

Agenda Item: 13

Report to: Full Council

Date: 24th June 2026

Subject: Review of the Cil for Community groups policy

Summary: For the Council to review the amended CIL for Community groups policy and agree a % of CIL to be allocated for the awarding of CIL to Community Groups.

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 The Finance and Audit committee resolved at the meeting dated 13th May 2026 (minute ref 00607) to recommend to June Full Council a revised CIL for Community Group Policy.
- 1.2 The policy as been revised and expended as per FAC members points and further research by RFO.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to review and agree the CIL for community Groups policy.
- 2.2 To agree a set % of Community Infrastructure Levy held by the council, to be allocated for the CIL for Community Groups Fund.

3. The CIL for Community Groups Policy

- 3.1 The revised policy is included in the agenda papers as an appendix.
- 3.2 The revised policy includes the following sections:
 - The policy
 - Guidance for use of CIL Community Fund
 - Application Form
 - Assessment form – to be completed by the council during the award process.
 - Community Infrastructure Levy Fund Guide – overall information of CIL.
- 3.3 As part of the policy, it requires a % of the council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to be allocated for the purpose of community groups to apply.
- 3.4 The Council would be advised to retain a level of CIL for council expenditure on infrastructure, especially considering the devolution asset transfer process that is underway. The council does not know what

maintenance, enhancement and additions will be required to the assets transferred to BoSTC from RDC.

- 3.5 The current amount of CIL which is not ringfenced for agreed council projects is £280,922.42. (as at 9.6.26).
- 3.6 CIL is received from Rother District Council twice a year if its due. April/May and October/November.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 To consider and agree the revised CIL for Community Groups Policy.
- 4.2 To agree an % of the councils CIL fund to allocated to the CIL for Community Groups Fund (this would be an Ear Marked Reserve. In other words, what proportion of funds do Cllrs wish to retain for the Town Council's own work that is eligible for CIL funding and what proportion do the Town Council wish to grant to external organisations.