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## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Title/Subject Matter:** Call-In – Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation

**Meeting/Date:** Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth)

**Executive Portfolio:** Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning

**Report by:** Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)

**Ward affected:** Huntingdon North

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### **Executive Summary:**

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and following the publication of the Cabinet's decision relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spend Allocation, the decision has been Called-In by three Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth).

### **Recommendation:**

The Panel is invited to consider how to respond to the Call-In of the decision by the Cabinet relating to the CIL Spend Allocation.

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

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to enable the Panel to give further consideration to the Cabinet's decision on the CIL Spend Allocation on the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Playing Fields, Huntingdon, which has been Called-In.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 11th February 2021, considered a report by Service Manager Growth containing details of ten infrastructure project bids for greater than £50k that have been received by the Council. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) had received the report on 3rd February 2021 relating to the CIL Spend Allocation. The Panel's comments were conveyed to the Cabinet by way of the briefing note attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The Decision Notice is attached at Appendix 3. Following the publication of the Cabinet's decision, Councillors B S Chapman, J P Morris and S Wakeford Called-In the decision. The whole decision has been Called-In, however, the reasons given relate only to the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Playing Field; namely that the application appears to meet the published criteria, and Members' concerns whether sufficient weight has been given to the full scope of the application. Therefore, while the implementation of the entire decision has been put on hold, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel should confine their deliberations to the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Playing Field item.
- 2.4 At the time of publication Councillor Chapman also had Called-In the Buckden-Huntingdon Safe Cycling and Walking Route project. However, this project has not been Called-In by any other Councillors. As three Members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny are required to Call-In a decision, this project is not open to discussion.
- 2.5 The Panel is invited to consider the Cabinet's decision. The relevant Executive Councillor, Councillor J Neish, has been invited to attend the Panel's meeting.

## **3. CALL-IN**

- 3.1 Members are reminded of the guidance for Call-In as set out in paragraph 15 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.
- 3.2 The Panel has various options, which are as follows:
- if, having considered the matter, the Panel is still concerned about the decision, then it may be referred back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns. Alternatively, the Panel can refer the matter to full Council. If

referred back to Cabinet, they would then be required to reconsider their decision within 10 working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision;

- if the Panel decides not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision shall take effect from the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting;
- if the matter is referred to full Council and the Council does not object to the decision which has been made, then no further action is necessary and the decision will become effective on the date of the Council meeting; or
- if the matter is referred to full Council and they decide to object, the Council have no ability to make decisions in respect of an executive decision unless it is contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget. Unless this is the case, the Council can refer any decision to which they object back to the Cabinet, together with the Council's views on the decision. The Cabinet can then decide whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Panel is invited to consider how to respond to the Call-In of the decision by the Cabinet relating to the CIL Spend Allocation.

#### **5. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

**Appendix 1** – Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation – report by Service Manager Growth

**Appendix 2** – Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth), Comments to Cabinet on the Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation report

**Appendix 3** – Cabinet Decision Notice on the Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Allocation report

#### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Huntingdonshire District Council's Constitution

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