



## CABINET – 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

**SUBJECT: REGENERATION PROJECT BOARD – PROJECT PROPOSALS**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT**

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend the allocation of £60,000 of the Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward to the Engineering Projects Group to implement a car park extension at Oakdale Sports Pavilion.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced on 1 July 2014 within Caerphilly County Borough. CIL is a statutory levy on qualifying development and is intended to be a significant tool for the delivery of the Council's aspirations in terms of infrastructure that cannot be funded through other means and for which no alternative funding mechanisms are available.

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- 15% is passed to the respective Community Council; and
- 5% covers the Council's CIL administrative costs.

- 2.3 Caerphilly County Borough does not have 100% coverage by Community Councils. The CIL Regulations however allow the Council to make a proportion of CIL receipts available to fund appropriate infrastructure in those areas that do not have a Community Council. In adopting CIL the Council agreed to administer the 15% of the CIL receipts in those areas without coverage as a ring-fenced pot for the provision of infrastructure in areas where there is no Community Council coverage.

- 2.4 In October 2021 the Cabinet delegated powers to the Regeneration Project Board to determine the priorities for Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure in non-Community Council areas in consultation with the local ward member/s and in line with the Council's Strategic Priorities.
- 2.5 This report seeks Cabinet approval for the allocation of £60,000 of the Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward to the Engineering Projects Group to implement a car park extension at Oakdale Sports Pavilion.
- 2.6 If approved, this will result in a residual balance of £109.64 in the Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.1.1 That Cabinet:**

- i) Approve the allocation of £60,000 of the Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward to the Engineering Projects Group to implement a car park extension at Oakdale Sports Pavilion.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 To facilitate and implement a car park extension at Oakdale Sports Pavilion via the Community Infrastructure Levy Non-Community Council funding available for the Penmaen Ward.

### **5. THE REPORT**

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- 5.4 In October 2021 the Cabinet delegated powers to the Regeneration Project Board to determine the priorities for Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure in Non-Community Council areas in consultation with the local ward member/s and in line with the Council's Strategic Priorities.
- 5.5 It was agreed that at the end of each financial year, Heads of Service would be notified of the amount of CIL funds available for each non-Community Council area and be invited to submit potential infrastructure schemes to the Regeneration Project Board in consultation with the elected ward member, for prioritisation by the Regeneration Assessment Panel.
- 5.6 To ensure that the funds are spent on appropriate infrastructure only schemes with a total value in excess of £5,000 will be considered. Further as most of the schemes likely to be funded are of a relatively small scale the Cabinet has given delegated powers to the Regeneration Project Board for proposals under £20k. Schemes that require a CIL contribution greater than £20k require Cabinet approval further to consideration by the Regeneration Board.
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#### **Regeneration Project Board consideration**

- 5.9 The Regeneration Board considered the following project proposal remotely and recommended that the proposal be approved. A summary of the project and the Regeneration Project Board's recommendations are set out below.

#### **Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward**

Total project cost estimate:	£75,000
CIL Funding Sought:	£60,000 (from Penmaen Ward reserve)

- 5.10 The facilities provided at Oakdale Pavilion are well used by local residents and sports and social clubs. However the existing carpark is no longer sufficient, and a proposal was submitted to the Regeneration Project Board to extend and increase the capacity of the car park. Increasing the capacity will allow more people to enjoy the facilities and will reduce the need for on street parking on adjacent roads which will make access to the facility safer for all users. If approved, the extension to the car park will be maintained in the long term by Parks Services. Local councillors believe the extension to the car park is a much needed facility to alleviate traffic congestion along Groveside Road. This road is a main artery to the large housing developments in Oakdale and can be heavily congested particularly during occasions when there are activities on the recreation ground.

- 5.11 The CIL Replacement Regulation 123 List (Approved November 2015) sets out the types of infrastructure that are eligible to be funded through CIL. The infrastructure can be generic types of infrastructure, e.g. strategic Highway improvements, or projects or specific infrastructure items. The proposed scheme would result in the upgrade to an existing community facility at Oakdale Sports Pavilion which is eligible to be funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy as such schemes are identified as Social Infrastructure on the Regulation 123 List.

**RPB Decision: Project Approved. It was agreed that £60,000 be allocated towards the project.**

### **Conclusion**

- 5.12 If Cabinet approve the recommendations contained in the Report, £60,000 of the Non-Community Council Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the Penmaen Ward will be allocated to the Engineering Projects Group to implement a car park extension at Oakdale Sports Pavilion; and the residual Non-Community Council CIL funding available to the Penmaen Ward will be £109.64

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 None

## **7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 The recommendations contained in the report have a positive overall impact. The IIA is attached at Appendix 1

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 If Cabinet approve the recommendations contained in the Report, £60,000 will be allocated to the car park extension which would leave £109.64 Non-Community Council CIL funding available to the Penmaen Ward.

## **9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The scheme is already within the Engineering Projects Group work programme and if the CIL allocation is agreed then the scheme will progress to tender, and if tender returns are within budget, then award of contract and construction.

## **10. CONSULTATIONS**

- 10.1 All comments received from consultees have been incorporated into the report.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

11.2 The Local Government Acts 1998 and 2003.

11.3 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

11.4 The Planning Act 2008

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### Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Project Integrated Impact Assessment