

Delivering a brighter, greener future for all

The town council policy is that its share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) should be spent on investment in the public realm and public facilities that support the community. The council wishes to ensure that the CIL money is spent in a visible and tangible way and in a timely manner. It has therefore targeted its use of CIL money to deliver projects that benefit the Warminster community. Community Infrastructure includes services, facilities and organisations that contribute to the quality of life for residents of all ages, abilities, interests, cultural background or income level.

1. Process

- 1.1 All applications for CIL funding shall be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- 1.2 Each application shall be put on the agenda of the CIL Working Group
- 1.3 The CIL Working Group will consider each application and judge it against the criteria set out in the CIL policy.
- 1.4 The CIL working group will then either seek more information from the applicant or make a recommendation to Full Council as to how to deal with the application.
- 1.5 The next appropriate meeting of Full Council will consider the request, the recommendation of the CIL Working Group and vote on whether to award the sought grant (or a variation of it).

2. Criteria

- 2.1 Key criteria/questions to ask when considering any potential scheme for CIL funding are:
 - a. Is it a public space and/or public facility?
 - b. Will the benefits of this scheme be visible and tangible?
 - c. Is it addressing the demands that development places on Warminster?
 - d. Would CIL funding secure partnership funding? If so, how much? (The Council is more likely to support projects that generate matched funding from other sources)
 - e. What other sources of funding have been considered/approached and with what response?
 - f. Will any ongoing operational and maintenance costs be met? (Is the project sustainable?)
 - g. If CIL funding is awarded, is there a clear timescale by when the project will be delivered?
 - h. Is it a scheme the CIL Working Group support?
 - i. Is it in line with existing council priorities and/or identified lack of provision?
 - j. Will it save money long term?
 - k. Can it easily be indicated as one of the benefits derived from new development within Warminster?

(If the above are answered yes, that is a positive)

 - l. Has the same organisation or project received previous funding from CIL, if so, how much?

- m. Is this something that might realistically be funded from other resources – e.g. other statutory bodies or grant givers.

3. Conditions

- 3.1 In recommending a grant the CIL working group may suggest conditions. Typically, these might include:
 - a. Asking for three quotes or tenders for expensive items (in line with the councils own financial regulations) so where expenditure is above £20,000 the applicant shall be asked to obtain three quotations; where the value is above £5,000 and below £20,000 the applicant shall strive to obtain three estimates. These requirements may be waived for specialist items or services.
 - b. Reporting back on the progress of the scheme
 - c. A contingency for cost overruns
 - d. A process for return of any unspent grant
 - e. A timescale for award and spending of the grant
 - f. Acknowledgement in publicity and on site as to the contribution by the town council.

4. Past Support

- 4.1 The following projects give a flavour of the sort of schemes that the town council is likely to support:
 - a. The Skate Park,
 - b. The Outdoor Gym,
 - c. The extension of The Athenaeum,
 - d. The Splashpad,
 - e. CCTV upgrade to digital,
 - f. The Chapel St Lawrence (clock and window),
 - g. Warminster Town FC Floodlights,
 - h. Warminster Community Radio (modernisation),
 - i. Warminster Cricket Club (changing rooms).