

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) ALLOCATIONS 2025/26

1. INTRODUCTION

Strategic CIL income available for spending in the financial year 2025/26 is forecast to be around £2.3m.

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.

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 is aligned with the Council's Capital Programme, with some revenue budget only for early stage feasibility work;
- 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 2025/26

Based on the CIL Spend Principles above, the infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL in 2025/26 are summarised in the below Table, 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 2025/26 be required these will then be approved by the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.

The Capital Programme has been updated to include CIL funding.

CIL Spend Projects 2025/26

Infrastructure Item	Allocation (£)	Commentary
Flood Risk Management	500,000	
Bath Quays Flooding - (RIF Repayment)	500,000	Council to repay WECA £0.5m p.a. for three years from 2024/25 to 2026/27, in line with terms of Revolving Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Bath Quays Flood Defence Scheme.
CRSTS	500,000	
Match Funding for CRSTS	500,000	CRSTS WECA funded project. CIL contribution to meet requirement for 20% match funding in Full Business Case.
Parks and Leisure	551,000	
Lansdown Playing fields, Bath Football Club	51,000	Football Federation funded project. CIL contribution to meet match funding requirements. Enhancement of pitches plus storage and maintenance equipment. Submission in line with Playing Field Strategy.
Odd Down Sports Ground and Facilities	200,000	Existing Council Project to develop Odd Downs Sports Ground and Leisure Facilities. CIL contribution to fill funding gap linked to our build facilities and the Playing Field Strategy.
Keynsham Memorial Park (KMP)	300,000	Improvement works at KMP to Play area, new/improved footpaths, improvements to the entrance, existing café refurbishment & wildlife enhancements.
Public Realm	270,000	
Keynsham High Street Renewal Programme	20,000	To fund final elements of existing project.
Radstock Trinity Church Community Facility	100,000	Contribution to building renovations. To date the project has secured the building plus completed phase 1 renovation.
Bath Local Centres	50,000	Extend Bath local centres high street programme in Neighbourhoods with new development.

Midsomer Norton High Street Public Realm Improvements	100,000	This provides match-funding to WECA Investment Fund “Love our High Streets” grant supporting the next phase and will support external bids
Green Infrastructure / Recreation	470,000	
Bathscape area Green Infrastructure Improvements	40,000	Contribution to a larger Lottery funded project which entails improving access from the city to countryside and delivering nature recovery network.
Bath River Line Green Infrastructure Improvements	50,000	Match funding to larger WECA funded project. To deliver Phase 2: Access and biodiversity improvements.
Somer Valley Rediscovered	35,000	A match contribution to WECA funded project which aims to improve biodiversity on 5 key sites located along the Wellow Brook and its tributaries. Delivering tree planting, habitat restoration and improved footpath networks.
Chew Valley Reconnected	50,000	Match Contribution to WECA funded project for development of Full Business Case for the southern section of Chew Valley Recreational trail.
Keynsham Memorial Park Weir Removal	55,000	This is for early stage works with funding for the main project being prepared. This is recognised as a priority project by Bristol Avon River Trust, WECA, and contributions from the other parties such as Bristol Water. B&NES own the weir which has large silt build up and restricts fish movement. Project aims to support nature recovery and address impact of Ecological Emergency.
Waterspace Green Infrastructure Programme Improvements	75,000	A contribution towards larger project for Feasibility and Development and delivery works linked to Somerdale Bridge and New Nature
Bio-diversity Net Gain (BNG) Pathfinders	50,000	Development of Council owned sites to prepare for BNG requirements for new development through the planning system. We will create natural sites and carry out land management. First site has been secured: Charlcombe Community Nature Reserve, with further sites to follow

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Nature Recovery Maintenance	50,000	Ecological Emergency Action Plan identified bringing council owned Sites of Nature Conservation Interest into good ecological status for nature recovery. This also links across to Local Plan.
Tree Planting/Doubling Woodland Cover	70,000	Delivering the commitment to double tree coverage by 2050 in line with the Forest of Avon Plan. CIL will support landowners tree planting.
TOTAL	2,291,000	