

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Date:** 18 February 2025

**Wards affected:** All

**Report Title:** Review of the Membership of Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) Spend Panel

**When does the decision need to be implemented?**

**Cabinet Member Contact Details:** Cllr Chris Lewis – Cabinet Member for Pride in Place and Parking

**Director Contact Details:** David Edmondson – Divisional Director Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency

## 1. Purpose of Report

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- 1.1. Following the establishment of the CiL Spend Panel on 13 December 2022, the Panel has reviewed its membership and recommends the Cabinet expand the membership of the CiL Spend Panel to include Councillors from other political groups.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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- 2.1. To expand the CiL Spend Panel will ensure cross party consideration of how the CiL monies will be spent for the benefit of our local communities.

## 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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- 3.1 That the membership of the Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood Proportion) Spend Panel (CiL) be expanded to include one representative from the Liberal Democrat Group and one representative from the Independent Group.

## 4. Appendices

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None.

## 5. Background Documents

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- Community Infrastructure Levy Funds – Administration and Governance of Neighbourhood Proportion - Record of Decision 16 December 2022.
- CiL Spend Panel Terms of Reference

# Supporting Information

## 6. Introduction

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- 6.1 The CiL Panel first met on 11 October 2023 and have been meeting bi-monthly as required to approve applications submitted for Community Infrastructure Levy funding from the Neighbourhood proportion of the CIL money collected.
- 6.2 The CiL Panel has approved 13 applications since the Panel was established. From the Paignton allocation, there has been 5 applications approved totalling £110,570.74 and from the Torquay allocation, there has been 10 applications approved totalling £130,135.40
- 6.3 At the meeting of the CiL Spend Panel on 3 December 2024, a discussion was held on the need to widen the membership of the CiL Panel to include cross party representation, and it is recommended to include one member from the Liberal Democrat Group and one member from the Independent Group on the CiL Panel.

## 7. Options under consideration

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- 7.1. To not review the CiL Spend Panel membership, this is not recommended as it would preclude cross party involvement in the allocation of CiL monies.

## 8. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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- 8.1. Not applicable.

## 9. Legal Implications

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- 9.1. None.

## 10. Engagement and Consultation

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- 10.1. The two external members of the Panel were supportive of the widening of the membership.

## 11. Procurement Implications

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- 11.1. Not applicable.

## 12. Protecting our naturally inspiring Bay and tackling Climate Change

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- 12.1. Not applicable.

## 13. Associated Risks

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- 13.1 Not applicable.

## 14. Cumulative Council Impact

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14.1 None.

## 15. Cumulative Community Impacts

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15.1. None.