

# Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy

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**Marbury & District Parish Council**

## 1. Introduction

This policy sets out how Marbury & District Parish Council will manage and allocate Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts received from Cheshire East Council. It ensures transparency, compliance with national regulations, and alignment with local development needs.

## 2. Legislative Context

Under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), parish councils may receive a proportion of CIL funds from development in their area:

- **25%** if a "made" Neighbourhood Plan is in place
- **15%** otherwise (capped at £100 per existing dwelling per year)

Funds must be spent on:

"The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area."

## 3. Objectives

- Support the delivery of infrastructure to accommodate growth
- Reflect community priorities
- Ensure efficient and accountable fund management

## 4. Governance

- A CIL Working Group or the Finance Committee will oversee CIL fund management.
- All spending decisions must be approved by Full Council.
- The Council will publish an annual CIL report as required by law.

## 5. Eligible Expenditure

CIL funds must:

- Address the demands created by development
- Be infrastructure-related

- Be clearly defined, costed, and deliverable

**Examples of acceptable projects:**

- Play areas and open space improvements
- Village hall renovations or extensions
- Traffic calming, benches, signage
- Footpath, cycleway, and accessibility enhancements
- Community centre equipment or structural improvements

## **6. Project Submission**

A standardised **CIL Bid Submission Form** must be completed by any councillor, resident, or community group proposing a project. Forms will be reviewed by the CIL Working Group and presented to Full Council for decision.

## **7. Financial Management**

- All CIL receipts will be recorded in a dedicated CIL Register
- Funds will be held in a ringfenced account
- Expenditure must be agreed before commitment

## **8. Reporting**

An annual CIL report will include:

- Total CIL received
- CIL spent and on what projects
- Amounts retained for future use
- Any returned funds

## **9. Monitoring & Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with regulations and local development needs.