

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Major Developments and Infrastructure Funding

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Description of current service/policy

The County Council has maintained a policy of utilising section 106 agreements to secure necessary infrastructure funding from developers, however the extent to which it has been able to do this has been limited by the Community Infrastructure Levy and the associated local planning authorities' approach to infrastructure funding. Currently the County Council has an existing policy on developer contributions towards school provision, however there are no other formal policies relating to infrastructure funding or provision. The County Council does not currently charge for the monitoring of planning obligations and consequently carries this role out at its own expense.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

It is proposed to continue to utilise section 106 agreements to secure necessary infrastructure funding from developments, and now that the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations have been amended this approach is proposed for all developments. To formalise this approach it is proposed that a corporate infrastructure requirements policy be produced setting out all County Council requirements and associated funding to give local planning authorities and developers a clear understanding of what will be needed early in the development process. A monitoring fee is proposed to be implemented for planning obligations in order to carry out this function corporately.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

Consultation with the local planning authorities is planned on the corporate infrastructure requirements policy once this has been developed. Consultation has not taken place on the fee for monitoring planning obligations because the amended Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2019 have set in law that local authorities can now charge a fee for providing this service, provided it is reasonable.

| Statutory considerations | Impact | Mitigation |
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| Age: Neutral | | |
| Disability: Neutral | | |
| Sexual orientation: Neutral | | |
| Race: Neutral | | |
| Religion and belief: Neutral | | |
| Gender reassignment: Neutral | | |

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| Gender: Neutral | | |
| Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral | | |
| Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral | | |
| Other policy considerations | Impact | Mitigation |
| Poverty: Neutral | | |
| Rurality: Neutral | | |

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The approach that the County Council is taking to securing development related infrastructure is intended to benefit all communities in Hampshire. It is considered that there will be no additional impact on people with protected characteristics and therefore the strategy has been assessed as having a neutral impact overall.

Any other information