

Monday, 7 November 2022



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022**

The following decisions have been taken by the Babergh Cabinet and will come into effect on 17 November 2022 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.

BCa/22/29 TENANT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

It was **RESOLVED**: -

That Cabinet approved Option 1 - The strategy in its current form and acknowledge the changing landscape of social housing regulation in terms of the significance of good tenant engagement.

REASON FOR DECISION

The strategy has been co-designed with tenants through a consultation exercise with the Tenant Board, the wider tenant population, portfolio holding members and some key staff.

It is important for the councils to have a Tenant Engagement Strategy to set out how we, as a landlord, ensure that tenants are given a wide range of opportunities to influence and be involved in the formation of their landlord's housing-related strategic priorities. This includes decision making about how services are delivered, performance scrutiny and the management of their homes as required in the Regulator's Tenancy Involvement and Empowerment consumer standard.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Option 2 – To do nothing.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/22/30 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 2022

It was **RESOLVED**: -

1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (November 2022) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bids B22-07, B22-08, and B22-09 (forming Appendices A and B) which include decisions on these CIL Bids for Cabinet to make as follows be approved:

Decisions for Cabinet to approve: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
B22-08 GREAT WALDINGFIELD Village Hall Car Park Extension	Amount of CIL Bid £30,824.92 Total cost of the project £41,099.89 including VAT Total of other funding Great Waldingfield Village Hall Reserves £10,274.97	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-08 for £30,824.92 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Great Waldingfield)

Decisions for Cabinet to approve: - Local Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
B22-07 GREAT CORNARD Upgrade of parking facilities at the Great Cornard Allotment Car Park	Amount of CIL Bid £55,927.50 Total cost of the project £74,870.00 Total of other funding Parish Council £18,942.50	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-07 for £55,927.50 from the Local Infrastructure Fund

B22-09	Amount of CIL Bid	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-09 for £100,000.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund(subject to the imposition of a claw back provision such that if the use fails within 10 years (at Lindsey) all the monies will be clawed back through a condition on the CIL Bid offer letter)
LINDSEY	£100,000.00	
Red Rose Friends	Total cost of the project	
Community Farm	£141,981.59	
	Total of other funding	
	Portacabin Grant Funding	
	£16,500	
	Colchester Catalyst	
	£10,000	
	Fundraising	
	£3,500	
	The Befriending Scheme	
	Funding £11,981.59	

1.2 Cabinet are also asked to note and endorse this CIL Expenditure Programme which includes the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 (September 2022). (Appendix A Section B) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C).

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) has been reviewed with amendments adopted in March 2019, April 2020, March 2021, and 21st July 2022 (Mid Suffolk) and by Babergh on the 6th October 2022. The CIL Expenditure Framework requires the production of at least two CIL Expenditure Programmes for each District (per year) and 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 of 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 above 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 then reviewed for the second and third time and adopted by both Councils on the 20th April 2020 and 23rd March 2021 (Babergh) and 25th March 2021 (Mid Suffolk) respectively. The fourth review took place in June 2022 and the changes were approved by Mid Suffolk on the 21st July 2022 and by Babergh on the 6th October 2022.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: Councillor Arthey declared an Other Registrable Interest due to being Chair of Lindsey Parish Council.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

