

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ALLOCATIONS 2023/24

1. INTRODUCTION

Strategic CIL income available for spending in the financial year 2023/24 is forecast to be around £4.2m.

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 £580k of income for local spending through Parishes or the Bath Advisory Board.

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 2023/24

Based on the CIL spending principles above, the infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL in 2023/24 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 2023/24 be required these will be approved by the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.

Table 1: CIL Spend projects 2023/24

Infrastructure Item	Allocation (£k)	Commentary
Flood Risk Management	500	
Bath Quays Flood Defences	500	Council to repay WECA £500k p.a. for the next five years, in line with terms of Revolving Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Bath Quays Flood Defence Scheme.
Health and Well Being	100	
Haycombe Cemetery Chapel Refurbishment	100	Upgrade facilities to meet current operating requirements.
Green Infrastructure / Recreation	400	
Bathscape Area Green Infrastructure Improvements	25	Contribution to a larger project which entails improving access from the city to countryside and delivering a Nature Recovery Network.
Somer Valley Rediscovered	75	A contribution to the Somer Valley Rediscovered Project (described further in Annex 5(i)) which aims to improve biodiversity on 5 key sites in Midsomer Norton, Radstock and Westfield.
Bio-diversity Net Gain (BNG) Pathfinders	75	Development of Council owned sites to prepare for BNG requirements for new development through the planning system. These nature recovery projects will act as demonstrator sites for BNG delivery.
Chew Valley Reconnected Green Infrastructure Improvements	75	Contribution to larger project to deliver nature recovery and access improvements. Programme covers included area from Chew Valley to Keynsham following the River Chew.
Bath River Line Green Infrastructure Programme	50	To deliver access and biodiversity improvements along the River Avon from East of Bath to City Centre and on

Improvements		to Newbridge.
Waterspace Green Infrastructure Programme Improvements	50	A contribution towards this project to deliver access and biodiversity improvements along a 3.4km stretch of river between Keynsham Lock and Hanham Lock (further described in Annex 5(i)).
Limestone Link	50	A contribution to a project which aims to create a nature-rich landscape in B&NES, linking the limestone hills of the Mendip Hills AONB with the Cotswolds Scarp surrounding Bath. It also forms part of "Big Chalk" to connect calcareous (chalk and limestone) landscapes across Southern England. Will deliver improved land management, record and monitor wildlife as well as improve quality of, and access to, green and blue space, improve and provide new active travel routes to connect communities, and improve health and wellbeing.
Public Realm	337	
Bath City Centre Renewal	100	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	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	137	This provides match-funding to WECA "Love your High Street" grant and helps consolidate the recent substantial housing growth in the town. Includes £112k contribution to Town Hall Improvement Project
Local Centres/ High Streets Public Realm Improvements	50	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		2,575
Sustainable Transport Initiatives	800	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.
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone (SVEZ) Cycle Track	375	To fund the eastern cycle track that would lead from the SVEZ development and link in with the Norton Radstock Greenway. The cycle track enhances the delivery strategy of developing individual plots. The approximate cost of this would be £755k, the balance of funding to earmarked in 2024/25.
Highways Maintenance Enhancement	1,400	This is funding towards the Council enhancement of £2m in addition to WECA grant of £5.8m, to provide for a programme spending closer to the long-term average replacement spending needed to maintain safe highways conditions. The programme will consist of priority works across all highway asset groups namely carriageways, footways, structures (bridges, retaining walls, embankments & culverts), drainage and electrical infrastructure as identified through on-going inspection, monitoring and evaluation. A detailed list of schemes is attached at Annex 5 (ii).
Social (Inc Recreation & Leisure)		285.4
Odd Down BMX Track Improvements & Facilities	40	Upgrade of facilities at Bath BMX Track ("The Tumps" at Odd Down Sports Ground) including new start gate, toilets, water, power and club house facilities. This will provide match funding for a Sport England Grant Bid. Bath BMX Club pays an Annual Licence to operate at "The Tumps" and the facility is currently maintained by Parks Department. Currently the Club has a shipping container to securely house club equipment, with no utilities at the track (electricity, water or sewerage).

Annex 5(v)

Keynsham Tennis Courts Floodlighting Improvements	80	The tennis courts in Keynsham Memorial Park have been refurbished as part of the Tennis at the Park project and are being used by the public on a pay-and-play basis. There is considerable demand, and the proposal will sustain usage through the winter. The current lights are not suitable to play tennis and require an upgrade to LED. This will provide match-funding to a grant application with the Lawn Tennis Association.
Paulton Rovers FC Floodlighting	10.4	The 40-year-old system requires an upgrade to LED, to ensure floodlighting compliance with the lux levels and for public safety. The total cost is £35k, with the balance of funding being provided by the club.
Writhlington Tennis Courts Floodlighting	55	The aim is to increase participation in tennis and netball by installing floodlights to permit all-year-round participation. Writhlington Tennis Club, the resident tennis club, is currently unable to satisfy the local demand for competitive tennis, with the current indoor facilities operating at capacity. The project will also have joint funding with Lawn Tennis Association and Writhlington Trust / Dragonfly Leisure.
Radstock Methodist Church Community Facility	100	This project is part of the Council's Regeneration Action Plan for Radstock There is growing demand for affordable community space, low cost shared workspace and other spaces for young people to engage in arts and culture including after school activities. These activities are likely to lead to a lessening of anti-social behaviour and a reduction in the number of young people not in education, employment or training. The building would also provide a new home for the library & Town Council. The Trinity Church will be managed and maintained by Radstock Town Council.
TOTAL	4,197.4	