

Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development
Date of meeting:	1 December 2015
Subject:	Use of Central Southsea CIL Neighbourhood Proportion funds - Pedestrian Access at Cornwell Court
Report by:	City Development Manager
Wards affected:	Central Southsea
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek the release of £900 from the Central Southsea Neighbourhood Proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy ('The Central Southsea CIL').

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that £900 is released from the Central Southsea Neighbourhood CIL to fund a pedestrian access at Cornwell Court, Haslemere Road**

3. Background

- 3.1 Central Southsea ward Councillors are keen to support a project to improve pedestrian access outside Cornwell Court, Haslemere Road. Some of the elderly residents in this development find it difficult to move around the area, due to the lack of a dropped kerb. Ward members agree that improving the access in this location would make life easier for the elderly residents in that block, as well as the wider community in the area.
- 3.2 Working with the PCC Highways PFI Team, the scheme warden has obtained a quote from Colas for provisions of a dropped kerb. Since the City Council can reclaim the VAT for this work, the cost to the CIL fund would be £900.
- 3.3 The Highways PFI Team would coordinate the installation early in 2016.
- 3.4 There is currently £3,024 in the Central Southsea CIL fund.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 This proposal would help improve the road infrastructure in the area.
- 4.3 The ward members have expressed their desire to support this scheme through the CIL Neighbourhood Proportion.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

5.1 This report purely deals with financial matters so an EIA is not required.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The use of CIL monies is regulated in accordance with Section 216, Planning Act, 2008, which requires CIL to be applied to funding specified infrastructure, including sporting and recreational facilities. CIL receipts may also be used to fund administrative expenditure for providing such facilities. In the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), it is stated that *"The levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development"*. However, the NPPG continues *"The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development"*. The Portfolio Holder should consider the NPPG guidance in determining whether or not the funding available may be applied as proposed.

7. Director of Finance's Comments

7.1 The financial detail is contained within the body of this report.

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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected
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