approved by Cabinet - 18 th March 2021	Junction safety improvements	£1,200,000.00	£500,000.00	<p>There is a continued delay to the land purchase. Until the land has been purchased by CCC, as the Highway Authority, the work to divert utilities for construction of the new junction cannot happen.</p> <p>Officers continue to work with legal teams and land agents to seek to complete the purchase at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>CCC has implemented a speed reduction scheme ahead of the main works with a new 50mph speed limit introduced.</p>
Ramsey Skate Park Delegated Approval 22 nd October 2021	A plaza style concrete skate park, enabling inclusive and disabled sports access.	£130,000.00	£50,000.00	COMPLETED
St Neots Future High Street Fund	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.	£15,422,033.00 (funding envelope as project details developed)	£4,830,000.00	<p>The updated position in relation to the Future High Street Fund is set out in the Market Towns Programme</p> <p>https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/market-towns-programme/investment-in-st-neots/latest-updates/</p>

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
Hinchingbrooke Country Park Improvement Project Approved at Cabinet 17 th March 2022	Part of larger project, the bid seeks funding for: • Pathway improvements and associated lighting and signage. • Upgrading the existing car park. • 5 new play zones Associated management costs	£2,995,184.00	£1,495,184.00	Planning Application was submitted and approved with conditions in June 2025. An Invitation to tender is now live and will close on the 19th September. Work is expected to start on site early November.
Glatton Village Hall Agreed by delegation 3rd October 2022	Replacement of an asbestos roof for the Glatton Village Hall.	£64,750.00	£49,750.00	Works are due to complete in November.
Alconbury Weald Health Facility Approved at Cabinet 18 th October 2022	New primary health care facility at Alconbury Weald.	£7,888,400.00	£6,013,388.00	The NHS Cambs & Pboro Integrated Care Board (ICB) is actively collaborating with relevant partners to establish and mobilise the Alconbury Weald Health Facility Steering Group. Once formed, this group will develop a high-level plan and associated actions related to the new build, required service provision, and building governance arrangements, aligned with the timeline previously submitted to HDC.

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
Godmanchester Astro turf football pitch Approved at Cabinet 18 th October 2022	Installation of a full-sized football pitch all weather (Astro turf) football pitch	£800,000.00	£150,000.00	On track for completion in September 2025.
Somersham Car Park Extension Approved by delegation 7 th February 2023	Community car park extension	£20,480.90	£15,480.90	The PC had to reapply for planning permission and have produced reports to accompany the application from specialist companies. The Parish hope to start the project as soon as permission is approved. It is hoped the extension to the car park will be completed by the end of the year.
Monks Wood Police Training Site Approved at Cabinet 18 th April 2023	New facility to meet the statutory requirements to train police across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.	£12,300,900.00	£641,492.00	Current economic and financial challenges across the three Beds, Cambs and Herts forces have forced a review of the project scope meaning they are likely to undertake this on a longer timeframe and on a phased approach. Currently they are undertaking a re-work to establish what that delivery may look like.

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
St Neots (Longsands) Computer Suite Approved at Cabinet 18 th April 2023	Dedicated Computer Science suite through refurbishment of existing building	£650,104.00	£325,052.00	The deadline for the funding has passed and the school was unable to raise the match funding. This project has been WITHDRAWN .
Community Centre Extension, Ramsey Approved at Cabinet 16 th April 2024	Extend and re-configure the layout of the Ramsey Community Centre including a commercial sized kitchen. The re-configuration from one to three rooms will allow more groups access to an oversubscribed building.	£260,000.00	£100,000.00	Delays after issues with heat recovery extraction system have caused delays and funding shortfall of £25,000.00. The Town Council are looking to get this resolved asap.
Guardroom community hub, Bury Approved at Cabinet 15 th April 2025	To transform the former RAF Guardroom building into a multifunctional including the Parish Council, hot desk space, and community space for sports and social activities.	£2,359,900.00	£1,500,000.00	The Guardroom project is progressing well and works are expected to commence on site Spring/Summer 2026.
Leisure improvements, Sawtry Approved at Cabinet 15 th April 2025	Replacement & reinstatement of the pool plant and reconnecting the heating, air handling and water, replacement of the pool cover and disabled hoist.	£600,000.00	£360,000.00	A specification of required works has been drawn up and documentation is being prepared to procure the required services. The works will include a new swimming pool lining, completely new pool plant room, reinstatement of water services, pool cover and disabled pool hoist ready

Project Name	Description	Project cost at allocation	CIL funding offered	Update
				to open Spring 2026.
Fire Station modernisation and extension project, St Neots Approved at Cabinet 15th April 2025	Extend and modernise the Fire Station.	£1,845,559.00	£700,000.00	COMPLETED

APPENDIX 2 - Huntingdonshire Infrastructure Project Bids submitted for consideration in first funding round 2025/26 for £100,000.00 or less – Decisions.

Further detail on the reason for decline has been provided to the applicants.

Project proposed	Location	CIL funding requested	Total project cost without VAT	CIL as a % of total EXCL VAT	Score	Recommendation	Decision
Accessible pathways and crowd safety barrier with ambulance & player access gate	Ramsey	£26,598.00	£26,598.00	100%	14	Decline	To be updated following October 3 rd meeting.

The Active Lifestyles team will be reaching out to Ramsey Football Club to support them through any future CIL funding applications, and full feedback will be given on the outcomes for this round.