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Report Originator	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No:	
Wards Affected	All	15 th September 2016	
Title	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members of the Forum on Kettering Borough Council's approach to the Community Infrastructure Levy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a standard pre-set charge which local planning authorities are empowered, but not required, to charge on all new developments over a minimum size. It is intended to replace most Section 106 Agreements (S106), although they are intended to still run alongside CIL in a more limited capacity.
- 2.2 At a meeting of the Borough Council's Planning Policy Committee on 28th January 2015, Members resolved to put preparing a CIL levy for the Borough on hold, and review the implications of this decision in light of further changes in regulations; the results of any case law on pooling; or following adoption of the Joint Core Strategy. The other North Northamptonshire authorities have since also put preparation of their CIL on hold.
- 2.3 Liz Peace, a well-known figure in the property industry, led and chaired an independent group conducting a review of CIL. This led to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) undertaking a consultation between November 2015 and January 2016. The Government is yet to report on the findings however, the Planning Resource publication (April 2016) reported that Liz Peace said "*the levy is 'not providing a huge amount of funding for infrastructure' and has failed to provide a 'faster, simpler, more transparent system' than Section 106.*"
- 2.4 Enquiries have been made of DCLG over the timing for publishing the report, who has responded saying that the CIL review panel will report to Ministers later this year. It is acknowledged that the Joint Core Strategy has recently been adopted, but it is unlikely the Council will review CIL again until after the findings of this important report are known.

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3. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the contents of this update.

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