

Frant Parish Council

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy

Background

The **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is a charge that Local Authorities can make on new developments in their area. It was introduced by the Government in April 2010 under the CIL Regulations 2010. The CIL is essentially a pre-set charge that can be applied to new developments and collected by each local authority. CIL is intended to be used to help towards funding a range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of new development, for example road schemes, schools and community facilities.

A proportion of CIL income from new development within Frant Parish will go directly to the Parish Council, to spend as they wish on their local infrastructure needs. Each year, the Parish Council will be entitled to up to 15 per cent of the CIL collected from liable developments within their Parish/Town (capped at a maximum of £100 per existing dwelling in the Parish).

CIL monies can be spent on “the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing demands that development places on an area.”

CIL monies must be spent within 5 years of receipt. Where money is not used to support development of the area within five years of receipt, or is used for other purposes, the regulations give Wealden District Council the power to recover those funds. This is to ensure that money is spent, and spent effectively, to benefit the local community.

Just like the charging authority, Parish Councils will have to produce a publicly available annual report on the use of their share of the CIL receipts. This will include the total receipts for the reported year, the projects CIL has been applied to, and the amount of expenditure on each item. The report should be publicly available and published on the Parish or Borough Council website.

Policy

It is the policy of Frant Parish Council to use CIL monies towards infrastructure expenditure that is beyond the Council's normal budgeted precept. The Parish Council will maintain an “infrastructure project list”, which will be reviewed at least annually. Projects on this list will be allocated a funding budget as part of the Parish Council's annual budgeting process, subject to full council approval and in accordance with the Council's Finance Regulations

Where community priorities for infrastructure are aligned with those of Wealden District Council or East Sussex County Council, the Parish Council may agree to contribute to their investment, if this will help secure delivery of that infrastructure.

The Parish Council will consider infrastructure proposals from other community groups. Such proposals must be the good of the whole community, and the Parish Council would expect the community group to raise funds in addition to any contribution from the Parish Council.

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