

Monday, 8 March 2021



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 16 MARCH 2021**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 17 March 2021 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

MCa/20/37 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2020/21 - QUARTER 3

It was RESOLVED:

That the Council's financial position for the General Fund at the end of Quarter 3 be noted.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Councillors are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/20/38 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2020/21 - QUARTER 3

It was RESOLVED:

That the Council's financial position for the Housing Revenue Account at the end of Quarter 3 be noted.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Members are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both the HRA Revenue and Capital Budgets

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/20/40 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME MARCH 2021

It was **RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 That Cabinet approved the CIL Expenditure Programme (March 2021) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bids – M20-20, M20-24, M20-23, M20-19, and M20-22 (forming Appendices A and B of the report) as follows: -

Strategic Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M20-20 STOWMARKET Creeping Road Depot Provision of a New HVO Fuel Tank	Amount of CIL Bid £50,000 Total costs £50,000	Cabinet approved CIL Bid M20-20 for £50,000 from the Strategic Infrastructure Fund

Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds (Gislingham only)

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
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M20-24 GISLINGHAM	Amount of CIL Bid	Subject to the completion of a community user agreement, Cabinet approved CIL Bid M20-24 for £18,487.50 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund
Church of England Primary School Broadfields Road	£18,487.50	
	Total costs	
Installation of a daily mile running track	£24,650.00	

Local Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M20-23 MENDLESHAM	Amount of CIL Bid	Cabinet approved CIL Bid M20-23 for £239,306.60 from the Local Infrastructure Fund
Health Administration Hub and Clinical Capacity reconfiguration – Mendlesham Surgery	£239,306.60	
	Total costs	
	£290,145.60	
M20-19 HAUGHLEY	Amount of CIL Bid	Cabinet approved CIL Bid M20-19 for £22,595 from the Local Infrastructure Fund
Improvement and Extension of the Ron Crascall Pavilion Car Park	£22,595	
	Total costs	
Ron Crascall Pavilion, Green Road, Haughley	£33,725	
M20-22 HAUGHLEY	Amount of CIL Bid	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M20-22 for £39,937 from the Local Infrastructure Fund
Provision of secure storage facilities.	£39,937	
	Total costs	
Ron Crascall Pavilion, Green Road, Haughley	£80,853	

- 12 Cabinet noted and endorsed this CIL Expenditure Programme which included the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (including Cabinet decisions in December 2020) – (Appendix A Section B of the report) together with details of emerging infrastructure/CIL Bids (Appendix A Section B of the report).

Reason for Decision: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11th April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18th March 2019 and with further amendments on the 20th April 2020 requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District. This contains decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for CIL expenditure. These decisions relating to the expenditure of CIL monies form one of the ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth is delivered.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: There is a diverse spectrum of approaches to CIL expenditure across the country from Unitary Authorities who have absorbed CIL into their individual Capital Programmes to others who ringfence all funds to be spent locally. A range of different approaches was identified in Appendix A of the Framework for CIL Expenditure report provided to Cabinet's on the 5th and 8th February 2018 and discussed in full during the workshops with the Joint Member advisory panel. Members adopted the documents set out in paragraph 1.1 of the report by Council decision in April 2018 which were subsequently reviewed and adopted on the 19th March 2019 (Babergh) and 18th March 2019 (Mid Suffolk) and further reviewed and adopted by both Councils on the 20th April 2020.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: Councillor Brewster declared a local non-pecuniary interest in respect of Bid number M20-19 and M20-22 in his capacity as President of Stowmarket District Scouts.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/20/41 SOLAR MULTIFUNCTION CARPORT MICROGENERATION

It was RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That Cabinet fully considered the base business case for delivering an installation of a multi-function solar carport with battery storage.**
- 1.2 That Cabinet agreed, having considered the business case under 1.1 above, to proceed with investment in the installation of a multi-function solar carport with battery storage by March 2022.**
- 1.3 That Cabinet endorsed a preferred design option, subject to planning approval, based on the options attached as Appendix B of the report.**
- 1.4 That Cabinet agreed to use up to £350,000 (including a contingency allowance and battery project ringfenced funds) of the £600,000 included within the 2021/22 capital programme.**
- 1.5 That authority be delegated to the Assistant Directors for Economic Growth and Regeneration, and Environment and Commercial Partnerships to widen the business case to incorporate and link new leisure centre decarbonisation measures, such as air-source heat pump and roof-mounted PV technologies, utilising additional grant funding recently obtained. No changes will be made to the base financial business case unless it is improved or else not adversely affected by any revisions.**

Reason for Decision:

1. The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and resolved measures to help achieve its ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 so this significant project is a visible step forward.
2. Localised microgeneration of electricity utilising its own brownfield assets is a practical step the Council can take towards meeting its carbon ambitions.
3. The project not only provides local power to our leisure centre but also will offer a number of electric vehicle charging points in our town centre to encourage more sustainable forms of travel and support air quality.
4. An opportunity to match investment with external central government funding, already secured, is available to improve the viability and manage the risks of the proposed scheme.
5. An opportunity to integrate multi-function solar carport into a broader strategic solution for decarbonisation of public assets, without stalling progress or accessing external funds.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- (a) DO NOTHING (Not Recommended) – make no investment in microgeneration for the site or benefit from associated carbon reduction. Forego the opportunity for accessing guaranteed external funding. Brownfield land remaining under-utilised. Strategic Priorities including Carbon Reduction Management Plan are not delivered.
- (b) DELAY CONSIDERATION PENDING HOLISTIC COUNCIL ASSET MANAGEMENT & ENERGY DECARBONISATION STRATEGY (Not Recommended) – to delay making a decision at this point would add risks to the spend of external funding.
- (c) ASSESS FEASIBILITY AND VIABILITY FOR MULTI-FUNCTION INSTALLATIONS (Recommended) – gain the evidence and site-specific technical appraisals and options necessary for the Council to consider a business case investment, and draw-down of external capital funding support.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None