

Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2026-2027

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities have notified that the appropriate sum for Local Government Act 1972 Section 137(4)(a) for Parish, Town and Community Councils for 2026-27 is £11.60/elector.

The electorate for Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council for 1 August 2025 was 4,307.

Based on this, the Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2026-2027 would be £49,9612. One we have received updated figures from WHBC this will be updated accordingly.

Section 137 is only available for an activity for which no other specific power exists; a council can rely on Local Government Act 1972 s137 for expenditure up to a prescribed limit for any purpose which in its opinion is in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of it.

A separate account must be kept for s137 and specifically authorised by resolution.

So, for example, if the parish council is giving a grant to your village hall consider using Local Government Act 1972 Section 133 which permits Parish Councils to make grants to third parties in respect of community buildings. Similarly Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19 empowers a Parish Council to make grants to voluntary bodies providing recreational facilities such as sports grounds.

Where there is an existing power, the Council must ensure that the grant meets any criteria in the relevant Act.