

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning Policy Committee held on 19 July 2021

Present

Branson (Chairman), Payter, Scott and Turner

Also in attendance: Councillors Weeks and Gwen Robinson

5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Guest, Howard, Lloyd, Milne, Moutray and Wilson.

6 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy Committee held on 29 April 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests relating to matters on the agenda.

8 Community Levy Spending Protocol

The Committee considered a report on the revised Community Infrastructure Levy ("CIL") for use in CIL spending decisions.

A member objected to a provision in the protocol which enabled the Council to match fund from other Council funds and argued that the applicants should be required to use other sources of funding to match the CIL amount to be allocated to a scheme. However, a majority of the Committee was satisfied that Council funds would only be used to match funds in exceptional circumstances and that this provision gave greater flexibility in the process.

RESOLVED that Council be Recommended to:

- a) approve the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Protocol in the Appendix of the submitted report for use in CIL spending decisions;
- b) agree, in accordance with section 3 of the Protocol and section 5 of this report, that an additional 10% of the CIL collected in Emsworth ward should be allocated specifically to Emsworth starting with the next spending round, provided that the Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' following a successful referendum;

- c) grant delegated authority to the Head of Planning to amend the CIL Spending Protocol, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Housing, Communities & CIL (or any future Cabinet Lead responsible for Community Infrastructure Levy matters). Such changes shall be limited to the correction of factual errors and changes necessary to accommodate national or local changes in regulations, guidance or procedures and shall not otherwise alter the meaning of the protocol; and
- d) grant delegated authority to the Community Infrastructure Officer to approve interim Strategic CIL spends with a value of no greater than £10,000 (in consultation with the Head of Planning and the Cabinet Lead), and to the Cabinet Lead responsible for CIL to approve interim spends greater than this, in consultation with the S151 Officer, and, where the value exceed £50,000, after consideration by the Planning Policy Committee

(Councillor Turner voted against recommendation (a))

9 Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee considered a report on the adoption of the Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan as part of the statutory development plan, following its successful examination and referendum.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to adopt the Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect, so that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

10 Work Programme 2021/22

The Committee considered its work programme for 2021/22. The Committee noted that due to the number of items included in the programme, the Chairman would discuss an order of priority with the officers.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.46 pm