



Northumberland County Council

Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Northumberland Infrastructure Statement

Report of Councillor(s) Colin Horncastle Cabinet Member

Responsible Officer(s): Simon Neilson, Executive Director

1. **Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan**

Testing

2. **Purpose of report**

To update members of OSC on the annual Infrastructure Funding Statement

3. **Recommendations**

This paper is presented each year to OSC for information purposes only

4. **Forward plan date and reason for urgency if applicable**

NA

5. **Background**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regulations require all planning authorities that enter into S106 planning obligations to publish a yearly statement. This is the fourth such report submitted and published.

This statement, following specific requests from OSC members, includes a breakdown of all S106 funds for each of the 5 Local Area Committees (LACS). It should be noted that in all areas, funding for education and healthcare are considered as ringfenced for future schemes and are shown as 'allocated' but not yet spent. This is because the timeframe for these types of infrastructure can span several years.

Previous feedback from DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) on the Northumberland Infrastructure Statement has been extremely positive, with the County Council’s approach being promoted as “clear, concise, informative, with very well-presented case studies”. The attached statement has been published on the Council’s website, and purposely includes extensive explanatory material as well as annual data.

National changes to infrastructure funding arrangements are expected and have been consulted upon. Most significantly, this potentially includes the long-expected move to a mandatory “tariff” based system. At the present however, the timescale for regulatory change is uncertain.

6. Options open to the Council and reasons for the recommendations

When/if government publishes new legislation in relation to a “tariff” based infrastructure funding system, a draft approach will be formulated.

7. Implications

Policy	NA
Finance and value for money	Existing System
Legal	Existing System
Procurement	NA
Human resources	NA
Property	NA
The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?	No – not required at this point Existing system, awaiting legislative change
Risk assessment	Risks identified and addressed in various audit reports on S106 process
Crime and disorder	NA
Customer considerations	NA
Carbon reduction	New or replacement infrastructure provided will comply with all relevant modern Building Control standards

Health and wellbeing	The infrastructure provided by the funding secures healthy, active and well-designed places
Wards	All

8. Background papers

Infrastructure Funding Statement

9. Links to other key reports already published

Previous Infrastructure Funding Statements

10. Author and Contact Details

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