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**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING REQUEST**

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider the allocation of up to £200,000 to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to approve the expenditure of up to £200,000 to the New Recreation Ground – Haddenham project.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 East Cambridgeshire District Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. The contributions raised through this levy are used to fund, in whole or in part, the necessary infrastructure to support growth and development in the district.
- 3.2 In order for infrastructure to benefit from CIL funding, it must be included on the Councils Community Infrastructure Levy Infrastructure List. ‘District Wide Community Facilities’ was added to the list at the Full Council meeting held on 21 October 2021.
- 3.3 Haddenham Parish Council is requesting a CIL funding contribution of £200,000 towards the provision of an additional 6.5 acres of recreational space in Haddenham which will be open to the public. The space will also serve as 3 additional football pitches.
- 3.4 Whilst not in use for football, the space will be open to all members of the public as green recreational space. It will provide a useful link between the West of Haddenham and the Aldreth Road area which currently has no connecting footpaths. This parcel of land will connect the two areas and allow a circular walk which cannot currently be taken without passing over private land.
- 3.4 The Parish Council has secured £650,000 of the total project cost of £850,000 and if funding is awarded the project is due to commence early in 2023.

#### 4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The project will deliver a new community facility and is therefore included on the Councils CIL Infrastructure List and as such is capable of benefiting from CIL funding.
- 4.2 The project contributes to the delivery of the District Council's Corporate Plan under the 'Social and Community Infrastructure' heading.
- 4.3 There are sufficient funds in the CIL account to meet this request and as such, for the reasons set out above, Members are recommended to approve the allocation of up to £200,000 to the New Recreational Ground – Haddenham project.

#### 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The amount of CIL funding requested is available from CIL receipts.
- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 5.3 Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA). Directly, the provision of funding (or not) would have no direct carbon implications on ECDC operations.
- 5.4 Haddenham currently has 3 football teams playing and training outside of the village, using the facilities of other villages in the District. It is estimated that travel to these facilities accounts for 72-84 car journeys per week. The new facility will allow all these people to access sport within their village, negating the need for car travel. Access will be provided from both ends of the village and cycle parking provision will be included. A new circular walk will also be formed which will be open at all times. Whilst the construction of a new building brings some negative carbon impacts, the Parish Council believe these can be neutralised by allowing for renewable energy supply, extensive planting on site and the use of local suppliers and workforce wherever possible. The new facility will provide local access to sport & recreation, negating the need to travel elsewhere, for years to come and the Parish Council believe that the need for the facility, and the mitigation measures being put in place outweigh the negative carbon impact which will be seen in the short term during the construction process.

#### 6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 None

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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