

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community												
MEETING DATE AND TIME	18 th September 2025 7 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall										
FROM	Cathy Dean – Communities Manager												
ITEM NUMBER TITLE	12 CIL’s (Community Infrastructure Levy) Survey Update												
BACKGROUND	<p>The Community Infrastructure Levy (the ‘levy’) is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area. Town and Parish Councils receiving CIL money will be able to decide how to spend their percentage of the money collected. The current balance of CIL funds is £21684.47</p> <p>Please note that CIL revenue must be spent on infrastructure proposals.</p>												
RESPONSE	<p>3 proposals were presented at the annual town meeting on 15th May 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install three gates on Bridge Street and Little Street to safeguard pedestrians and cyclists between 10 am and 4 pm.• Public Realm – maintaining bins, benches, signage etc. (They were originally installed by Cheshire East Council but Cheshire East has now advised us they will not be maintaining them in the future.)• Town Centre Public Toilets <p>A survey was launched at the beginning of Aug 25, and will close on 30th September.</p> <p>As of 09.09.25, we have received 513 responses, with 213 comments.</p> <p>Please choose your favourite option below as these were initially proposed at the Annual Town Meeting.</p> <p>Answered: 513 Skipped: 0</p> <table><caption>Survey Results Data</caption><tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>None of the above</td><td>8.38%</td></tr><tr><td>Install three gates on Bridge Street and Little Street</td><td>14.81%</td></tr><tr><td>Public Realm - maintaining bins, benches, signage etc.</td><td>31.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Improve town centre public toilets</td><td>55.6%</td></tr></table> <p>Responses</p> <p>None of the above - 8.38%</p> <p>Install three gates on Bridge Street and Little Street - 14.81%</p>			Option	Percentage	None of the above	8.38%	Install three gates on Bridge Street and Little Street	14.81%	Public Realm - maintaining bins, benches, signage etc.	31.2%	Improve town centre public toilets	55.6%
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	<p>Public Realm - 31.38%</p> <p>Improve town centre public toilets - 55.95%</p> <p>The results of the survey to date give a good indication of the expected final results.</p> <p>At the annual town meeting, the Chief Officer provided an update on public toilet facilities, noting that access to the Capitol Walk toilets near the bus station was lost due to legal issues with the lease. The Council is working with Cheshire East to finalise a new agreement and has allocated reserves to invest in improved public toilet provision, which remains a priority.</p>
Financial Implications	CIL Funds must be spent within 5 years of receipt. Cheshire East may require repayment of some or all funds if not spent within the 5-year limit or if it is spent on initiatives that do not support the development of the area.
Environmental Implications	None in terms of this report, environmental impact will be considered for each of the proposals.
Equality and Diversity Impact	By consulting widely, with over 500 survey responses and more than 200 comments, the Council has ensured that all residents have the opportunity to shape priorities. In allocating CIL funds, the Council will continue to give full consideration to the diverse needs of the community, with particular focus on projects that improve accessibility, reduce inequalities, and promote inclusive use of shared public spaces.
DECISION REQUESTED	For information only - note the report.