

Economy, Transport and Environment

Service savings proposal	Scrutiny comment / suggestion / recommendation at Dec 2016 RPPR Board	Response
East Sussex Road Network	<p>The Board recommended that Cabinet take account of:</p> <p>(1) The crucial importance of the Highways network to East Sussex residents; and</p> <p>(2) The effect of the continuing allocation of savings in degrading the County's Highway network;</p> <p>in deciding the allocation of savings between Departments of the County Council.</p>	<p>In an amendment to the budget proposals Cabinet agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highways: additional investment into highways drainage to support the strategic asset management approach to maintaining the highways infrastructure £1.000m 2. Highways: Additional investment into highways pavements to support mobility in local communities £0.300m 3. Communities: Additional investment into Community Match £0.150m. <p>This was subsequently agreed by Full Council.</p>
Communities, Economy and Transport (CET) Services	<p>The services provided by the CET department are important to the whole economy of East Sussex and underpin many of the Council's other services. The Board considered this should also be taken into account when allocating savings.</p>	<p>The additional investment detailed above recognises the importance of the services CET provides.</p> <p>CET has not been asked to provide further savings at this point in time.</p> <p>Savings proposed for Highway grass cutting have been moved from 2017/18 to the following financial 2018/19.</p>
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Developer contribution viability gap	<p>The Board wished to highlight concerns about the impact of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and an emerging 'viability gap' in developer contributions which results in insufficient funding being provided for the strategic road infrastructure required for new developments in the County.</p>	<p>In appendix 8 of the Cabinet RPPR report stated:</p> <p>4.7 There is a need to develop a broad strategy regarding S106 and future CIL contributions, we will work closely with Borough and District Councils to demonstrate the links between their developments and our core need Capital Programme.</p>

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		4.8 Work is ongoing to establish what funding is expected from CIL contributions and the process that the Council will need to undertake to obtain CIL contributions. The County Council will need to work closely with the Borough and District Councils to ensure basic needs are prioritised effectively and ensure CIL funding is secured where appropriate.