

**STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ALLOCATIONS
PANEL**

11 September 2023

Minutes of the Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy Allocations Panel meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 11 September 2023 at 3.00 pm

Committee Members present: Councillors C.A. Bayliss, A.K. Jeeawon, P.N. Osborne, Mrs V. Cook and S.M. Prochak, MBE (Chair)

Advisory Officers in attendance: Ben Hook – Director for Place and Climate Change, Jeff Pyrah – Planning Policy Manager, Aaron Sams – Principal Community Infrastructure Levy Officer, Ben Yates - PI

Also Present:

CILP30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CILP31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Susan Prochak declared an interest on agenda item 4 as a Trustee of the De La Warr Pavilion.

CILP32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

CILP33 DE LA WARR PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Principal CIL Officer introduced the report.

The Panel were informed that following the July 2022 Panel decision to allocate £850,000 of strategic CIL to the De La Warr Pavilion (DLWP) for a major redevelopment project, Rother District Council (RDC) and DLWP have secured an additional £17m of Levelling Up Funding (LUF) towards this project.

The Panel heard that RDC will act as the Accountable Body for the LUF, meaning that the funding will be managed by RDC, with governance arrangements and project boards established with the DLWP. The Panel were further informed that it is recommended that

that the strategic CIL funding for this project is managed in the same way, with RDC being the Accountable Body

The Panel were informed that the strategic CIL funding should therefore now be allocated to RDC, a proposal which has the full support of the DLWP. The DLWP will still be required to meet the funding requirements as agreed in the original Panel decision, these being demonstration that necessary planning and heritage approvals can be granted and that other funding sources are secured.

The Panel discussed the report and proposal. This discussion included the following points:

- **Financial impact to RDC:** The Panel questioned whether, in taking over the management of the funding, RDC would incur any additional financial costs. Ben Hook, Director for Place and Climate Change assured the Panel that no financial expenditure is expected because of the proposal. The Panel also heard that the proposal may carry financial benefits for RDC as there will be less administrative processes required, including funding agreements.
- **Decision-making arrangements:** The Panel asked about how decisions will be made. Ben Hook informed the Panel that there will be a working group and a programme board both containing a mixture of officers from RDC and the DLWP. The Panel also heard that members will be kept informed of the progress and details of the project through regular member updates. Governance arrangements are in place to ensure the funding is managed and monitored appropriately through a Programme Working Group and decisions signed off by the LUF Board.
- **Planning and Listed Building Approvals:** The Panel asked about whether planning and heritage applications had been submitted and whether an existing approval had lapsed. The Panel were informed that no applications had been submitted yet and that the previous expired approvals date back to the 1990s and provide little indication of what would be acceptable under current national planning and heritage policy and guidance. The working group and programme board will be working closely with RDC Planning Department to ensure that proposals are suitable and acceptable in planning and heritage terms.

Panel Decision

The Panel RESOLVED to approve that the £850,000 of strategic CIL funding from the Bexhill Rother Infrastructure Fund

previously allocated to the DLWP is to be allocated to RDC. The funding requirements of the original decision remain.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm