

Motion to Propose the Adoption of the NCIL Expenditure Policy

Motion by: Karl Straw, Chair of Finance and Governance

Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Adoption of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Expenditure Policy

Motion

I, Karl Straw, Chair of Finance and Governance, hereby propose that the Broadclyst Parish Council formally adopt the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Expenditure Policy as presented.

Background:

The NCIL Expenditure Policy has been developed to ensure that the distribution and use of NCIL funds within Broadclyst Parish are managed in a transparent, equitable, and effective manner. This policy is designed to support infrastructure improvements and community development across the entire parish, while prioritizing areas with the greatest need and ensuring compliance with legislative requirements.

Key Principles of the Policy:

1. **Equitable Distribution:** The policy outlines a framework for the equitable distribution of NCIL funds, ensuring that all parts of the parish benefit from these resources, while also focusing on areas with significant infrastructure deficits.
2. **Community Consultation:** The policy emphasises the importance of community consultation in identifying priority projects, ensuring that the use of NCIL funds reflects the needs and aspirations of parish residents.
3. **Transparency and Accountability:** The policy includes provisions for transparent decision-making and accountability in the allocation of funds, with regular reporting to the Parish Council and the community.
4. **Compliance with Legislation:** The policy has been drafted in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), ensuring that all expenditures are compliant with legal requirements.

Proposal:

I propose that the Broadclyst Parish Council:

1. **Adopts the NCIL Expenditure Policy:** The Council agrees to adopt the NCIL Expenditure Policy as the guiding document for the distribution and use of NCIL funds within the parish.
2. **Implements the Policy:** The Council commits to implementing the policy immediately, with the Finance and Governance Committee overseeing its application and ensuring compliance with the policy's principles.
3. **Reviews the Policy Annually:** The Council agrees to review the NCIL Expenditure Policy annually, or as needed, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the parish and reflects any changes in legislation or community priorities.

Rationale:

Adopting this policy will provide a clear and consistent approach to managing NCIL funds, ensuring that they are used effectively to support the development and well-being of the entire parish. This policy will also help to enhance community engagement, transparency, and accountability in how these important resources are allocated and spent.

Amendments

Should any councillor wish to propose amendments I would respectfully ask that they be submitted in writing before the Full Council Meeting so that they can be assessed for the legal impact to ensure that the council does not adopt a policy that does not comply with legislation.

Conclusion:

I urge the Full Council to support this motion and formally adopt the NCIL Expenditure Policy. This will enable us to better serve our community, address the infrastructure needs of our parish, and ensure that NCIL funds are managed in a way that benefits all residents.

Motion submitted by:

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Chair of Finance and Governance
Broadclyst Parish Council