

Appendix 1: Neighbourhood CIL Bidding Guidance

Parish Councils are given 5 years to spend CIL received under CIL Regulation 59A or 59B (neighbourhood CIL). If neighbourhood CIL is not spent within 5 years of receipt Swindon Borough Council can recover the unspent amount. Parish councils have a great opportunity to utilise their links with local communities to allocate and spend CIL towards local projects, initiatives and groups.

To enable unallocated CIL to be spent, a process of bidding should be devised. This could be through a CIL Bid form or an Expression of Interest form created and published by the Parish and made available on its website.

It is at the discretion of the Parish/Town council how it will review and decide these bids for Neighbourhood CIL.

In addition to spend undertaken by the Parish itself, Neighbourhood CIL could also be used by the following groups (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Voluntary organisations
- Community Groups
- Charities
- Community Interest Companies (CIC)

Restrictions on spend

Spend of Neighbourhood CIL is restricted under the CIL regulations as outlined below, failure to spend in accordance with the restrictions may result in current and future Neighbourhood CIL being recovered by the CIL authority.

Cil Regulation 59C: A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding—

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or*
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.*

“infrastructure” includes—

- (a) roads and other transport facilities,*
- (b) flood defences,*
- (c) schools and other educational facilities,*
- (d) medical facilities,*
- (e) sporting and recreational facilities, and*
- (f) open spaces*