

Decision type: Decision Specifically Delegated to Officers
Decision date: 14/8/2026
Decision maker: Director of Planning and Regulation
Decision title: Approval of the Community Infrastructure Levy Application for Councillor Mundy

Summary	
Decision being taken:	For the Director of Planning and Regulation to approve the Community Infrastructure Levy application for Councillor Mundy
Key decision:	No
Source of delegation:	Delegated by Cabinet on 18 March 2026: Decision - Review of Ward Member Budget and Community Infrastructure Levy Councillor Applications Oxford City Council
Cabinet Member:	None
Corporate Priority:	Thriving Communities
Policy Framework:	None.

The Director of Planning and Regulation decides as follows:

1. **Approve** the Community Infrastructure Levy request from Councillor Mundy to part-fund a long-term sustainable heating and cooling plan for the Florence Park Community Centre for £840

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	N/A	No
Appendix 2	N/A	No

Introduction and background

1. Members representing wards not covered by a parish council may be allocated a neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies (subject to the budget being approved annually by Council) to spend in their ward. If the ward member changes during the year without their full allocations being designated

(including any allocations carried forwards from a previous year), the replacement ward member will be able to allocate the remaining balance.

2. CIL allocation may be spent only if it would benefit the economic, social, or environmental well-being in relation to the member's own ward. Members may pool budgets across adjoining wards to benefit a wider area. CIL monies must be spent on local infrastructure which may include:
 - a. The provision of infrastructure
 - b. The improvement of infrastructure
 - c. The replacement of infrastructure
 - d. The operation and maintenance of infrastructure
 - e. Anything else to mitigate the demands development places on an area, including one-off feasibility studies to further proposals for capital projects
3. The rules surrounding Ward Member Spend can be found at part 4.7 of the Constitution.

Reasons for the decision

Councillor Mundy has submitted a request for £840 to part-fund a long-term sustainable heating and cooling plan for the Florence Park Community Centre. The Councillor notes (to part-fund (half, match funded to achieve fundraising goal) the drawing up of a long-term sustainable heating and cooling plan for the Florence Park Community Centre, by sustainable design experts Ingleton Wood. Full cost of the plan is £1680. This will provide a detailed, costed design for the necessary building improvements and new technologies to allow the centre to operate at a comfortable temperature year-round, while minimising energy use and carbon emissions. This design plan will give the trustees of the FPCA the information they need to approach large external funders, to raise money for the works themselves. This is necessary to allow the Centre to continue to operate as a vital community hub, providing a warm space for vulnerable residents in winter and a cool space in summer, while minimising energy costs and adapting to the impacts of the climate crisis)

Alternative Options Considered

4. The Ward Member spend could not be approved; however, the application has been reviewed by the relevant consultees and fits with the scheme as set out within the Constitution.

Implications of Local Government Reorganisation

5. This decision has no direct implications relating to the upcoming Local Government Reorganisation.
6. A future funding model for members to apply to fund projects within their wards would be a decision for the new unitary authority covering Oxford.

Equalities Impact

7. The impact on equalities has been considered by the Ward Member before the application was submitted. Officers have reviewed the application, and any

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potential impacts have been considered before the final decision would have been taken.

Risks

8. The risks of the Community Infrastructure Levy spend has been considered by Officers before the application was approved.

Implications of making the decision

Financial implications	Councillor has enough funds within their account for this application	Completed by: Barbara Smolonska, Senior Management Account Date: 13/8/26
Legal implications	There are no legal implications	Completed by: Celeste Reyeslao, Scrutiny and Governance Advisor Date: 13/8/26
Other implications	N/A	
Member declared interests	There are no declarations of interest	Completed by: Celeste Reyeslao, Scrutiny and Governance Advisor Date: 13/8/26

Background Documents

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Consultee checklist

Consultees	Name and job title	Date
Senior officer e.g. the relevant service manager / Director where the decision maker is the Chief Executive or a Deputy Chief Executive.	N/A	
Group Finance Director Where required by the Constitution or conditions of the delegation	Barbara Smolonska, Senior Management Accountant, under delegated authority from Alistair Rush, Interim Group Finance Director (Section 151 Officer)	13/8/26
Director of Law, Governance and Strategy Where required by the Constitution or conditions of the delegation	Jonathan Malton, Committee and Member Services Manager, under delegated authority from Emma Jackman, Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer)	13/8/26
Cabinet Member(s) Where required by the conditions of the delegation	N/A	
Ward Members Where required by the Constitution or conditions of the delegation	N/A	

Decision Maker Approval

Name and job title	Date
Rachel Williams, on behalf of David Butler, Director of Planning and Regulation	14/8/26

This form must be completed and sent to Committee and Member Services **on the date that the decision maker signs it. This must be only done once all consultees have given their approval. The decision shall be effective from the date of publication; therefore, it is important that you send to Committee and Member**

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Services as soon as it is completed and dated by the decision maker. Please note that it is not effective until it is published and the call in period has passed.

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NOTES

The law¹ requires the Council to record executive and non-executive decisions taken by officers under delegated powers and to publish them on the Council's website.

These requirements apply to decisions that would have been taken by Council or the Cabinet if delegated powers had not been given to an officer:

- under an express delegation granted at a meeting of Cabinet, Council or a Committee.
- in accordance with Part 4.4 of the Constitution as follows:
 - Awarding a contract where authority has been specifically delegated to officers by Cabinet or a Cabinet Member (regardless of value)
 - Acquiring or disposing of freeholds or leaseholds granting new leaseholds (excluding assignments and rent reviews) where authority has been specifically delegated to officers by Cabinet or a Cabinet Member (regardless of value)
 - Making a regulatory order which affects a number of people, for example a Public Space Protection Order or a Parking Place Order
 - Where the effect of a decision is to grant a licence or permission or it affects the rights of citizens
 - Discharging any other express delegation from Cabinet or a Cabinet Member a committee or Council.

These requirements **do not** apply to:

- planning and licencing matters where there are established arrangements for recording decisions: or
- decisions which are purely administrative or operational in nature

All other officer decisions should be recorded on an officer decision form but do not need to be published. They must though be stored so as to ensure that they are not lost should an officer leave the authority.

Exempt or Confidential information

Information relating to a delegated officer or single member decision does not have to be made public if it is exempt or confidential. Summary information from this decision sheet (excluding all exempt or confidential information) will be published on the Council's website.

¹ the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012/2089 (Regulation 13(4)) and The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014/2095 (Regulation 7)

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Key or Non Key Decision

A key decision is an executive decision which is likely to:

- Have a significant effect on people living or working in a least two wards or
- Involve spending, income, or saving a significant amount – whether an amount is significant depends on the Council's total budget for the service involved. For this Council 'significant' in budgetary terms is:
 - Expenditure, income, or savings of £750,000 or greater in the context of the medium term financial strategy,
 - Acquiring or disposing of freeholds with a consideration over £500,000 in the context of the medium term financial strategy except for disposals pursuant to right to buy legislation
 - Acquiring or disposing of leaseholds where either the rental value is in excess of £250,000 per annum and/or the premium is £750,000 except for statutory lease renewals under Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 and disposals pursuant to right to buy legislation and disposals pursuant to right to buy legislation.
 - Acquiring or disposing of easements with a value over £750,000 and/or rental value over £250,000 each year

A key decision can only be taken and recorded here if notice of it has been published on the Forward Plan for at least 28 clear days. Key decisions taken by officers may be "called in" by any four councillors or the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee within two days of the notice of decision being published.

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