

**Strategy & Resources Committee, 2nd February 2023**

The following projects were approved at Environment Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Copies of all CIL Bids and supplementary project information may be found in the CIL folder on the Council's 'Members Hub'.

**Berkeley Town Improvement Project**

Funding will enable the production of preliminary design works to redesign Berkeley town centre. The Public Realm improvements concept supports the delivery of a wide range of important planning policy objectives, particularly improving the functioning and vitality of the town centre as a local service centre for surrounding communities by making it a safer and more pleasant place to visit.

Requested amount: £40,239	CIL recommendation: £20,239
Note: As this project will also focus on enhancing pedestrian and cycling provision, SDC's Walking and Cycling Budget* will also be contributing £20,000.	

**Dudbridge to Ryeford Cycle Trail Surface Improvement**

This is an important strategic route identified in the Sustainable Transport Strategy as part of a wider connecting network. Being a priority low carbon active-travel route, it supports numerous Local Plan policies, and requires £220,000 of investment in resurfacing works for it to continue to be a safe and desirable alternative to road use. Members have asked that it be a condition of any funding offer for GCC to fund the remaining £70k.

Requested amount: £220,000	CIL recommendation: £75,000
Note: SDC's Walking and Cycling Budget* will also be contributing £75,000 towards requested costs	

**SGS Stroud College 14-16 Create Centre (toilet provision)**

The '14-16 Create project' provides an alternative education route for young people otherwise excluded from mainstream education, as such it encourages inclusive economic participation and growth within the District. Alongside core qualifications in Maths and English, young people will receive a high-quality vocational education that can be taken forward into their working lives. To meet safeguarding requirements, toilet provision within the Create Centre is essential, particularly as many of these school age students have special care considerations and the wider college is also open to adults.

Requested amount: £100,000	CIL recommendation: £25,000
Note: Whilst this project is supported by Local Plan policies that promote economic inclusivity, officers feel that the project cannot fully be attributed to housing growth, as such a part funding offer is recommended which should help attract further inward investment from other funding sources.	

### **Wotton Community Sports Foundation – The New Barn**

This is a key strategic recreation site attracting users from a large catchment area and currently has no public facilities on site. The 'New Barn' project will provide a new build recreation pavilion with sports changing rooms, community meeting rooms, along with social facilities including a café. The project is supported by a range of planning policies and the group has active support of several SDC service areas. Project feasibility and project planning work has been undertaken to an excellent standard and the group have made impressive advances in securing match-funding.

Requested amount: £50,000	CIL recommendation: £75,000
Note: At the CIL information evening, elected members acknowledged the remaining project funding gap, the quality of the project and the benefits it will offer to residents. Given the strength of the project, they asked that the CIL contribution be slightly increased to express the councils strong support for the project and better enable delivery. A CIL contribution of £75k was then recommended and subsequently approved by Environment Committee.	

*\* SDC's Walking and Cycling Budget is a funding scheme offered by Stroud District Council and is offered separate to, and managed outside of, the CIL funding remit.*