



DRAFT CIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PORTION SPEND GUIDANCE NOTE

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1. What is the CIL Neighbourhood Portion?

Fifteen per cent of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts can be spent on local priorities in and around the ward where development has taken place. This amount is capped at the total number of dwellings in the ward x £100 (index-linked) in any financial year.

As Portsmouth does not have any parish, town or community councils, Portsmouth City Council (PCC) as charging authority will retain the levy receipts and engage with the local communities where development has taken place to agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood portion.

Where a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order has been made, the neighbourhood will benefit from 25% of the levy revenues (uncapped) arising from the development that takes place in their area. However, there are currently no such areas in Portsmouth.

It was agreed by Cabinet (1 July 2013) that the community area for the neighbourhood portion will be the ward, with the caveat that there will be a degree of flexibility to allow for considerations beyond the strict boundaries of the ward. A map of the Portsmouth wards is shown at Appendix A.

For any developments commencing on or after 1 April 2020 which generate £1m or more in CIL, the first £150,000 of neighbourhood portion will go to the relevant ward, with the remainder going to the city wide neighbourhood fund. For any developments commencing before 1 April 2020 which generate £1m or more in CIL, the whole of the neighbourhood portion will go to the city wide neighbourhood fund.

2. What can the CIL Neighbourhood Portion be spent on?

The CIL neighbourhood portion can be spent on a wider range of things than the rest of the levy, provided that it meets the requirement to 'support the development of the area' by (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

3. What are the criteria for bids?

In addition to the above requirement, bids of a political or religious nature will only be considered if accessible to all. Bids will also not be supported if they:

- Benefit less than 5 people within the ward
- Are for a private benefit
- Are for less than £500

As CIL neighbourhood funds are limited, we will look favourably upon projects that:

- Have full or majority ward councillor support
- Have community backing
- Have a wide public benefit
- Are accessible to all sectors of the community
- Have a set delivery time frame
- Have no ongoing maintenance costs to PCC
- Have not yet been implemented*

4. What is the application process?

A bid for funding from the CIL neighbourhood portion can be made using the application form shown at Appendix B. The application form should be completed to provide all of the relevant information to allow the bid to be fully assessed. The application form should be accompanied by any supporting documentation.

Completed bid applications forms and any queries relating to CIL can be emailed to CIL@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or sent in the post to Neighbourhood CIL Team, Planning Service, Floor 4 Core 4, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2AU.

A summary of the application process is set out in the following table:

*Approval of CIL neighbourhood funding bids for historical projects already implemented will be at PCC's sole discretion.

Time Period	Task	Delivery Responsibility
Prior to application	Community Groups/Applicants/Ward Councillors to discuss and identify potential projects. Existing networks to be used. Supported projects further develop their bids e.g. obtain information on cost/delivery/viability.	Community Groups Applicants Ward Councillors CIL Liaison Officer
0-7 days	Completed application form received. Suitability for CIL funding against published criteria checked. Ward Councillors contacted by email to request confirmation as to their support of the application.	Applicant CIL Team CIL Team
8-14 days	Application reviewed by s151 Officer to ensure safeguarding and proper stewardship of proposed spend - to ensure expenditure is legal and value for money.	s151 Officer
15-35 days*	If at least one Councillor from the affected ward has given full support for the application, MIS Part 2 item prepared and affected Ward Councillors notified by email. If any Councillor objects and application not withdrawn, item to go to Cabinet for review.*	CIL Team
36-42 days	Assistant Director to review expenditure of CIL (as decision is an executive function) under delegated authority from Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development.	Assistant Director Planning & Economic Growth, Regeneration
43-49 days	Applications that fail any of the reviews referred to above will be considered unsuccessful. Applications that pass will be considered successful. Decision letter to be issued.	CIL Team
Governance		
	Project delivered, funds drawn down, evidence of expenditure and implementation to be supplied. If no contact, updates or responses received 12 months after funding letter issued, funding may be withdrawn.	Applicant CIL Liaison Officer Finance
	Review 12-24 Months after delivery - has the project been successful and worthwhile? Community Groups / Councillors / PCC Infrastructure teams to be contacted	Ward Networks CIL Liaison Officer

*For the avoidance of doubt, 28 days will always be accommodated to afford affected Ward Councillors the opportunity to review applications and either support, oppose or abstain. After 28 days, non-response will be considered as abstention. Where Ward Councillors unanimously support or oppose an application, the process may be expedited.

APPENDIX A - PORTSMOUTH WARD MAP



APPENDIX B - CIL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUNDING BID APPLICATION FORM

Neighbourhood CIL Bid Form

Applicant details Name Community group/Organisation Address		Contact details Tel number[s] Email address	
Ward		Has a recognised community group been consulted	YES / NO [if Yes please provide details]
Are these proposals supported by Ward Members?	YES / NO		
Details of Ward Members in support	1. 2. 3.		
Details of partner organisations/groups Name Community group/Organisation Address Email address Tel number			

Neighbourhood CIL Bid Form

<p>Project Location/address</p>		<p>Anticipated start date</p> <p>Anticipated finish date</p>	
<p>Project Details</p> <p>Description of scheme</p> <p>Please attach supplementary information such as drawings/quotes/regulatory approvals</p>		<p>Overall cost of project [incl VAT]</p> <p>Level of CIL Neighbourhood Funding that is sought</p>	<p>£</p> <p>£</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the scheme supports/benefits the development of your local area by funding either a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an the area</p>			

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<p>Describe how the revenue / maintenance costs, if not covered by the sought CIL funds, will be funded for the lifetime of the project</p>	
<p>Will the scheme be on public or private land and has the landowner given permission for the project to proceed? [Please provide details of support]</p>	
<p>Who will deliver the project? (e.g. the Council, applicant or a third party)</p>	

Notes to applicant

Please retain a copy of this form

Supporting information [e.g. plans/drawings, quotes] can be submitted electronically to CIL@portsmouthcc.gov.uk