

Record of Decisions

Review of the Membership of Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) Spend Panel

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 18 February 2025.

Decision

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.

Reason for the Decision

Expanding the CiL Spend Panel would ensure cross party consideration of how the CiL monies would be spent for the benefit of the local community.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 3 March 2025 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The CiL Panel first met on 11 October 2023 and had been meeting bi-monthly as required to approve applications submitted for Community Infrastructure Levy funding from the Neighbourhood proportion of the CIL money collected.

The CiL Spend Panel had recommended the approval of 13 applications since the Panel was established. From the Paignton allocation, there had been 5 applications approved totalling £110,570.74 and from the Torquay allocation, there had been 10 applications approved totalling £130,135.40

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 was recommended to include one member from the Liberal Democrat Group and one member from the Independent Group on the CiL Spend Panel.

At the meeting, Councillor Chris Lewis proposed and Councillor Billings seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

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

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet