

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ALLOCATIONS 2022/23

1. INTRODUCTION

Strategic CIL income available for spending in the financial year 2022/23 is forecast to be around £2.6m.

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 receive around £520,000 of income for local spending through Parishes or the Bath Forum.

2. CIL SPENDING PRINCIPLES

The Council's principles underpinning decisions on spending of CIL funds 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 support 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 the location of developments where CIL is generated;
- Strategic and Local CIL spend should be aligned where it is beneficial.

3. CIL SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR 2022/23

Based on the CIL Spend Principles above, the infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL in 2022/23 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 & Ecological Emergency concerns has been given greater priority across all the categories, so it does not appear as a separate item.

Should further amendments for 2022/23 be required these will then be approved by the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Resources.

Table 1: CIL Spend projects 2022/23

Infrastructure Item	Allocation (£)	Commentary
Flood Risk Management	500,000	
Bath Quays Flood Defences	500,000	Council to repay WECA £0.5m p.a. for the next five years, in line with terms of Revolving Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Bath Quays Flood Defence Scheme.
Education	110,000	
Special Educational Needs and Disability Provision	110,000	Contribution towards Nurture Base at Somer Vale School, Midsomer Norton, along with previous allocation of £140k will provide match-funding to DfE grant.
Green Infrastructure / Recreation	375,000	
Bathscape area Green Infrastructure Improvements	25,000	Contribution to a larger project which entails improving access from the city to countryside and delivering nature recovery network.
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.
Somer Valley Area Green Infrastructure Improvements	25,000	To be used as match-funding.
Chew Valley Area Green Infrastructure Improvements	25,000	To help address sensitive ecological issues relating to Strategic Plan at sub-regional & B&NES levels, with due sensitivity to the Chew Valley Lake Special Conservation Area.

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Bath River Line Green Infrastructure Programme Improvements	75,000	To deliver access and biodiversity improvements from East of Bath to City Centre.
Waterspace Green Infrastructure Programme Improvements	75,000	To deliver access and biodiversity improvements from Bath to Hanham.
Keynsham and Saltford Green Infrastructure Improvements	75,000	To deliver access and biodiversity improvements.
Public Realm	225,000	
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 Improvements	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 Improvements	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	50,000	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	800,000	
Sustainable Transport Initiatives	800,000	To support the programme of sustainable transport initiatives including cycling & walking projects, resident parking, Liveable Neighbourhoods and Vehicle Access Restrictions. This will be set aside as 20% contribution towards the B&NES scheme funded by City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, subject to business case approvals.
Social (Inc Recreation &	530,000	

Leisure)		
Cleveland Pools	250,000	This undertaking to the Trust was made in the 2021/22 budget setting.
Libraries	80,000	IT request to support the purchase of hublets, loanable tablets for library users.
Entry Hill	100,000	Proposals still emerging, but likely to include a bike park with natural play park & café.
Odd Down Sports Ground	50,000	Natural play areas, walking & running trails.
Midsomer Norton Play Park	30,000	Funding for upgrading of the play park next to the Leisure Centre.
Saltford Tennis Clubhouse	20,000	Contribution to the new clubhouse project.
TOTAL	2,540,000	