

Tuesday, 10 June 2025



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 19th June 2025**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 20th June 2025 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

MCA/25/2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME JUNE 2025

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (June 2025) and accompanying Technical assessments of the following three CIL Bids (forming Appendices A and B) be approved (including decisions on these CIL Bids for Cabinet to make/note) as follows: -

Decision for Cabinet to make: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds (Elmswell and Woolpit) and Strategic Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
M24-26 WOOLPIT and ELMSWELL Footway and Cycleway	Amount of CIL Bid £3,099,930.16 Total cost of the project £3,498,425.00 (excluding VAT) Other sources of funding S106 – £398,494.84	Subject to:- 1. National Highways providing final approval/agreement to the design of the section of the route that makes use of the A14 overbridge. 2. A further section around the new Woolpit roundabout and leading into Woolpit village will be provided by Highways using an

additional £300K of Local Transport Plan monies 3. Dedication of land that is part of the route but not currently owned by Highways and which would need to be designated as part of the public highway 4. An appropriate mechanism between Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council being agreed and secured to enable a) the forward funding of this project using District CIL funding with b) relevant commitments from SCC to secure timely recovery of this forward funding through, but not limited to s106 contributions, in relation to future growth proposals in both villages with reimbursement of these District CIL funds against any new future growth in both villages via s106 agreements. The latter has been agreed in principle with SCC and would need to be reinforced by securing an appropriate mechanism between both Councils. 5. A programme being devised and implemented of regular meetings (suggest monthly) by SCC with all stakeholders of this project) so as to keep everyone updated on design, costs and delivery timescales. the recommendation to Cabinet is to approve this CIL Bid for £3,099,930.16 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds – (Elmswell and Woolpit and Strategic Infrastructure Fund).

Decisions for Cabinet to make: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds (Rattlesden and Needham Market)

<p>M24-28 RATTLESDEN Rattlesden Church Warmth project (installation of lighting and heating chandeliers)</p>	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £33,750.00 Total cost of the project £45,000.00 (excluding VAT) Other sources of funding Church Reserves contribution £11,250.00</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M24-28 for £33,750.00 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Rattlesden)</p>
<p>M24-29 NEEDHAM MARKET Needham Market Football Club Upgrade (New Stand and Improvements)</p>	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £100,000 Total costs of the project £344,139.50 (excluding VAT) Total of eligible project costs for this CIL bid £210,494.50 Other sources of funding for CIL bid Premier League Stadium Fund £110,494.50 Other sources of funding for the total project Premier League Stadium Fund £59,434.00 MSDC Capital Grant £10,000 Needham Market Football Club Funds £50,000 Directors £14,211.00</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M24-29 for £100,000 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Needham Market)</p>

1.2 Cabinet were also asked to note and endorse this CIL Expenditure Programme which includes details of emerging infrastructure/CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C).

REASON FOR DECISION

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11th April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework was originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted by both Councils in March 2019, April 2020, March 2021, July 2022 (Mid Suffolk), October 2022 (Babergh) and in March 2023 and March 2024. The CIL Expenditure Framework requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District and contains decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for CIL expenditure. These decisions relating to the expenditure of CIL monies form one of the ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth is delivered.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

There is a diverse spectrum of approaches to CIL expenditure across the country from Unitary Authorities who have absorbed CIL into their individual Capital Programmes to others who ringfence all funds to be spent locally. A range of different approaches was identified in Appendix A of the Framework for CIL Expenditure report provided to Cabinet's on the 5th and 8th of February 2018 and discussed in full during the workshops with the Joint Member advisory panel. Members adopted the original Framework documents set out in paragraph 1.1 above by Council decision in April 2018. These were subsequently reviewed and adopted by both Councils on:-

- First Review - March 2019
- Second Review – April 2020
- Third Review – March 2021
- Fourth Review – 21st July 2022 (Mid Suffolk) and 6th October 2022 (Babergh)
- Fifth Review - March 2023
- Sixth Review – March 2024
- Seventh Review – has taken place in March/April 2025 with outcomes likely to be considered at full Council in June 2025

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: Councillor Mellen declared an interest as the Suffolk County Councillor for Elmswell and Woolpit

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCA/25/3 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2024/25 Q4 OUTTURN

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That Cabinet approved the transfer of the surplus in the financial year of £5.7m to the Mid Suffolk Plan Implementation Reserve.**
- 1.2 That Cabinet approved the transfer of the £20m dividend from Gateway 14 to the Mid Suffolk Plan Implementation Reserve**
- 1.3 That Cabinet approved the carry forward of £4.6m from 2024/25 capital programme to the 2025/26 programme.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members were kept informed of the financial position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital and to approve earmarked reserve transfers.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The recommended option is set out in the Recommendations. There were no other available options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCA/25/4 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2024/25 Q4 OUTTURN

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That Cabinet approved the use of the Strategic Reserve to cover the HRA deficit of £1.2m.**
- 1.2 That Cabinet noted the separation of the Leaseholder Reserve of £26k from Strategic Reserves.**
- 1.3 That Cabinet approved the carry forwards of £8.2m from 2024/25 Capital Programme into 2025/26**

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Councillors were kept informed of the financial position for Housing Revenue Account.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The recommended option was set out in the recommendations, there were no other available options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCA/25/5 QUARTER 4 - 2024-25 MID SUFFOLK PERFORMANCE REPORT

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That Cabinet noted the performance for Q4 for 24-25, including the key performance indicators that were shown as red in the status and commentary around these**

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure an overview of Council performance and areas of focus where performance was not where it was expected to be, and mitigation measures to address any KPIs below agreed targets.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Option 1: No reporting on council performance – not pursued as good governance requires regular review of performance against council objectives and statutory duties.

Option 2: Reporting on statutory performance requirements only – not pursued as performance is wider than just the Council's statutory duties, it also entails the priorities identified in the Mid Suffolk Plan.

Option 4: Reporting on Key Performance Indicators and progress on the Council's agreed strategies, connected to actions identified from risk mitigation – not pursued at present, but as

shown in the report below performance reporting is under development and will change moving forward into future quarters.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCA/25/6 DEBT WRITE OFF

It was RESOLVED: -

That the recommendations as outlined in the report were approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

The Reason for Decision was outlined in the confidential report.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The Options considered and rejected were outlined in the confidential report.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None