

1. BACKGROUND

The Community Infrastructure Levy CIL is a charge levied by local authorities on new development in their area. Where all or part of a chargeable development is within the area of a parish council, the charging authority must pass a proportion of the CIL receipts from the development to the parish council.

The parish council must use the CIL receipts passed to it to support the development of the parish council's area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area. The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development.

2. SUMMARY

Currently, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council have adopted the principle of spending CIL only in the immediate vicinity of the development from which it originated. However, it is permissible for it to be spent anywhere within the Parish.

At the end of October 2023, the Parish Council held £80,973.46 of CIL reserves. Discussions at a recent Operations Committee meeting questioned whether to continue with the existing principle, or whether to allow the spending of CIL, within the guidelines, anywhere within the Parish. This would allow some planned works for 2024/25 to be funded from CIL, rather than raising funds through precept.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council waives the current principle of spending CIL only in the immediate vicinity of the development from which it originated, and resolves to permit spending of CIL on projects throughout the Parish.