

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board

Date: 26 November 2013

Subject: Community Infrastructure Levy

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board on the work carried out by the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board with regard to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

2.0 Main issues

2.1 The CIL is a tariff system that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area by setting a Charging Schedule. The CIL is a charge levied on new buildings and extensions to buildings according to their floor area. In this way money is raised from developments to help the Council pay for infrastructure such as schools, public transport improvements, greenspace, highways, and other facilities to ensure sustainable growth. It can only be spent on infrastructure needs as a result of new growth and will be a mandatory charge. The CIL will replace the Leeds Section 106 'tariff' approaches which are currently used for this purpose. S106s will continue to be used for affordable housing and anything required for the specific development site to make it acceptable in planning terms. The CIL should not be set at such a level that it risks the delivery of the development plan, and has to be based on viability evidence.

2.2 The Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board considered the draft charging schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy at its meeting in September. The Board's comments on the draft schedule were submitted to the Executive Board in October when the Executive Board considered and agreed the final version of the draft charging schedule to be published for public consultation and formal examination. Following this process, the final CIL charging schedule will be presented to full Council for adoption.

- 2.3 A copy of the Scrutiny Board's comments is attached as Appendix 1. The Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board also decided that it wished to be involved in the further work required to decide on spending priorities and local apportionment of the CIL. The Board noted that this is a separate workstream, for consideration at a later date.
- 2.4 Given the interest of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board in this issue, it is suggested that a member of this Board is nominated to join the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board when the CIL is discussed in future. It is currently anticipated that this work will not take place before the next municipal year.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is recommended to

- a) note the work undertaken by the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board; and
- b) agree that a representative of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board is nominated to take part in future work in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy that is undertaken by the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board.

4.0 Background papers¹

4.1 None used.

¹The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.