

Agenda Item 20 July Meeting – CIL Spending

In Minute 2242 in January 2026, council agreed to earmark CIL funds of £10,392.19 towards the MUGA project at the Recreation Ground. The amount was so specific as these funds had to be spent within the 26-27 financial year to 31st March 2027. The MUGA project is not now going ahead.

These funds were accumulated over the past few years (No CIL payments were due from SDNPA in 25-26 year) and will be recovered by SDNPA if they are not spent in time. In other words, “use it or lose it”.

There are 2 aspects to CIL spending

- a) Funds paid by SDNPA and held by EDFPC from developments in the area. (£10,392)
- b) CIL reserved by SDNPA from their allocation used as grant funding for relevant projects.

We have projects on the go at present:

Project	Capital Cost	Non-CIL Grant status	Can we use our own £10k?	Will we qualify for SDNP CIL Grant
Friston Pond	£6,400	2026 fund closed.	Yes	Not until 2027
Downlands white lining	£1,282	Won't qualify	Yes	Unlikely
Downlands disability ramps	£9,530	Likely to qualify	Yes	Not until 2027
Downlands Patio area	£13,907	Won't qualify	Yes	Possible

The problem is that we won't know whether we qualify for a SDNP CIL grant until it's too late to spend our own £10,000. The lead time on grant funding applications made in early 2027 would exceed the remaining time before we need to spend our £10,000.

NP Non-Policy items (Item 12 P63) should be used as a guide to potential projects.

Proposals:

1. The council should select “quick win” projects for capital spending this financial year to ensure our £10,000 is spent even if it could potentially lose grant funding.

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