AGENDA ITEM NO 12

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY: REVISED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Committee: Full Council

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1.0 <u>ISSUE</u>

1.1 To consider revised arrangements for the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions.

2.0 <u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>

- 2.1 Members are requested to:
 - i) Approve the amended governance arrangements set out in Appendix 1; and
 - ii) Authorise the Principal Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Council is obligated, under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), to produce a Regulation 123 list (R123 list). This list sets out the infrastructure projects that could benefit from CIL funding. How the Council distributes CIL funding is a matter for the Council to determine; the Regulations only prohibit expenditure of CIL funds on infrastructure projects that aren't featured on the R123 list.
- 3.2 In April 2015 Full Council approved the District Fund being 'split' into two categories; Major and Strategic. The major fund amounts to 25% of CIL receipts and the strategic fund amounts to 55% of CIL receipts.

4.0 <u>ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS</u>

- 4.1 <u>Strategic Fund</u>
- 4.1.1 Following Full Council approval in April 2015, 55% of CIL receipts are available for expenditure on projects that fall within the strategic projects category. Corporate Governance and Finance Committee currently determine the allocation of CIL receipts to strategic projects.
- 4.1.2 The Council currently has two strategic projects, on the R123 list, that require funding certainty in order to progress to the next stage of project

development: the new District Leisure Centre and the new Littleport Schools. In order to provide funding certainty to the stakeholders, it is requested that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and an Officer assigned by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Council, to distribute strategic CIL receipts in the following manner:

- i) 50% of all strategic CIL receipts to be allocated to the new District Leisure Centre
- ii) 25% of all strategic CIL receipts to be allocated to the new Littleport Schools, up to a maximum of £1,556,144.
- 4.1.3 The remaining 25% of strategic CIL receipts will be set aside to benefit other projects on the strategic CIL list and will continue to be determined by Corporate Governance and Finance Committee.
- 4.1.4 The revised governance arrangements are set out in Appendix 1.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required.
- 6.0 <u>APPENDICES</u>
- 6.1 Appendix 1- CIL Governance Arrangements

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