

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)
CHARGING SCHEDULE
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 14th June 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the report by the Head of Planning Services on the Council's proposed Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule. This report summarises the Panel's discussions.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 The Panel has been advised that the new scheme will put the Council in a more powerful position with regard to influencing where money from the CIL will be spent. However, attention has been drawn to the additional responsibilities the Council will have in establishing a policy position on the allocation of funding and establishing sound governance arrangements. The latter will require service level agreements to be established with other recipients of funding for the delivery of projects. Members of the Panel have stressed that the agreements should include a requirement for the District Council to be provided with clear and transparent detailed information on the projects that have been delivered through the CIL. In response, it has been reported that the Council will be required to submit a report annually on the CIL to the Government. The Panel has requested that the report is submitted to them as a matter of course.
- 2.2 Members have recognized that there will be an administrative cost associated with the scheme, which is legally limited to 5% of income from the CIL.
- 2.3 Following discussions on how other bodies such as those representing health, fire and police will negotiate their benefit from CIL, the Panel has noted that consideration is being given to employing the existing Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership structure for this purpose.
- 2.4 Having been advised that the scheme will be updated regularly to take account of changes in local circumstances, the Panel has requested that a "plain English" version of the scheme is made available on the Council's website.
- 2.5 Members have requested that they be given an opportunity to review the comments received through the consultation before the Charging Schedule is adopted.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Cabinet is requested to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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