

MEETING:	GENERAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE:	16 JULY 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)
REPORT BY:	TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. Classification

Open

2. Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

3. Wards Affected

County-wide

4. Purpose

To consider the further findings arising from the scrutiny Task and Finish Group - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and to recommend the report to the Executive for consideration.

5. Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) **The Committee considers the further report of the Task and Finish Group - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), in particular its recommendations, and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to the Executive; and**
- (b) **Subject to the review being approved, the Executive's response to the review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive has approved its response.**

6. Alternative Options

- 6.1 The Committee can agree, not agree or can vary the recommendations. If the Committee agree with the findings and recommendations from the review, the attached report will be submitted to the Executive for consideration. It will be for the Executive to decide whether some, all or none of the recommendations are approved.

7. Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 This Committee commissioned a Task and Finish Group to look at the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule for Herefordshire.

7.2 The initial findings of the Task and Finish Group were presented to this Committee in December 2012 and then submitted to the Executive for consideration. The Executive response was presented to this Committee on 4 March 2013.

7.3 This report sets out the further work by the Task and Finish Group in considering outstanding matters from the initial review.

8. Key Considerations

8.1 Cabinet on 28 July 2011 considered the Economic Development Strategy, Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3). Arising out of that debate Cabinet invited the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule for Herefordshire.

8.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review. The review was undertaken within the limitations of having to meet a deadline for a report to be submitted to the Executive by December 2012. The initial findings and recommendations were reported to this Committee for its consideration prior to being referred to the Council's Executive for consideration and approval.

8.3 In February 2013 the Task and Finish Group reconvened to return to the work outstanding from the earlier review.

8.4 The Group has not yet been provided with details of responses to the Council's consultation document on CIL.

8.5 Shortly after the end of the Council's consultation, government had undertaken a further consultation on proposed amendment to CIL. The outcomes of this are awaited.

8.6 As confirmed to the Committee on 18 June 2013, the authority has decided that CIL should follow behind work on the Local Development Framework.

8.7 In view of the matters outstanding, the Task and Finish Group intends to reconvene in September 2013.

8.8 The interim findings are set out in the attached report by the Task and Finish Group.

9. Community Impact

9.1 If the Committee agree with the findings of the Task and Finish Group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, community impact will need to be assessed.

10. Equality and Human Rights

10.1 If the Committee agree with the findings of the Task and Finish Group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, equality and human rights issues will need to be assessed.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 If the Committee agree with the findings of the Task and Finish Group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the financial implications of any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

12. Legal Implications

- 12.1 If the Committee agree with the findings of the Task and Finish Group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the legal implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

13. Risk Management

- 13.1 If the Committee agree with the findings of the Task and Finish Group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the risk management implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

14. Consultees

- 14.1 As part of the review, interviews were held with following Councillors (titles are correct at the time of interview): AW Johnson (Cabinet Member - Financial Management); GJ Powell (Cabinet Member - Education and Infrastructure); RB Hamilton (Cabinet Member - Environment, Housing and Planning). The Task and Finish Group also heard from officers and L Cousins, Three Dragons Ltd.

15. Appendices

- 15.1 Appendix 1 - Task and Finish Review Group Report - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

16. Background Papers

- 16.1 None identified.