#### **Rother District Council**



## STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ALLOCATIONS PANEL

20 August 2024

Minutes of the Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy Allocations Panel held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 2.30 pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors C.A. Bayliss, P.N. Osborne, R. Thomas and T.M. Killeen MBE (Chair)

Advisory Officers in attendance: Craig Steenhoff – Planning Policy Team Leader, Aaron Sams - Principal Community Infrastructure Levy Officer and Ben Yates – Planning Assistant.

Also in attendance: Gilian Macinnes – Head of Planning (Observing)

### CLIP45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr A.K. Jeeawon.

#### CLIP46 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### CLIP47 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2024

The Panel approved the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.

# CLIP48 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING APPLICATION

The Principal CIL Officer introduced the report, setting out that there was one application for strategic CIL funding for consideration.

The Panel discussed and considered the application and the made the resolution as set out below:

Project Details	Panel and Officer Discussion	Panel Resolution
Project:	The Panel heard that the project to develop a new	The Panel RESOLVED
Sustainability items	community hub at Sidley Recreation Ground, which	to allocate £55,040.00

for Sidley Community Hub

Submitted by: Rother District Council

CIL requested: £55,040.00

Funding Pot: Climate Emergency Bonus Fund was allocated £247k of strategic CIL in 2023, is seeking additional funding for sustainability and environmental features of the build. The Panel had previously considered the funding of these additional items in March 2024, but at that meeting the Panel decided that they required further information before a decision on allocation could be made.

The updated application addressed the two concerns raised by the Panel in March 2024, as follows:

Panel query	Updated application response
Information on whether the LED lighting is an additional extra which requires funding or whether this is a standard part of the base build.	The updated application is no longer seeking funding for the LED lighting, this has now been incorporated into the main build budget.
Further information on the EV Charging Points, including: the specific type of EV points being delivered along with their cost; and confirmation that these will be available for use by the general public as well as users of the Hub.	The application is requesting funds for 4x fast charging EV points. The total cost for these is £5,500 as set out in the funding break down document which was considered by the Panel It has been confirmed that these will be available for public use as well for users of the Hub.

The Panel welcomed the updated application and felt that their queries from the March 2024 meeting had been addressed. They discussed the importance of the provision, and the wide community benefits it will bring.

The Panel discussed whether a 'smart' system

of strategic CIL from the Climate Emergency Bonus Fund to the provision.

would be used for the PV Panels, noting the improvements in efficiency that such systems can bring. The Principal CIL Officer informed the Panel that this information would be sought from the Project Manager and reported back to the Panel.	
The Panel voted unanimously in favour of allocating the requested funding.	

The meeting closed at 2:45pm.