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Title of report:	Infrastructure Funding Statement
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Purpose of report:	To bring to Cabinet's attention the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) that the Council is required to publish on the Dacorum Borough Council website by 31 December 2021 in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (CIL) 2010 (as amended).
Recommendations	That Cabinet notes the information provided in the Infrastructure Funding Statement in Appendix 1 and approves its publication as required under the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

Period for post policy/project review	The Infrastructure Funding Statement will be updated and posted on the Council's website for review annually.
Corporate objectives:	<p>The Infrastructure Funding Statement shows that developer contributions are being used to support all corporate objectives, for example: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean, safe and enjoyable environment: e.g. utilising developer contributions to promote walkable neighbourhoods, accessible green infrastructure and prioritising pedestrians. • Building strong and vibrant communities: e.g. utilising developer contributions to create a sense of place. • Ensuring economic growth and prosperity: e.g. utilising developer contributions to facilitate sustainable transport opportunities to and from our business locations and creating a sense of place. • Providing good quality affordable homes: e.g. using developer contributions to fund delivery of affordable housing.
Implications:	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The IFS will create an awareness of funds held and spent by the Council and may attract further scrutiny from developers, other stakeholders and members of the public.</p>
'Value for money' implications	<p><u>Value for money</u></p> <p>This report is an opportunity to evaluate that the Council is fulfilling its requirements to bring forward infrastructure through developer contributions and other sources.</p>
Risk implications	
Community Impact Assessment	Not required for this report as it gives an overview of funds received as opposed to how they will be deployed in the future. Proposals for specific projects will require individual community impact assessments to be carried out.
Health and safety Implications	N/A
Monitoring Officer/	Publication of this statement is a statutory requirement pursuant to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (CIL) 2010 (as amended).
S.151 Officer Comments	The CIL and S106 funds have been collected and retained in line with the Council's policies for these charges.
Consultees:	<p>The following officers have been consulted on the draft IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Jump, Group Manager (Financial Services)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Howcutt, Assistant Director (Finance & Resources) • Alex Robinson, Strategic Planning Manager
Background papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Report titled “Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Update” – 27th June 2017 • Cabinet Report titled “Governance Arrangements of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – 29th November 2016 • Cabinet Report titled “Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Adoption of Charging Schedule and associated documents” – 10th February 2015 • Cabinet Report titled “Governance Arrangements for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)” – 25th November 2014 • CIL Charging Schedule, Regulation 123 list and policies, 2015 • Developer Contributions (s106) – Projects Funded in 2020/21 (Appendix 2) <p>These documents may be viewed at www.dacorum.gov.uk.</p>
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	<p>CIL – Community Infrastructure Statement</p> <p>DBC – Dacorum Borough Council</p> <p>IDP – Infrastructure Delivery Plan</p> <p>IFS – Infrastructure Funding Statement</p> <p>S106 – Section 106</p>

Introduction/Background:

1. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is one of the primary mechanisms for collecting financial contributions from new developments to help fund the provision of infrastructure required to support housing and commercial growth in the Borough.
2. The Council started charging CIL on all new developments receiving planning permission from the 1st July 2015. The extent of applicable charges by use and geography is set out within the Council’s adopted Charging Schedule (www.dacorum.gov.uk/cil).
3. In addition to CIL, the Council continues to secure affordable housing and site specific infrastructure items and undertakings which are both financial and non-financial in nature, (for example restrictions on use or management plans), through the use of legal agreements under Section 106 (S106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

4. As a result of recent changes to the Regulations implemented through the Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2019 (which came into force on 1 September 2019), authorities will now need to increase transparency for communities, by reporting on what they have received and spent through CIL and developer contributions and include information for the following year on CIL priorities.
5. Each calendar year (between 2nd Dec – 31st Dec) the Council must publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement in relation to the next calendar year, detailing the infrastructure priorities which it intends will be wholly or partly funded by developer contributions.
6. Cabinet should note that the requirement for the Council to maintain a CIL Regulation 123 list has been removed following the enactment of the new CIL Regulations 2019 on 1st September 2019. The Council's CIL Regulation 123 list will be replaced by the Council's new Infrastructure Funding Statement by 31st December 2021.

Key Issues

7. On 27th June 2017, an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy governance was reported to Cabinet. At this meeting, Cabinet, (minute CA/68/17), delegated authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, Development and Regeneration to adjust the timetable for CIL bid submissions on an annual basis in consultation with the Portfolio Holder as the need may arise.
8. The headline CIL totals held by the Council are: -

Total CIL held as at the end of the reporting period of 31 March 2021	£11,410,456
Total CIL within reporting period	£4,720,840
The total value of demand notices issued in the reported period ¹	£2,946,024

9. The Council has not yet spent any CIL funds directly on the provision of infrastructure. The Council is at a key point with its new Local Plan, which will set out its strategy for development in the Borough to 2038. As such, it is logical to defer any spending of CIL until the Infrastructure Development Plan, which will support the new Local Plan, has been completed. This will enable any spending to be focused on key infrastructure needs that will unlock potential growth. Officers will bring forward draft proposals for the spend of CIL for infrastructure to support the delivery of key sites in 2021, to be considered through the established governance process for CIL allocation.
10. The headline S106 totals held by the Council are: -

Total S106 funds unallocated as at the end of the reporting period of 31st March 2020	£1,916,033
Total S106 funds received within reporting period	£184,643

¹ Note that this is the total amount of demand notices raise, in some instances i.e. appeals or payment deferrals this figure is likely to change.

Total S106 funds spent within reporting period	£958,080
Total S106 funds unallocated as at the end of the reporting period of 31st March 2021	£602,732

Conclusions:

11. The Infrastructure Funding Statement (Appendix 1) has been completed in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and has been circulated for information purposes only.
12. This information will be published on the DBC website by 31 December 2021.