

Responses received from Parish Councils in respect of cessation of CTRS grants

Parish	Response	Comment
Addington	No response received.	receives only a small grant of £645 in 2016/17
Aylesford	<p>Firstly the Parish Council would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on these 2 very significant documents in respect of Parish Councils and their finances. The Council would also thank you for the excellent consultation documents which were quite easy to understand never an easy task in respect of financial matters. The council gave these papers very serious consideration and agreed the following responses to the 2 consultation papers:</p> <p>(a) That the introduction of the Local Charges (Special Expenses) scheme as a replacement for the FPAC scheme be welcomed as a much fairer way of charging for these services for residents of the parished areas and that its introduction from April 2017 be supported;</p> <p>(b) That whilst the Council is disappointed that TMBC are proposing to withdraw their scheme by which they distribute part of the funds they receive through the Government CTR scheme to parish councils , it understands TMBC’s financial problems and with the council gaining as a result of changes to the FAPC scheme would accept the need for the withdrawal of this scheme;</p> <p>(c) That with the changes arising out of (a) and (b) above which while beneficial to Aylesford residents overall shows a very large increase in council Tax rate for the Parish and would wish the reasoning behind this fully explained in the Council Tax bill and accompanying literature thereby minimising the number of enquiries the Council will receive; and</p> <p>(d) That TMBC be asked to continue their efforts in finding out government intentions re Parish Council Tax capping and to have in place a Plan B in case of the hopefully unlikely prospect that capping is extended to Parish Councils as thee changes to both FAPC and the CTR could possibly no longer be viable.</p>	<p>receives a grant of £14,445 in 2016/17.</p> <p>PC accepts need to withdraw scheme given TMBC’s financial pressures and fact that Aylesford residents would marginally gain under ‘Fairer Charging’</p> <p>Capping – see comments in body of report.</p>
Birling	No response received	receives only a small grant of £409 in 2016/17
Borough Green	Thank you for sending the consultation documents on the proposed withdrawal of CTR grants w.e.f April 2017. Borough Green Parish Council has considered this alongside the consultation document for the proposed introduction of a Local Charge (in respect of special expenses) and the cessation of the FAPC grants scheme w.e.f April 2017. This council has noted the T&MBC CTR proposal as outlined in the consultation document	receives a grant of £14,635 in 2016/17. PC notes the proposal and makes no particular comment.

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Burham	No response received	receives a grant of £1,860 in 2016/17
Ditton	No response received	receives grant of £17,681 in 2016/17
East Malling & Larkfield	No response received	receives a grant of £27,599 in 2016/17
East Peckham	No response received	receives a grant of £8,669 in 2016/17
Hadlow	No response received	receives a grant of £8,072 in 2016/17
Hildenborough	No response received	receives a small grant of £1,288 in 2016/17
Ightham	No response received	receives a grant of £1,755 in 2016/17
Kings Hill	CTR Consultation. Thank you for the information provided for this consultation which has been reviewed by Kings Hill Parish Council. As Kings Hill residents are likely to benefit from the introduction of a "Local Charge" and see a reduction in the overall council tax charged to them, the Council agrees that it has no objections to the proposal.	receives a grant of £8,211 in 2016/17 No objection to proposal.
Leybourne	No response received	receives a grant of £7,386 in 2016/17
Mereworth	No response received	receives a grant of £1,585 in 2016/17
Offham	No response received	receives a small grant of £767 in 2016/17
Platt	No response received	receives a grant of £1,160 in 2016/17

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Plaxtol	This note represents the view of Plaxtol Parish Council which met yesterday and discussed the proposal that CTR grants be withdrawn from April 2017. The council supports the proposal	receives a small grant of £993 in 2016/17 Proposal to cease CTR grant supported.
Ryarsh	No response received	receives a grant of £1,010 in 2016/17
Shipbourne	No response received	receives a small grant of £549 in 2016/17
Snodland	A discussion also took place regarding the proposed loss of the Council Tax Reduction Grant and it was noted that because Snodland receive one of the highest grant payments the loss of this grant will mean an increase in the precept which will be higher than anticipated.	receives the highest amount of CTR grant at £34,807 in 2016/17.
Stansted	No response received	receives a small grant of £727 in 2016/17
Trottiscliffe	No response received	receives a small grant of £332 in 2016/17
Wateringbury	No response received	receives a grant of £3,962 in 2016/17
West Malling	No response received	receives a grant of £7,669 in 2016/17
West Peckham	No response received	receives a very small grant of £67 in 2016/17
Wouldham	No response received	receives a grant of £2,235 in 2016/17
Wrotham	No response received	receives a grant of £6,139 in 2016/17