

Report from CIL WORKING GROUP Sept 2024

Members

Kate Dickson (KD)- Chair, Richard Dickson (RD), Neil Eaton (NE), James Kennedy (JK), Zoe Leventhal (ZL) Andrew Milton (AMi)

Review of CIL Policy

The CIL policy needs updating to incorporate our policy to reclaim staff time costs. Also, to include the requirement for successful CIL grant applicants to make the declaration on the CIL Grant Agreement.

Review of CIL Priorities

There is some discrepancy between the priorities as published on the website on the CIL page, and the policy document, as downloaded from the page. All members agreed that the Priorities as they appear on the webpage are preferable, but that the word “tourist” should be replaced with “visitor”. So, there should be three Ethical Priorities and four Strategic Priorities.

Review of CIL Balance

We reviewed the current balance sheet and acknowledged that the next unallocated payments will be reclaimed by WDC on 01/04/2027 unless they have been spent. This emphasises the importance of efficient and careful consideration of projects.

Feedback

We received feedback from Cllr Adrian Marsh who had attended a Leisure Management Group meeting earlier in the day, at KMAT. He reported that the work funded by KTC CIL money was now complete and being used. Rehearsals had started for a production of Matilda, and this would benefit from the sound and lighting equipment.

AMi had previously reported that regarding Castle Farm Skatepark; the project group was awaiting an update from WDC officers and possibly a mini masterplan for Castle Farm.

New Projects

- 1) Communications Infrastructure for Abbey Fields, up to £10,000 - all members welcomed the application, scrutinised it and felt that it complied with the criteria for consideration by the Council’s Finance & General Services (FG&S) committee.
- 2) Proposal for Outdoor Digital Signage at Abbey End, maybe £15,000 – the group were supportive of this outline proposal welcoming the move to improve

communications. They were happy that that a task and finish group would prepare the fully costed application. They asked that in the proposal, consideration should be given to accessibility.

- 3) Proposal for Feasibility Study on Castle Crossings, maybe up to £25,000 – whilst the proposal received by the meeting was outline, ZL reported that a full grant application would be ready for the publication of the agenda for FG&S. She asked that we, therefore, consider this proposal for eligibility for consideration at the upcoming meeting. It was felt that the proposal met the criteria for consideration subject to a satisfactory application being received. JK asked that advice be sought from the Clerk as RFO, regarding the procurement procedure needed for this project.

In summary the working group recommends that applications 1) & 3) are considered by FG&S committee and that when a costed proposal has been made for 2) that should go forward to FG&S.

Next meeting; Monday 2nd Dec 7:30pm on Teams