

Monday, 4 March 2024



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 12 MARCH 2024**

The following decisions have been taken by the Mid Suffolk Cabinet and will come into effect on 13 March 2024 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/23/45 FINANCIAL MONITORING QUARTER 3 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the projected surplus on the General Fund of £2.36m referred to in section 4.2 and Appendix A of the report be noted;
- 1.2 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the projected overspend on the Housing Revenue Account of £3.364m and the underspend on the capital programme of £23.248m referred to in section 4.3 and Appendix B of the report be noted;
- 1.3 That, the Council's compliance with the Prudential Indicators during quarter two referred to in section 4.4 and Appendix C of the report be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the financial position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital, Housing Revenue Account and Capital and the Prudential Indicators.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The recommended option is set out in the Recommendations. There are no other available options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/23/46 UPDATE ON THE REGULATOR OF SOCIAL HOUSING REFERRAL AND OUR CURRENT COMPLIANCE POSITION

It was RESOLVED: -

That members noted the report.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that members and senior leaders of the councils have oversight of the journey with the Regulator back to a position where we are compliant.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/23/47 MSDC Q3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Performance Report 2023-24 – Quarter 3 was noted.

MCa/23/48 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME MARCH 2024

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (March 2024) and accompanying Technical assessments of the following CIL Bids (forming Appendices, A and B) be approved (including decisions on these CIL Bids for Cabinet to make and to note - delegated decisions only) as follows:-**

Decisions for Cabinet to approve: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds (Walsham Le Willows)

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M23-21 WALSHAM LE WILLOWS Solar Panels	Amount of CIL Bid £21,337.68 Total cost of the project £28,450.24 (includes VAT) Total of other funding £4,612.56 Walsham Le Willows Memorial Hall £1,000.00 SCC Councillor Locality Grant £1,500.00 MSDC Councillor Locality Grant	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M23-21 for £21,337.68 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

Decisions for Cabinet to make: - Local Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M23-25 CROWFIELD Crowfield Village Hall – Multi Use Sports Area	Amount of CIL Bid £27,282.15 Total costs of the project £50,006.55 Other funding sources are: Parish Council Contribution from Neighbourhood CIL: £3,262.70 S106 funding: £19,461.70	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M23-25 for £27,282.15 from the Local Infrastructure Fund
M23-30 THORNHAM Thornham Walks Pioneering Paths	Amount of CIL Bid £100,000.00 Total cost of the project £141,146.70 (includes VAT) Other funding sources are: £20,146.70 Friends of Thornham Walks £20,000.00 MSDC Community Development	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M23-30 for £100,000.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund

	Grant £1,000.00 Tesco Bags of Help	
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Decisions for Cabinet to note: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M23-12 STRADBROKE Swimming Pool Changing Places Toilet	Amount of CIL Bid £9,990.00 Total costs of the project £61,381.00 Other funding Changing Places Fund DHLUC £51,391.00	Recommendation for Cabinet to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid M23-12 for £9,990.00 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund
M23-22 BADWELL ASH Playground Project Stage 2	Amount of CIL Bid £8,502.40 Total costs of the project £35,943.50 Other funding Badwell Ash Parish Council £23,835.15 S106 contribution £3,605.95	Recommendation for Cabinet to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid M23-22 for £8,502.40 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund
M23-31 STRADBROKE Health bid for energy efficiency project (project to cover additional costs for Solar panels)	£7,684.00 Total costs of the project £24,100.00 Other funding £12,312.00 Previously approved CIL bid £4,104.00 Stradbroke Parish Council (this funding was included in the original bid)	Recommendation for Cabinet to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid M23-31 for £7,684.00 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

1.2 Cabinet noted and endorsed this CIL Expenditure Programme which included the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1 to 12 inclusive (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 was originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted by both Councils in March 2019, April 2020, March 2021, July 2022 (Mid Suffolk), October 2022 (Babergh) and in March 2023. The CIL Expenditure Framework requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District 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 original Framework documents set out in paragraph 1.1 above by Council decision in April 2018. These were subsequently reviewed and adopted by both Councils on:-

- First Review - March 2019
- Second Review – April 2020
- Third Review – March 2021
- Fourth Review – 21st July 2022 (Mid Suffolk) and 6th October 2022 (Babergh)
- Fifth Review - March 2023
- Sixth Review – Occurred in Winter 2023; likely to be presented to both Councils for adoption in March 2024

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/23/49 REFRESHED CARBON REDUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the contents of the refreshed Carbon Reduction Management Plan and accompanying narrative at Appendix A & B to the report be approved.**
- 1.2 That the Director of Operation on Climate Change in consultation with the Portfolio**

Holder for Environment, would develop a funding package to deliver on the priority actions for 24/25.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that members and senior leaders of the councils have oversight of the journey with the Regulator back to a position where we are compliant.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None