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**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT CIL FUNDING PROGRAMME FOR
2022/23**

Wards affected: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek authority to publicly consult on the draft CIL Funding Programme for 2022/23, including options regarding which infrastructure projects might be prioritised to receive CIL funding in 2022/23.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.1 That the Committee consider the content of the draft CIL Funding Programme 2022/23 report and that the agreed comments of Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee be passed to Cabinet for their consideration.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

3.1 That the public consultation on a Draft CIL funding programme for 2022/23 be approved, and that the shortlist of infrastructure projects identified at paragraph 5.3 and 5.7 of this report be included in that consultation.

3.2 That the public consultation on the spending of Neighbourhood CIL monies in Skelmersdale be approved, and that the shortlist identified at paragraph 5.3 and 5.4 of this report be included in that consultation.

3.3 That public consultation on Neighbourhood CIL monies in Ormskirk be approved, as set out in paragraph 5.16 of this report.

4.0 BACKGROUND

CIL Funding Programme 2022/23

- 4.1 Each year, the Council goes through a process of updating the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS) of potential / desired infrastructure projects in West Lancashire and then assessing the projects on the IDS as to their suitability to receive and spend CIL monies from the Council in the following financial year. Based on this assessment and the CIL monies available to spend in a given year, options for how to spend (or save) the CIL monies are proposed for public consultation in a Draft CIL Funding Programme before the feedback from that consultation is considered in finalising a CIL Funding Programme for the following financial year.
- 4.2 To assess projects on the IDS for CIL funding, and to assist in prioritising those projects which are suitable, the Council uses the information submitted on each project to assess schemes against eight key criteria:
1. Are CIL monies needed to deliver the project?
 2. Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen from new development?
 3. Does the project fall under an appropriate infrastructure type?
 4. When can the infrastructure be delivered?
 5. Are clear project costs and funding known?
 6. Are there 'Neighbourhood' CIL monies available in the Parish / Non Parished Area the project is located within that could fund the project?
 7. Does the project help meet at least one of the Council's Corporate Priorities?
 8. Is the project identified within a relevant local strategy, e.g. the Local Plan, the Highways and Transport Masterplan or the Leisure Strategy?
- 4.3 The first criterion ensures that all infrastructure projects on the IDS which do not require CIL monies are separated off at the outset, reducing unnecessary assessment of projects. The second and third criteria are essential as CIL monies can only be spent on infrastructure that meets a local need or demand that has arisen from new development, and on appropriate types of infrastructure. In previous years, projects were deemed 'appropriate infrastructure' if they matched an infrastructure type listed on the Regulation 123 list, but from December 2020 that list has been replaced by the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) which details infrastructure types/projects that CIL (and/or S106) will be used to fund.
- 4.4 At this stage, we have effectively ruled out all infrastructure projects from further assessment that do not meet the first three key criteria, and which make them ineligible to receive CIL monies based on current information.

- 4.5 The fourth criterion is necessary to understand whether the project is technically deliverable within two years of the funding being allocated, to ensure CIL funding is only allocated through the annual CIL Funding Programme to those projects likely to come forward in the near future.
- 4.6 The fifth criterion allows us to consider whether there are clear and realistic costs and firm funding proposals (other than a request for CIL monies) in place that would confirm that the project is not only technically deliverable but financially deliverable as well. Where costs are unknown, the assessment assumes the project is not financially deliverable within the next two years as the Council needs to see more robust proposals before allocating CIL monies to a project. Where a project proposes match-funding from another source, if that match funding has not been secured, there must also be questions over the deliverability of that project, albeit those questions may not ultimately rule out a project entirely in this assessment, depending on the precise circumstances of the match-funding.
- 4.7 A further consideration within this fifth criterion, but not a definitive one in decision-making, is also whether the project will provide greater value for money by using CIL monies to lever in other funding. While leveraging in match-funding would clearly be a positive, it would not be appropriate to disadvantage a project simply because it does not have access to other funding and would rely solely on CIL monies, hence this factor is not a key criteria.
- 4.8 The sixth criterion allows the Council to consider whether a project might be more suitably funded by 'Neighbourhood' CIL monies (NCIL) that are available in an area in order to save "strategic" CIL monies for the larger projects that serve a wider area. NCIL is the 15% of CIL income from a development which is automatically passed to the local Parish Council or, in a non-parished area, set aside by the Council to spend specifically in that area. This figure will, moving forward, be 25% for the Parish of Burscough due to the fact it now has a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.9 The seventh and eighth criteria are necessary to help differentiate and prioritise between projects that meet all of the first six criteria (i.e. when the assessment produces a fairly long shortlist) by considering whether the projects help meet at least one of the Council's Corporate Priorities and/or are identified within a relevant local strategy as being of strategic importance.
- 4.10 Appendices A and B set out the schemes in the IDS this year and how they have been assessed against the key criteria. Appendix A lists all the projects that have been deemed not to fulfil one or more of the first three assessment criteria and so have been ruled out from further consideration for spending CIL at this time. Appendix B lists all the remaining projects and assesses them against the remaining criteria, and then indicating which have been shortlisted for potential inclusion in the options for the Draft CIL Funding Programme. The fourth and fifth criteria in particular have been used to identify those projects which should be shortlisted, i.e. any project which does not appear to be deliverable within two years of receiving the funding has not been shortlisted. A project has been ruled not deliverable for the purpose of this year's assessment if it is clearly stated as a longer-term project or there is uncertainty about the costs or match funding (where this is proposed), as a lack of clarity on costs or funding indicates that the project is not currently deliverable. Appendix C provides a more detailed

assessment in relation to each of the shortlisted projects, and this would include reference to the remaining criteria.

- 4.11 In preparing the assessment of IDS projects as to their suitability for receiving CIL funding in 2022/23, all Council Members have been invited to comment on the draft assessment prior to officers formulating the recommendations in this report. All Members were emailed the draft versions of Appendix A-C and invited to provide written comments on the assessments to officers. No comments were received.
- 4.12 In July 2020, Council resolved to make changes to the CIL Governance Framework so that, of the 80% of CIL monies (the "strategic" portion) collected each financial year from 1 April 2020 onwards, up to a maximum of £200,000 will be allocated through the CIL Funding Programme each financial year towards projects requiring £100,000 of CIL funding of less, and that the remainder of the 'strategic' CIL monies collected each financial year (i.e. those funds over and above that allocated in the annual CIL Funding Programme) will be saved towards more significant strategic infrastructure projects (requiring more than £100,000 of CIL funding) to be drawn down from as necessary as such significant projects are identified and approved.
- 4.13 More than £200,000 of 'strategic' CIL monies has already been collected by the Council this financial year, and so the CIL Funding Programme for 2022/23 will be able to allocate the maximum £200,000, dependent on those available projects that Members would like to support.

Spending Neighbourhood CIL monies in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale

- 4.14 In addition, there are neighbourhood CIL monies available in the non-parished areas of Ormskirk (c. £291,000) and Skelmersdale (c. £33,295). These monies are held by the Council who must consult with residents and businesses of those areas on how best to spend the funding.
- 4.15 Therefore, alongside the CIL Funding Programme for 2022/23, the Council will need to consult on how best to spend any 'neighbourhood CIL' monies in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale. Those projects shortlisted for NCIL monies are detailed below.

The Infrastructure Funding Statement

- 4.16 In September 2019, amendments were made to the CIL Regulations 2010 to change how CIL receipts and expenditure are reported and how infrastructure needs are identified and managed. Accordingly, in December 2020, the Council published its first Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) which sets out details of the Council's annual CIL receipts and expenditure, along with similar information relating to Section 106 planning obligations. The IFS replaces the Council's CIL Annual (financial) Report, the Regulation 123 list and parts of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report which provided information relating to infrastructure delivery.
- 4.17 To show we are planning infrastructure appropriately, the IFS should identify infrastructure needs, the total cost of this infrastructure, anticipated funding from developer contributions, and the choices the authority has made about the how

these contributions will be used. Councils are encouraged to identify those infrastructure projects / types that we may want to spend CIL on going forward.

4.18 The Council's Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS) already identifies our infrastructure needs, and known delivery and costs of those projects listed within it, and these are used to form the basis of our CIL Funding assessments and shortlisting. The decisions on the CIL Funding programme will, in turn, also feed into the IFS, supporting an iterative annual process of project identification and CIL allocation.

4.19 The infrastructure types that can be funded through CIL still centre around the following types:

- Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision (including cycle networks, footpaths and bus stops), but excluding any works that should form part of a S278 agreement
- Strategic green infrastructure, including strategic public open spaces
- Community facilities, including libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm and leisure centres

Affordable housing, education provision, provision of on-site public open space and its future maintenance, and flood alleviation measures will continue to be secured by Section 106 obligations or planning conditions on a site by site basis.

4.20 In terms of specific projects, it is anticipated that the following schemes may be allocated significant amounts of strategic CIL monies in the future, based on the plans of the Council and its partners:

- **New leisure centre(s)** - New health and leisure hubs are one of the Council's key priorities. The building of replacement leisure centres in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk was set out in the Leisure Facility and Contract Procurement report to Council in July 2018.
- **Green infrastructure and cycling provision and improvements**, including the 'West Lancs Wheel'; canal towpath improvements on the Leeds-Liverpool canal; the River Douglas Linear Park; the Ormskirk-Burscough Linear Park; and the Skelmersdale-Ormskirk Linear Park.

Both types of infrastructure are considered key to delivering the Council's ambition relating to ensuring people in the Borough can live healthy and fulfilling lives, by delivering tangible and visible improvements, improving health, and promoting the Borough as a great place to live, work, visit and invest. The development of new leisure facilities as health and leisure hubs is one of the Council's key priorities, whilst the provision and improvement of green infrastructure and cycling networks is a key strategy which can make improvements to active health and sustainable travel for all our residents. Much of this strategic green infrastructure provision will be delivered through component schemes, for example canal towpath improvements, which collectively will help improve the borough's cycling and walking networks.

4.21 However, any final decision on whether to allocate strategic CIL Funding to any projects in these categories will require a specific decision to do so and the types

of infrastructure may change over time, as the IFS is updated each year and as new opportunities present themselves.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Compared to previous years, there are relatively few schemes shortlisted on the CIL Funding Programme for 2022/23. This is predominately due to circumstances beyond the control of the Council, or any of its partner agencies, who have all been impacted by the unprecedented effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Over the last year, significant resources, finance and time have been redirected to responding to the pandemic, and, in addition, the pandemic has created varying levels of financial uncertainty. This has made it difficult for many service and infrastructure providers to submit proposals which are sufficiently detailed for officers to be able to recommend them for CIL funding in the next financial year. Where there is a lack of information on delivery, timescales and costs, it makes it very difficult for officers to be assured that the project can be delivered within the relevant two-year timescales and therefore it cannot be shortlisted.
- 5.2 However, in November 2020, Cabinet agreed to make £50,000 available from Council Reserves to help some of the more promising projects to come forward, by enabling the funding of feasibility studies and design works which can then be recouped from CIL or whatever source of funding is ultimately used to deliver a project. It is therefore intended that, with significant work and resource availability, a higher number of proposals can be brought to next years CIL Funding Programme.
- 5.3 Given the above, there are just three projects shortlisted for CIL monies. They are:

- ***Dial-a-Ride, Borough-wide (Year Two) – demand responsive transport service for West Lancashire (£31,555 of CIL sought to help fund the service for one year, with c.£154,700 of match funding)***

This already established scheme provides accessible transport, particularly for elderly and disabled residents, covering those areas of the borough not well-served by public transport.

Dial-a-Ride's original bid sought CIL monies to help fund the service for three years. However, it was decided that the project should be considered for funding as a one-year scheme on the basis that it could be supported in the immediate future whilst still keeping CIL monies available for use on other projects. Should further monies be required in future years, new bids for CIL monies could be submitted. Subsequently, the Dial-a-Ride scheme was awarded CIL monies through the 2021/22 funding programme to help finance the service in year 1.

It follows that this bid relates to year 2 and seeks the same amount of funding to support this valued transportation service during 2022/23. As with year 1, Dial-a-Ride have already secured the majority of funding from Lancashire County Council (LCC) and other assured sources, and raise further significant income through fares and subscriptions for the service.

In consideration of this project, it has been acknowledged that CIL monies must be used to support new, not existing, development. Therefore, whilst CIL monies will go some way to supporting the continuation of the Dial-a-Ride scheme, and preventing cuts to the existing service, any award of funding will also be able to support changing needs and increased demand for the scheme that may be created as a result of new development.

- ***Creation of an active community hub at Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale (£37,650 of CIL sought)***

This bid is to develop the Ecumenical centre's hall into a multi-functional sport and recreation facility to enable leisure projects / activities to meet local demand; to create a small bike hire station at the centre using second hand bikes; and to publicise the hub via a new website and social media presence. The project would provide health improvement opportunities, particularly to disenfranchised groups, as well as provide low cost and active/sustainable transport opportunities. Skelmersdale is undergoing significant residential and retail development, both in and around the town centre, which this project would help support. Whilst the Council have their own ambitions for sports centres, this active hub would provide an alternative, community-based health improvement opportunity, deliverable in the immediate short-term.

- ***Installation of a mile-long 'track and trim' trail at St James' Primary School, Ashurst, Skelmersdale (£10,760 of NCIL sought with £20,000 match funding)***

St James' Primary School has seen pupil numbers increase as a result of surrounding residential developments (including Ashurst Road and Whalleys). The school state that they have pupils who struggle with physical and mental health and access to outdoor recreation, which has been exacerbated by a pandemic lockdowns. In response, the 'track and trim' trail would run within the school grounds and provide access to health and sport opportunities for pupils, including less-mobile children, as well as the wider community. The school have stated facilities will be available to the community all weekend and after school etc. but, as the trail would be within the school premises, it would require keyholders (i.e. cubs, scouts, football managers etc.) to take responsibility for supporting access. With appropriate management of access, it is considered this trail would help improve the health of pupils and the local community.

Shortlist for Neighbourhood CIL (Ormskirk and Skelmersdale) monies

- 5.4 Two of the shortlisted projects are within Skelmersdale, where a total of £33,295 of NCIL monies are available. The two shortlisted projects total £48,410 and so it is not possible to use NCIL for both. It is therefore recommended that the Ecumenical centre is funded using CIL, given the availability of strategic funds this year; and that the track and trim trail is funded using NCIL, given that all of Skelmersdale's available NCIL has been received from the Whalleys development and so this enables the NCIL money to benefit the immediate area from which those monies stemmed.
- 5.5 This year, no projects have been shortlisted within Ormskirk. Whilst there are Ormskirk based projects listed within the IDS, at present there remains

insufficient information on costs or delivery to be able to shortlist them for funding. For example, the IDS contains a proposal to deliver improvement works to Coronation Park but Leisure Services are yet to work up any details and progression may be affected by the proposals for new the leisure centre. This prevents its inclusion on this year's CIL Funding Programme, but, as explained above, it is hoped that additional projects can be progressed over the next twelve months so they can be considered in the 23/24 funding programme.

- 5.6 The remainder of both CIL and Skelmersdale NCIL monies can then continue to build to higher, more usable amounts and go towards other projects in the future.

Shortlist for strategic CIL monies – projects costing less than £100,000

- 5.7 It is recommended that the Dial-a-Ride (Year 2) and Ecumenical centre's active hub projects shortlisted above are consulted upon as part of the Draft CIL Funding Programme 2022/23. Based on the £200,000 allocation allowance, both projects could ultimately be awarded funding, with the remaining monies saved to the 'strategic' pot. Additional, alternative options may also be put forward through the consultation process.

Shortlist for strategic CIL monies – projects costing more than £100,000

- 5.8 The IDS contains a number of projects which require more than £100,000 of CIL funding, and so would be considered outside this Funding Programme. Again, it has not been possible to shortlist any of these projects this year because of a lack of information or evidence to demonstrate that these projects could be delivered from April 2022.
- 5.9 Furthermore, the Council have previously resolved that their expectation is that a significant proportion of the available strategic CIL monies will be used on strategic schemes to support the delivery of the Council's key objectives, including improving the health of its residents. These schemes focus on the development of new leisure and wellbeing hubs, as set out in the Leisure Facility and Contract Procurement report to Council in July 2018, and Green Infrastructure cycling/walking provision and improvements, including canal towpath improvements and a number of new, linear parks.
- 5.10 Whilst these schemes are clearly of particular importance to the Council, the IDS contains a number of alternative and/or complementary projects which the Council may also wish to see progressed. These include:

- **Hesketh Bank Heritage Park - £406,000 (£180,000 of CIL sought with £226,000 of match funding)**

Trustees of this project wish to deliver a new heritage park in Hesketh Bank, which would feature an accompanying 'Gateway visitor centre'. CIL funding could not be used on the heritage park as a whole, as it is understood visitors would need to pay to enter and enjoy and therefore it could not be classed as 'community infrastructure'. However, the visitor centre would be free to access and use by the public although more information is required about how the overall project costs are split in this respect. The latest request for funding exceeds £100,000, so falling outside the CIL Funding Programme, but more detail and

consideration is still needed regarding the deliverability of the centre and the wider park, along with exploring whether NCIL could provide additional sources of match funding.

- **Burscough-Parbold towpath improvements -£710,000 (£665,750 of CIL sought with £34,970 of match funding)**

This project would deliver surfacing improvements to the towpath between Burscough and Parbold, providing green infrastructure improvements and connectivity to outlying areas and similar schemes already delivered between Burscough and Lathom, or due to be delivered between Parbold and Appley Bridge. Whilst it provides valuable green infrastructure improvements, so supporting the Council's key objectives, and officers are supportive of the scheme in principle, the amount of match funding available from Canal and River Trust (CRT) has not been confirmed, and, as the Council have already awarded CRT with significant amounts of CIL funding, it would be expected that CRT should commit more of their own funding to this scheme.

5.11 In addition, officers are aware of, and working to, progress linear parks in the Northern Parishes, Burscough, Ormskirk and Skelmersdale. In some cases, Section 106 monies are also available to co-fund the necessary works. However, these are still in the very early stages of preparation, and so, without full details of costs and delivery, they are unable to be shortlisted this year.

5.12 With a finite amount of CIL monies available, there is an inevitable need to balance the ambitions of the Council to deliver the leisure hubs and green infrastructure, against the other schemes contained within the IDS. Should Cabinet decide to continue to save CIL towards the new leisure centres, then this makes delivery of other projects, such as the Gateway visitor centre or towpath improvements, more difficult to finance. Whilst officers are not recommended such projects for funding this year, as it is not clear that they are deliverable, Members should be aware that delivery of such wider, alternative schemes may, ultimately, be jeopardised if CIL funds are wholly allocated to leisure centres.

Table 1. Summary of shortlisted projects / proposed funding sources

CIL Funding Source	Shortlisted Projects	CIL	NCIL
Neighbourhood CIL (Skelmersdale)	Track and trim trail	-	£10,760
Neighbourhood CIL (Ormskirk)		-	Save and allow funds to build-up
Strategic CIL (Projects below £100,000)	Ecumenical centre 'active community hub'	£37,650	-
	Dial-a-Ride (Year 2)	£31,555	
		Total £69,205	
Strategic CIL (Projects above £100,000)		Save and allow funds to build-up	-

Public Consultation

- 5.13 Should Cabinet resolve in accordance with the recommendations at paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 of this report, the projects will be publicly consulted upon through two parallel consultation exercises. Should Cabinet put forward an alternative resolution, the proposals / options within that resolution would be publicly consulted on instead.
- 5.14 The consultation on strategic CIL monies will include all infrastructure providers, as well as the general public and other stakeholders, and comments on the proposals will be welcomed from all. Officers will consider the responses to this consultation (including any suggested alternative projects) before making a final recommendation on the CIL Funding Programme 2022/23 to Cabinet later in the year.
- 5.15 With regards the Skelmersdale NCIL monies, the CIL regulations require local authorities managing such CIL monies in unparished areas to consult with the local community in that unparished area. Therefore, the consultation must be directed at Skelmersdale residents and businesses only, and so responses will be required to provide their Skelmersdale address (residential or business) in order to ensure that the respondents do have that direct connection to the local Skelmersdale community, as only their responses will be taken into account in the consultation on these CIL monies. Officers will consider the responses to this consultation (including any suggested alternative projects) before making a final recommendation to Cabinet on whether to spend any of the Skelmersdale NCIL monies.
- 5.16 In respect of Ormskirk NCIL monies, no schemes have been shortlisted this year. However, the Council are obliged to continue to consult with the local community in that unparished area with regard any potential schemes that NCIL could be spent on. Therefore, whilst there are no shortlisted schemes in Ormskirk to formally consult on this year, public consultation should still be undertaken to allow comments on the shortlisting decisions and to invite suggestions of any new proposals that may be suitable for inclusion on the IDS and subsequent consideration for use of NCIL. As for Skelmersdale, only responses from Ormskirk residents and businesses will be taken into account.
- 5.17 Consultation by the Council on the use of CIL monies is not a mandatory requirement of the CIL regulations, however a commitment to consultation is set within the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, and within the CIL Governance and Expenditure Framework. The Council are keen to encourage digital engagement and therefore consultation will be online-based, with digital publicity and online response forms. Where necessary, paper responses may be accepted but we will strongly encourage engagement to be made online.

The Council will publicise and consult through the following methods:

- Information on the Council's CIL webpages and consultation webpages
- E-mail to all consultees registered on the Council's "electronic" consultation database
- E-mail to all Parish Councils and Members
- E-mail to all infrastructure providers
- Press release / publicity through Councils' social media

- Electronic online response form to complete
- Advert in the Champion newspaper
- Printed information available at libraries and Council customer service points (where possible)

5.18 Following the close of consultation, all comments received will be considered to inform the final shortlist of schemes, and a consultation feedback summary report will be prepared. The final CIL Funding Programme will then be considered by Cabinet later this year, who will make the final decision on which schemes should receive CIL funding in 2022/23.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

6.1 The delivery of new infrastructure funded by CIL monies will have positive implications for sustainability and contribute to the delivery of the development allocated in the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 in a sustainable manner.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There is no additional cost to Council resources of preparing and consulting on a CIL Funding programme or how to spend NCIL monies given that any projects prioritised for funding will be funded by CIL monies and, in some cases, match-funding identified by the infrastructure provider from other sources. The administration of CIL (including the CIL Funding Programme) is covered by the 5% administration fee retained by the Council from CIL receipts together with the Growth and Development Service's revenue budgets.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There are no significant risks related to this report, which is covering the assessment of potential infrastructure projects which the Council may choose to allocate CIL funding to, as a precursor to public consultation on the options arising from that assessment.

8.2 A more general risk, in terms of allocating CIL funding to projects, is the availability of CIL funds given that due payments may not always be received on time because developers may default on their CIL payments, ultimately delaying collection of those monies, and that those developments anticipated to commence in a financial year may not do so. These risks have been of particular significance recently as the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic continue to play out. Acknowledging the financial difficulties of some developers, the Government temporarily introduced payment deferrals on CIL for small-medium businesses to allow payment pauses for up to 6 months. This has had a minimal impact on CIL income (only three developers chose to defer and their payments will now be due in 2021/22).

8.3 However, a total of c.£1.2 million has already been collected in the first half of the 2021/22 financial year, giving c.£980,000 of strategic CIL. A further £1.6 million is due by March 2022. There are therefore no concerns regarding CIL income to meet the £200,000 cap for the 2022/23 funding programme.

9.0 HEALTH AND WELBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The delivery of any of the projects proposed through this CIL funding programme, will have a positive impact on health and wellbeing. The schemes propose either improvements to health opportunities and/or improvements to active travel (cycling/walking) to support health. Dial-a-ride provides a demand-led transport service to support resident's access to key facilities, including GPs and hospitals, particularly for those areas currently not well-served by public transport.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is a direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore, an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal equality impact assessment is attached as an Appendix to this report, the results of which have been taken into account in the Recommendations contained within this report.

Appendices

Appendix A – IDS projects deemed not to fulfil any of Criteria 1-3

Appendix B – Summary assessment of remaining IDS projects

Appendix C – Detailed assessment of shortlisted projects

Appendix D – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix E – Minute of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 2 Sept 2021 (to follow)