

# Chichester District Council

Cabinet

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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 (phase 2)**

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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 2): the provision of 8 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 10 January 2023 the Cabinet resolved to recommend to Council at its meeting on 31 January 2023 that the Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) for 2023/2024 be approved. Members will be updated about this verbally at the cabinet meeting. The associated CIL Spending Plan includes Project IBP/355 phase 2: 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 8 new displays in 2022/23 at a cost of £60,000 (including £3,265.06 contingency).
- 3.3 The details of phase 2 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 Council's 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 2 will be completed by July 2023.

## **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1 The alternative is not to fund project IBP/355 phase 2. The contribution of this scheme towards increasing the modal switch required to implement the adopted plan will not then be achieved through the implementation of this project, and the community at large will not benefit from RTPPI 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 2023 identifies that the amount of CIL collected and available to be spent on CIL projects on 1 April 2022 was £16,665,310.00. IBP project 355 (phase 2) 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 2022/23. The CIL is the sole source of funding for these proposed 8 RTPPI screens.
- 7.2 West Sussex County Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of the new RTPPI displays, without recourse to further CIL funds.

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 The Infrastructure Business Plan 2023, which contained IBP/335 phase 2 for selection for CIL spend during 2022/23 was subject to consultation with neighbouring local planning authorities including the South Downs National Park Authority, other Infrastructure Delivery Commissioners, and the Town and Parish Councils for a six week period from 13 September to 25 October 2022, before being considered by the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel on 14 December 2022, Cabinet on 10 January 2023 and full Council on 31 January 2023.

## 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