

Report To:	CABINET
Date:	7th DECEMBER 2021
Heading:	ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL: INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT 2020/21
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR MATTHEW RELF, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING
Ward/s:	ALL
Key Decision:	YES
Subject to Call-In:	YES

Purpose of Report

Local authorities, such as Ashfield, are required to produce and publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement on an annual basis, because of recent changes to government legislation (Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019).

Approval is sought for the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement dated November 2021. The document sets out the 2020 /21 (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021) income and expenditure relating to Section 106 (S106) agreements. It contains a summary of the financial contributions secured by the Council through S106 agreements from new developments for onsite provision of infrastructure, off-site infrastructure works and affordable housing. It also sets out planned expenditure for future years showing how unallocated funds will be spent. The statement is attached as part of this report.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That Members approve the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement 2020/21 dated November 2021 and to publish on the Council's website in accordance with Regulation 121A of the Regulations.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The Council is required to prepare and publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement under Regulation 121A of the Regulations before the end of the 2021 calendar year.

Alternative Options Considered

The Council is required to prepare and publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement under Regulation 121A of the Regulations before the end of the calendar year. The content of the Statement is accurate and is as prescribed in the Regulations. If approval of the publication of the Statement is not given, it would be contrary to the Regulations.

Not recommended.

Detailed Information

The Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement dated November 2021 sets out the 2020 /21 (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021) income and expenditure relating to Section 106 (S106) agreements. It contains a summary of the financial contributions secured by the Council through S106 agreements from new developments for onsite provision of infrastructure, off-site infrastructure works and affordable housing across the whole of the district. It also sets out planned expenditure for future years showing how unallocated funds will be spent.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Infrastructure Funding Statement supports the objectives of the Corporate Plan by identifying S106 funding to support infrastructure in association with development and maximise the benefits and opportunities from growth.

Legal:

To comply with the requirements of The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 an Infrastructure Funding Statement for the annual year 2020/21 must be published before 31st December 2021. The Statement must include the information set out in Regulation 121A and the relevant schedules detailed therein. [RD 11/11/2021]

Finance:

No direct financial implications. Failure to correctly identify and deliver on the S106 schemes would mean that contributions including RPI may have to be paid back to the developer.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No financial implications contained within the Report
General Fund – Capital Programme	No financial implications contained within the Report
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No financial implications contained within the Report.
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No financial implications contained within the Report.

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
No known risks	N/A

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications related to the Report. There are no direct equality issues arising from the approval of the statement. It is not envisaged that approving the recommendation within this report will adversely disadvantage any groups.

Environmental/Sustainability:

Sustainability is at the heart of the planning system and the Infrastructure Funding Statement has been prepared with the aim of assisting the delivery of sustainable development in the District in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2021.

Equalities:

There are no direct equality issues arising from the approval of the Statement. It is not envisaged that approving the recommendation within this report will adversely disadvantage any groups.

Other Implications:

N/A

Reason(s) for Urgency

N/A

Reason(s) for Exemption

N/A

Background Papers

A copy of the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement dated November 2021 (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021) is appended to this report.

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