

# Chichester District Council

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## **Approval to release funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy to West Sussex County Council to fund project IBP/355 Real Time Passenger Information screens within Chichester City**

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### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the release of £60,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy to West Sussex County Council to fund Infrastructure Business Plan project 355 phase 1: the provision of 7 additional Real Time Passenger Information screens in Chichester City**

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Legislation requires the Community Infrastructure Levy to be collected and spent on infrastructure to support the development and growth of the area arising from the adopted Local Plan.
- 3.2 On 3 March 2019 the Council approved the Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) for 2019/2024. The associated CIL Spending Plan includes Project IBP/355: provision of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) screens at key locations in Chichester City. This is part of a wider West Sussex County Council project to roll out RTPI screens across the city. The CIL funding will deliver 7 new displays in 2019/20 at a cost of £60,000 (including £5,601.87 contingency) in phase 1 (subject of this report), and, subject to Cabinet and Council decisions on the IBP report elsewhere in the cabinet agenda, a further 6 or 7 in 2020/21 as phase 2 at a further cost of £60,000.
- 3.3 The details of phase 1 of this project to be funded this financial year are provided in the Appendix to this report.

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

- 4.1 This project will directly help to deliver adopted Local Plan Policy 8: Transport and Accessibility, as it will provide facilities to encourage modal switch from the private car towards increased bus use particularly for short journeys. The successful

implementation of the Local Plan is dependent upon a degree of modal switch. Increased bus use has benefits in reducing road congestion, and has community benefits as public transport is accessible for all, particularly benefitting older and younger people and visitors.

- 4.2 The delivery of the project will be monitored quarterly at the S106/CIL liaison meetings in accordance with the S106 and CIL Protocol, and a legal agreement will be made with West Sussex County Council before the funds are released to ensure timely delivery of this project.

## **5. Proposal**

- 5.1 It is proposed that Cabinet now approves funding from the CIL of £60,000 for the detailed scheme set out in the Appendix. The project will be delivered and project managed by officers from West Sussex County Council. Phase 1 will be completed by March 2020.

## **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1 The alternative is not to fund project IBP/355. The implication is that the opportunity for the modal switch required to implement the adopted plan will not be achieved through the implementation of this project, and the community at large will not benefit from RTPi screens at the proposed locations. This project was selected for inclusion within the CIL Spending Plan from a number of projects on a long list within the IBP, which were deemed to be required within the next five years.

## **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The CIL Spending Plan 2019 identified that the amount of CIL collected and available to be spent on CIL projects on 1 April 2019 was £4,510,866.68. IBP project 355 was identified in this CIL Spending Plan which showed that there are sufficient funds to deliver this project, along with the other projects identified for CIL spend during 2019/20. The CIL is the sole source of funding for these proposed 7 RTPi screens.
- 7.2 West Sussex County Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of the new RTPi displays, without recourse to further CIL funds.

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 The Infrastructure Business Plan 2019, which contained IBP/335 for selection for CIL spend during 2019/20 was subject to consultation with the neighbouring local planning authorities including the South Downs National Park Authority, the Infrastructure Delivery Commissioners, and the Town and Parish Councils for a six week period from 18 October to 28 November 2018, before being considered by the Chichester Growth Board on 4 January 2019, the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel on 7 February 2019, Cabinet on 5 March 2019 and then approval by full Council on 5 March 2019.

## **9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks**

- 9.1 The installation of RTPi screens will assist the community in making a modal switch towards bus use, and thus help to deliver the mitigation required in adopted Local

Plan Policy 8 as described in paragraph 4.1 of this report. Any resulting modal switch away from private car use to bus use will have a likely positive impact on reducing carbon emissions and thus help to reduce the impacts arising from climate change.

- 9.2 The RTPI screens are aimed at encouraging more frequent use of bus services and in particular are likely to have a positive impact on those who are on low incomes, and older people, children and young people.
- 9.3 The risk that the proposal will not deliver the desired outcome is minimal as the infrastructure is designed to offer the traveller assurance about the timing of bus arrivals by its very nature, and thus offers an incentive to make more use of bus services.

## 10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>		✓
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b>	✓ See paragraph 9.1	
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>		✓
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b>		✓
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b>		✓
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	✓ See paragraph 9.2	
<b>Other</b> (please specify)		✓

## 11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix: Project details

## 12. Background Papers

None