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| Meeting  | Full Council  |
| Date | Wednesday 3 April 2024 |
| Report Title | Strategic CIL  |
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**Officer’s Recommendations:**

1. To note report update.
2. To discuss potential funding/budgeting of bridge feasibility study.
3. To set up a working party to decide where the strategic bids are required for Cam.

**Background**

There are a number of projects currently recognised for a Strategic CIL funding application. Each project has been identified as a result of public feedback/request.

A reminder: Strategic and Neighbourhood CIL funding…

* Strategic CIL:

Funds are managed by Stroud District Council and through an annual bidding round. Approx. £900k is available across the district per annum. This funding is allocated to ‘big ticket’ infrastructure items to serve a wider area geographically, is used for capital-based costs only and bids must be justified by addressing pressures created by housing growth.

* Neighbourhood CIL:

This is allocated directly to the Parish Council and can be used to address any local infrastructure project they feel is a priority (but not land purchase).

We have a [policy in place and a community project running](https://www.camparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-infrastructure-levy-ci). Cam Parish Council has a balance of £217,564.62, the next receipt is due in April 2024 and the next deadline to spend is £21,030.38 by November 2025.



Figure 1: Neighbourhood CIL receipt & spend record for Cam Parish Council (as of 28.03.2024).

**Projects for Strategic CIL Consideration**

* Dursley Road bridge, on the A4135 (NO.77)

Improved pedestrian and cycle access required. Strategic need heightened by housing developments in immediate proximity and access required to local schools. Quote obtained for feasibility study was £7,650.00. Other quotes are being sought.

Cam Parish Council is advised to show support for a larger proposed Strategic CIL bid project – such as funding the feasibility study.

The purpose of the feasibility study is to provide Cam Parish Council with a set of well researched and costed ‘Project Ready’ schemes containing sufficient material and evidence for the submission of a larger funding application to Stroud District Council.

If the Council decided to proceed with this project for a larger Strategic CIL bid then the Council may wish to considering funding the feasibility study, and be aware that the larger big would not be submitted for 2024/2025.

* Primary Care Facility:

Possible Cam & Uley Practice – support sought by Intergrated Care Board (ICB) (formally Clinical Commissioning Group). Anticipated costs: £6.5 million. Potential for SDC to reserve funding over multiple finaincial years (not confirmed). Cam Parish Council could consider supporting this community need by funding a feasbaility study into the proposal, and the ICB would then potentially submit a bid for a Strategic Bid.



Figure 2: Draft GP Premises Development Plan April 2024 to March 2031 PPG Network 26th January 2024

Possibility of ICB to purchase the employment land allocation at Box Road for primary care facility site.

* Cam Sports Club: Everland’s Sports Field

The CIL collecting authority (Stroud District Council) can use CIL Strategic monies to purchase land for the purposes of providing infrastructure. Parish Councils are not permitted to use CIL for the purchase of land that could otherwise land-block future housing development. In this instance the land is not open land and will not be able to support future housing growth. The purchase of this land is in principle supported by Stroud District Council, with a potential proposal of match funding, with a significant proportion having to be allocated from the Cam Neighbourhood CIL fund.

Cam Sports Club have been asked to respond to a list of questions which will help shape a formal SDC response and discussion regarding ratio of potential match funding.

Please refer to the adopted Neighbourhood CIL policy for information regarding project selection criteria, Council responsibilities and processes.

Supporting this bid would address the significant under provision of recreational facilities by population as identified by Stroud District Council (results below in Figure 3).



Figure 3: Stroud District Council Outdoor Playing Space: A Survey of Local Provision and Needs. Results show deficit in recreational space in Cam area.

Other Strategic CIL considerations/conversations/ to note and be debated by Councillors at Working Party:

* Cam pavement improvements. Debate and update required for Working Party
* Norman Hill Playing Field: contact has been made with the Head Teacher of Rednock school. Possible future funding for development for community sport facilities. Exploratory stage only.
* Royal British Legion Field: very early discussions regarding existing and future ownership of this field.