

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ALLOCATIONS 2021/22

1. INTRODUCTION

Strategic CIL income for spend in the financial year 2021/22 is forecast to be around £1,866,000. This includes the re-allocation of £50,000 for Whitchurch Park following review of previous unspent allocations.

CIL funding will make an important contribution to fulfilling the Core Strategy requirement that new development must be properly aligned with infrastructure. It also makes a significant contribution to the Council's Capital Programme.

In addition, it is anticipated that local communities will also receive around £296,000 of income for local spend through Parishes or the Bath Forum.

2. CIL SPEND PRINCIPLES

The Council's principles underpinning the decisions on how CIL funds should be spent are:

- CIL regulations require that funding can only be spent on Infrastructure;
- Priority is given to infrastructure in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which is critical to supporting planned growth;
- Spend should be aligned with the Council's Capital Programme;
- Decisions are made annually but based on a longer-term programme of spend to ensure a co-ordinated approach;
- Spend should take account of where CIL is generated;
- Strategic and Local CIL spend should be aligned where it is beneficial.

3. CIL SPEND PRIORITIES FOR 2021/22

Based on the CIL Spend Principles above, the infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL in 2021/22 are summarised in Table 1 below, some of which are additions to on-going projects. The need to focus on Infrastructure which addresses the Climate and Nature Emergency concerns has been given greater priority across all the categories, so it does not appear as a separate item.

Should future amendments for 2021/2022 be required these will then be approved by the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.

Table 1: CIL Spend projects 2021/22

Infrastructure Item	Allocation (£)	Commentary
Flood Risk Management	500,000	
Bath Quays Flood Defences	500,000	WECA has accepted the Change Request to enable to Council to repay £0.5m p.a. for the next six years.
Education	250,000	
Education in Bath as identified in the B&NES Infrastructure Delivery Plan	50,000	Contribution towards expansion of St Mark's Secondary School to help ensure the Council has sufficient secondary school places available in Bath to meet demand from an increase in pupil numbers as a result of population growth and new housing developments in the city.
Education in Keynsham as identified in the B&NES Infrastructure Delivery Plan	200,000	There is a need to increase the size of St Keyna Primary School by 1FE (210 places). The extra capacity is needed to meet the additional demand generated by a large number of new housing developments and population increases in the Keynsham area.
Green Infrastructure / Recreation	416,000	
Bathscape area Green Infrastructure Improvements.	20,000	Contribution to a larger project of £245k which entails improving access from the city to countryside and delivering nature recovery network.
Improvements to Keynsham Memorial Park	100,000	A detailed proposal will be worked up alongside the High Street Proposals. Subject to public consultation, the improvements are likely to include river restoration, landscape works to implement the Conservation Area Appraisal recommendations, play area replacement, wayfinding and event space.
Tree & Woodland Planting	75,000	Helps to deliver Council ambition to plant 100,000 trees by 2023 and helps address the Climate & Nature Emergencies as well as the impacts of Ash dieback. This will provide planting and management of approximately 3,000 small trees and 80 large trees and

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		will enable access to other funding from Forest of Avon Tree for Climate funding and the Forestry Commission.
Somer Valley area Green Infrastructure Improvements	20,000	<p>Lever in substantial match-funding. £20k split between the 4 projects:</p> <p>Staddlestones, Midsomer Norton - £5k will be spent on the site masterplan and community consultation;</p> <p>Haydon Batch, Radstock - £5k for capital works which Radstock Town Council have pledged £5k to match</p> <p>Wellow Brook Walk - £5k will be a contribution towards path creation, habitat restoration, interpretation and seating for which Midsomer Norton Town Council have produced a site masterplan.</p> <p>Midsomer Norton Town Park - £5k will be a contribution towards interpretation, habitat restoration and continuation of path creation.</p>
Chew Valley area Green Infrastructure Improvements	20,000	This will lever substantial Government grant/WECA funding for Chew Valley Recreational Trail. It will also help address sensitive ecological issues relating to strategic plan making at sub-regional & B&NES levels in light of the sensitivity of the Chew Valley Lake Special Conservation Area.
Improvements at Victoria Park, Bath	56,000	Entails a series of projects using the Parks Foundation to try and match-fund this CIL with bids and crowdfunding. CIL would make a contribution towards a range of works.
Keynsham Project (Fox and Hounds Lane)	20,000	Contribution towards project to turn an area of woodland near Keynsham Town Centre into a public space. Keynsham is a key growth location in the Core Strategy.
River Tow Path: Bathwick Hill to Deeplock, Widcombe	50,000	Finalising towpath upgrade from Bathampton to Widcombe (end section). Match-funding for Canal and River Trust/ Wessex Water funding.
Entry Hill Facilities	55,000	A full site assessment is being undertaken to include contaminated land quality risk assessment, topographical, soil and ecological surveys to inform

		feasibility for alternative uses of the site.
Public Realm	220,000	
Bath City Centre Renewal	100,000	This forms match-funding for a WECA Full Business Case, leveraging in substantial grant funding of over £1m. Locations include Milsom Street Quarter, Kingsmead Square, York Street, Union Street, Cheap Street, Westgate Street and Upper Borough Walls.
Keynsham High Street Public Realm	50,000	This provides match-funding to WECA "Love your High Street" grant and helps consolidate the recent substantial housing growth in the town.
Midsomer Norton High Street Public Realm	25,000	This provides match-funding to WECA "Love your High Street" grant and helps consolidate the recent substantial housing growth in the town.
Local Centres/ High Streets Public Realm Improvements	45,000	The Local High Streets project will fund enhancements to key high streets in Bath local centres outside of the city centre. The project will link up with the Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods Scheme and may help secure WECA funding.
Strategic Transport Infrastructure	300,000	
The WECA Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	200,000	The primary use of these funds is for the overarching cycling and walking strategy to provide the first step in bringing forward specific routes for implementation that may also attract WECA grant funding.
Traffic Mgt and Residents' Parking, Low Traffic Neighbourhood	100,000	To support other programmes for Resident parking and low traffic neighbourhoods to be developed in Bath. Low traffic neighbourhoods would be introduced to reduce through-traffic in residential areas whilst any vehicle restriction will maintain access for buses.
Health and Well Being	200,000	
Radstock Healthy Living Centre	100,000	Agreement now signed with GPs and building is to commence in 2021. A reduction to capital receipts has lead to the need to replace £100k of funding. Consolidates recent housing growth in the area

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Batheaston Village Hall	100,000	To enable completion of project with health and wellbeing benefits. A new Community Hall in Batheaston is being built on the site of the old Church Hall, with a budget of £725k largely raised by local contributions.
TOTAL	1,886,000	