

TITLE: Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Request

Committee: Finance and Assets Committee

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1.0 Issue

- 1.1. To consider increasing the amount of CIL funding available to the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust, The Link project.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve an increase of up to £190,000 to the amount of CIL funding available to the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust, The Link project.

3.0 Background/Options

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Finance and Assets Committee held on 25 January 2024, an allocation of up to £510,000 to the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust (SWCLT) and the Link project was approved.
- 3.2. At the same meeting, an allocation of £700,000 from the Growth and Infrastructure Fund to SWCLT for The Link project was also approved.
- 3.3. SWCLT have written to the Council to request further CIL funding for The Link project to increase the total CIL allocation by £190,000 to up to £700,000.

4.0 Arguments/Conclusions

- 4.1. The letter from SWCLT at Appendix 1 states that the recently completed value engineering exercise and market testing show that the costs of delivery have increased considerably since 2023.
- 4.2. Currently, the total cost is estimated at £2.11m, an approximately £580,000 increase on the original estimate. This includes a contingency allowance of £75,000.
- 4.3. SWCLT is confident that the project can be delivered for the £2.11m budget. The Heads of Terms are drafted, and final agreement of design details and lease terms are being negotiated with NHS providers. The project is due to be completed by late 2026.
- 4.4. The project will each deliver a new community facility and is therefore included on the Council's CIL Infrastructure List, and as such, is capable of benefiting from CIL funding.

- 4.5. The project contributes to the delivery of the District Council's Corporate Plan under the 'Sustainable Communities' heading.
- 4.6. There are sufficient funds in the CIL account to meet these requests, and as such, for the reasons set out above, Members are recommended to approve the additional funding allocation.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

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Financial Implications Yes	Legal Implications No	Human Resources (HR) Implications No
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) No	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) No	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) No

- 5.2. Financial implications: The amount of CIL funding requested is available from CIL receipts.

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Letter from the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust.

7.0 Background documents

Minutes of Finance and Assets Committee meeting held on 25 January 2024

EXEMPT The Link Project budget/cashflow and project plan