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## CIL Allocation for Dinan Way Extension, Exmouth

### Report summary:

Members are asked to consider a request that the CIL allocation of £400k that had previously made to the Dinan Way Extension project in Exmouth be reinstated for the purposes of supporting a Devon County Council led bid for funding under round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund.

### Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes  No

Policy Framework Yes  No

### Recommendation:

#### That Strategic Planning Committee recommend

1. Confirmation that £400k of Community Infrastructure Levy money be made available as match funding to support a Levelling Up Fund 2 bid being made by Devon County Council for the Dinan Way Extension in Exmouth; and
2. In the event that Devon County Council's Levelling Up Fund 2 bid for the Dinan Way Extension in Exmouth is unsuccessful the £400k to be deallocated for this purpose and returned to the main Community Infrastructure Levy pot.

### Reason for recommendation:

To support the DCC bid for funding for the Dinan Way extension which is a key infrastructure project identified in the adopted Local Plan.

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### Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

**Links to background information** Strategic Planning Committee 5<sup>th</sup> April agenda and minutes: [Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 5th April, 2022, 10.00 am - East Devon](#)

**Link to [Council Plan](#)**

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
  - A greener East Devon
  - A resilient economy
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At their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Community Infrastructure Levy Working Party resolved to recommend to Strategic Planning Committee that the £400k of CIL monies previously set aside for the Dinan Way extension in Exmouth be returned to the main CIL pot and no longer be allocated for this purpose. This was primarily because the money had been set aside to match fund a specific bid for government funding (under what turned into the Levelling Up Fund) that was being made by DCC. The bid had not been successful and no other opportunities to bid for funding were known about at that time and hence withdrawing the monies from the project was agreed. The recommendation of the working party was then agreed by Strategic Planning Committee at their meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Officers have subsequently been contacted by DCC who advise that under the Levelling Up Fund 2 they are putting together a revised bid for the Dinan Way extension and would like to bid on the basis of it being match funded by the £400k of CIL monies that EDDC had previously identified for this project. It is understood that the proportion of CIL held locally and identified for this project by Exmouth Town Council would also be used to support the bid.

It is understood that this would be a separate bid from any made by EDDC and so it would not preclude a separate bid by EDDC for projects within the Axe Valley. In order for the DCC bid to proceed there is a need for the Council to confirm that the £400k of CIL money would be available for the project.

In order to avoid a potentially unnecessary further meeting of the CIL Working Party it was decided (with the agreement of the Chair of the working party) to e-mail the Members to seek their agreement to them recommending that the CIL monies be re-allocated to the Dinan Way extension project to support the bid. At the time of writing of the 10 Members of the working party all but 2 Members have agreed to this recommendation. The remaining two have not responded with one of those understood to be sick and unable to respond at this time. A clear majority of the working party therefore support the recommendation being made and so Members are asked to consider the proposal.

The Dinan Way extension is identified as a key piece of infrastructure for Exmouth identified in Strategy 22 – Development at Exmouth in the adopted Local Plan and is a priority 1 project identified in the adopted Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The project has a total cost of over £10million and so the use of a relatively small proportion of the CIL funds held to support this

project is considered appropriate and would represent excellent value for money for the CIL receipts if the bid is successful.

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**Financial implications:**

The financial implications and cost to the council's CIL fund are stated within the body of the report. At the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 within the Exacom system the CIL Infrastructure fund had £4.5m available of collected receipts.

**Legal implications:**

There are no legal implications other than as set out within the report.