

TITLE: Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Allocation - Changing Places Facility, Soham.

Committee: Finance and Assets

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1. To consider the allocation of up to £35,000 to the Changing Places toilet, Soham.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1. Members are requested to approve the expenditure of up to £35,000 on the Changing Places toilet, Soham.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1. In February 2023 the District Council was notified by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities that it had allocated £93,032 to support the installation of Changing Places toilets in East Cambridgeshire.

3.2. This comprises £35,000 towards a modular Changing Places toilet at Littleport Youth and Community Centre, Littleport, £35,000 towards a modular Changing Places toilet at the public toilets at Fountain Lane, Soham and £23,032 towards a Changing Places toilet in the Lighthouse Centre, Ely.

3.3. Match funding of up to £35,000 is required from the District Council to deliver the Changing Places toilet in Soham. The Littleport and Ely facilities are being delivered by Littleport Parish Council and the Lighthouse Church.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)

4.1. This funding will enable the delivery of a new community facility and is therefore included on the Council's CIL Infrastructure List and as such is capable of benefiting from CIL funding.

4.2. The new facility contributes to the delivery of the District Council's Corporate Plan under the 'Invest in Community Infrastructure' heading.

4.3. There are sufficient funds in the CIL account to meet this allocation and as such, for the reasons set out above, Members are recommended to approve the allocation of up to £35,000 to the Changing Place Toilet, Soham.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1. The amount of CIL funding required is available from CIL receipts.

- 5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 5.3. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) completed. In summary, the CIA concluded as follows:

The provision of this facility will have a relatively significant negative embodied carbon impact (from the manufacturing and installation of the unit) and will result in a slight increase in energy and water consumption. The proposal does not contain any specific measures to compensate for these negative implications. However, the provision of the facility will greatly benefit people who cannot use standard accessible toilets.

6.0 **APPENDICES**

None

Background Documents:

None.