

# **S137 Expenditure**

Report to Woodmansey Parish Council

12th April 2016

## **1. Introduction**

S137 expenditure essentially covers any expenditure the council makes for which it has no statutory duty. See NALC legal note enclosed

## **2 Limitation & Rules**

Key areas to be aware of:-

- there is a yearly maximum the council can spend on S137 expenditure. For 2016/2017 this is £7.42 per head of 'relevant' population. At this stage I am not certain what the 'relevant population' is but would estimate it to be approximately between 5000-7000. The lower figures being the number of electors the upper the number of residents. This equates to a spend of between £37,100 - £51,940.
- S137 needs to be identified clearly in the council's accounts.
- It includes all awards and grants e.g. funds to repair the church clock, as well as provision of items such as benches, defibrillators, Queen's Birthday keepsakes etc to the community. I am seeking advice regarding items such as bus shelters, street lights, salt bins, salt, paying for the Village Hall lease etc.
- An award is considered the expense incurred even if some of this is offset by a grant. e.g. the whole of the cost of the defibrillators and their installation would be included in the allowance for 2015/16.
- Awards can not be given to individuals.
- Awards should be proportional, e.g. the council cannot award it's entire allowance to say a small 5 person organisation.
- Any S137 award should be clearly identified in the minutes.

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