

To receive a report on the Community Infrastructure Levy Round 5 funding and consider any actions or associated expenditure

Report to: Full Town Council

Date of Report: 18/12/2025

Officer Writing the Report: Development and Engagement Manager (DEM)

Purpose of the report: This report provides an overview of the upcoming Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Round 5 funding opportunity and outlines the application process and next steps.

Officers Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the following:

- To form a Working Group to work with the Development and Engagement Manager to submit an expression of interest for the CIL Round 5;
- To delegate authority to the Development and Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Working Group, to agree the expression of interest project proposal in line with CIL funding guidance and budget, and to report to Full Town Council on 5 February 2026;
- To confirm Wednesday 21 January as the date for the first working group meeting with the DEM, ensuring adequate time to agree a suitable project proposal.

Report Summary

The fifth round of Cornwall Council's CIL funding opens on 16 January 2026, offering grants between £20,000 and £100,000 for projects that improve local infrastructure and community connectivity. Projects might include upgrading community assets, enhancing footpaths, and strengthening recreational or educational facilities. The funding aims to support communities in working better together and managing increased local demand.

Application process:

- The first stage is the Expression of Interest (EOI), which will be open for six weeks from 16 January.
- EOIs are assessed by the Infrastructure Team with input from the CIL Funding Advisory Panel.
- Within two weeks of the EOI deadline, applicants are told whether they can progress to the full application.
- Successful groups then have twelve weeks to submit a detailed proposal, with final decisions expected towards the end of 2026.

Possible Projects

There are areas in Saltash that require development and align with the Town Council's Business Plan and Strategic Priorities. Additionally, several ongoing projects will need further funding to reach completion. Therefore, Members are encouraged to form a small Working Group to prepare and submit an expression of interest, in collaboration with the Development and Engagement Manager.

Please see the list below for ongoing projects (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Saltash Waterside Improvement Project
- Ongoing Play Park Developments
- Public Safety Enhancements – CCTV Installation
- Fore Street Public Realm Improvements
- Town Vitality – open space/markets
- Waterside Public Conveniences and Sheds

- Waterside street furniture
- Transport Connectivity Initiatives
- Improved town bus service

Please note that the initiatives identified by CIL as potentially fundable are quite broad. Based on previous experience with similar applications, funding is likely to be highly competitive. Members may therefore wish to consider projects that offer the best value for money and the greatest potential impact.

How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

Saltash Town Council (STC) seeking to apply for the fifth round of Cornwall Council's CIL funding directly meets the objectives set out in the STC Business Plan by proactively seeking external funding to deliver priority projects that enhance local infrastructure and community connectivity. By pursuing grants of £20,000 to £100,000, STC demonstrates its commitment to securing investment that supports the improvement of community assets, footpaths, and recreational or educational facilities, all of which align with the Business Plan's aims to improve accessibility, wellbeing, and quality of life for residents.

Budget Overview

At this stage, the potential level of contribution for this funding application remains unknown, as the full criteria have not yet been provided. Once a potential project has been identified and aligned with available Town Council budgets, the Working Group will be able to assess this further. In addition, there remains the option to consider a contribution from the general reserves.

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