

DRAFT/CIL committee strategy paper for the spending of CIL funds

The Infrastructure and CIL Committee wishes to ensure that, where possible, it commits to the spending priorities reflected in the newly adopted Haslemere Town Council strategy document 2023-2027, together with the Opportunities set out in the Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council strategy and Neighbourhood Plan will provide a framework for future CIL expenditure and grant giving, where it can support a wide range of community initiatives promoting sustainability and the enhancement of residents' lives.

The Committee is maintaining a list of projects that it wishes to pursue, subject to scrutiny to ensure the project demonstrates it meets the Government criteria for CIL spending (page 2 of this document).

In addition, there was a proposal that a pot of funding that external organisations could apply to for projects. There are worked examples on page 3 of this document.¹²

¹ The Committee already has an agreed policy so there will need to be formal agreement for the funding pot for external organisations proposal, which will have to be worked into the current policy.

² The Town Clerk and I would advise that the Committee should give consideration to all external applications received to date under the current agreed policy, rather than this new proposal of the funding pot.

Haslemere Town Council projects

Category Council Strategy / N Plan	Project	Location	Agreed	Cost
Climate and biodiversity (Strategy)	Baseline biodiversity audit	Parish wide		
Housing & planning (Strategy)	Provision of affordable housing	Parish wide		
Local environment & amenity (Strategy)	Provision of community centre	Hindhead & Beacon Hill		
Local environment & amenity (Strategy)	Improvement of facilities	The Edge		
Local environment & amenity (Strategy)	Replacement bench	Junction of Grayswood Rd & Beech Rd	Full Council Nov 2023	£500
Local environment & amenity (Strategy)	Drainage improvements	Town Meadow	Full Council Nov 2023	£20,000
Local business & transport (Strategy)	LCWIP initiatives Detail to be provided			
Youth (Strategy) & Local environment & amenity	Improvement of facilities – new play equipment	Town Meadow	Full Council Jan 2023	£50,000
Youth (Strategy) & Local environment & amenity	Improvement of facilities - Surfacing of zip wire runway	Lion Green	Full Council Nov 2023	£20,000
Transport/environmental improvements (NP)	Link footpath on Church Lane	Church Lane from Health Centre to Beech Road		£45,000
Transport/environmental improvements (NP)	Count down displays & improved timetable displays	Parish wide		

Funding pot for external organisations

A pot equivalent to 25% of biannual CIL receipts for external community groups and organisations to apply to. Payments are made to the Council twice yearly (April & October). It is proposed that CIL committee meetings held following those payments (eg June and November) consider applications from any group who has validly applied for CIL funding.

Example

April 2023 CIL receipts £136,000 25% equates to £34,000

October 2023 CIL receipts £124,000 25% equates to £31,000

Applications received after April 2023 CIL receipts but before October 2023 receipts

Organisation	Amount	Total amount of project	Match funding	% of pot for April
Rugby club	£50,000	£60,000	£10,000	147%
Tennis club	£10,000	£40,000	£30,000	29%
Shottermill school	£10,000	£10,000	£0	29%

Applications received after October 2023 receipts

Organisation	Amount	Total amount of project	Match funding	% of pot for Oct
Haslemere Hall	£40,000	£51,425	£11,425	£129%