

# Chichester District Council

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## Approval of the Draft Infrastructure Business Plan 2019-2024 for Consultation with the City, Town and Parish Councils and Key Infrastructure Delivery Commissioners

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Cabinet approves the draft Infrastructure Business Plan 2019-24 (appendix 1 to the agenda report) for consultation with the city, town and parish councils, neighbouring local authorities including the South Downs National Park Authority and key infrastructure delivery commissioners) for a period of six weeks from 8 October to 19 November 2018.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The draft Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) 2019-2024 (Appendix 1) prioritises the strategic infrastructure projects which support the Chichester Local Plan. The projects within the five year CIL spending plan have been considered by the joint CDC/WSCC (Infrastructure and Growth) officers group, the Chichester District Growth Board, and the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel (DPIP).
- 3.2 The IBP projects were identified by CDC, WSCC, key infrastructure delivery commissioners and city, town and parish councils. The IBP sets out the methodology for selecting which infrastructure projects have been prioritised for funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and which infrastructure projects need to be funded from other sources.
- 3.3 S106 projects have been identified as 'committed', this is because they are directly related to a site specific proposal (up to five separate planning obligations can be pooled). These don't need to be prioritised as there is more certainty that they will be provided alongside the development.

- 3.4 Since last year IBP/398 Medical Centre West of Chichester has increased from £1.3m to £1.75m, this is to be expected because the costs had not been updated since the project was initiated.
- 3.5 West Sussex County Council has requested:
- IBP/332 and IBP/659 Primary School Places Manhood Peninsula and associated School Access improvements to be brought forward by three years to be spent during 2019/20;
  - IBP/330 and IBP/657 Primary School Places E-W Corridor and associated School Access improvements to be moved back to 2021/22;
  - IBP/656 Sustainable transport corridor city centre to Portfield and improvements to sustainable facilities on Oving Road corridor to be moved back to 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24;
  - Newly selected project IBP/249 A286 Birdham Road/B2201 Selsey Tram Roundabout junction improvement to be added to 2021/22;
  - \*Newly selected project IBP/654 Area-wide parking management North East Chichester to be added to 2019/20;
  - \*Newly selected project IBP/655 Area-wide parking management West Chichester to be added to 2019/20;
  - \*Newly selected project IBP/665 Area-wide parking management Chichester City to be added to 2019/20.
- 3.6 At present WSCC has advised in relation to project IBP/332 above that it cannot confirm which schools will be expanded, and therefore cannot provide more accurate costings at this time. Appendix 2 of this report shows the amount of S106 monies available to be spent on school improvements.
- 3.7 The IBP projects marked with an asterisk in paragraph 3.5 above have been included as a late request from WSCC. They appear to be conceptual projects at present with little detail about what they are and no information about other funding sources that may be available to help fund them. It is also unclear whether these projects comprise infrastructure as defined by the CIL regulations and whether they are designed to address the growth of the area or existing underlying issues. If the latter, they are unsuitable for CIL funding. The executive summary of the Chichester Roadspace Audit is appended to this report as appendix 4.
- 3.8 The Chichester Growth Board met on 7 September 2018, and DPIP met on 12 September and the CIL spending plan (Appendix 3) reflects their views about projects to be selected for funding within the next five years. It should be noted that only funding for projects to the value of current funds received and brought forward to the 2019/20 financial year can be guaranteed. However, this year sufficient money has been collected to fund the identified projects for both years 2019/20 and 2020/21. For the remainder, the figures are only an estimate, and will not be certain until the CIL has been collected.

#### **4. Outcomes to be Achieved**

- 4.1 The production of the IBP relies on the cooperation of all three tiers of local government and key infrastructure commissioners. The IBP promotes collaborative working relationships and a move away from reactive planning to a planned and proactive approach to infrastructure provision.

- 4.2 The IBP provides a transparent methodology to show how projects have been selected. It identifies other sources of funding in order to make best use of CIL.
- 4.3 Once the consultation has ended, officers will report any suggested amendments to the Chichester District Growth Board for its consideration before the IBP is further considered by DPIP in January, Cabinet in February and Council for approval and publication in March 2018.

## 5. Proposal

- 5.1 This report is to approve the draft IBP 2019-24 for consultation with those who contributed to it (particularly given that project priorities may have changed or need to be updated) and to give them an opportunity to influence and comment on the IBP before it is finalised.

## 6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 To allocate CIL funds on an ad-hoc basis. The disadvantage is that this would not provide transparency about how projects have been selected, nor 'up front' certainty about which infrastructure projects will be funded to enable them to be worked up and delivered in time to accompany the growth of the area.

## 7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 The projects selected for CIL funding must be in accordance with the Council's published regulation 123 list. This is to comply with the CIL Regulations.

## 8. Consultation

- 8.1 The projects within this IBP were identified by West Sussex County Council; key infrastructure providers, and the City, Town and Parish Councils. In the case of the latter, workshop sessions were held on 17, 18, 24 and 25 April 2018, and were followed up with reminders via email and one to one meetings.

## 9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 The IBP provides transparency about which CIL projects have been prioritised for funding between years 2019-2024. It will enable the Council to have more control over the timely delivery of infrastructure. The risks are as follows:
- Changes to the CIL regime, resulting in less money being collected;
  - Other sources of funding fail to materialise;
  - Consensus not achieved over CIL spend;
  - Infrastructure delivery commissioner(s) funding priorities change;
  - That the infrastructure to be provided is insufficient to mitigate the impact of development.

## 10. Other Implications

<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	None
<b>Climate Change</b>	None

<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>	None
<b>Safeguarding</b>	None
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b>	None
<b>Other</b>	None

## 11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Infrastructure Business Plan 2019/2024 [**Note** This appendix has not been printed but is available electronically and also as a hard copy in the Members Room]

11.2 Appendix 2 - Education money collected through Section 106

11.3 Appendix 3 – Draft CIL Spending Plan

11.4 Appendix 4 - Executive Summary extracted from Chichester Roadspace Audit