

Sevenoaks Town Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee – 24th April 2023

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report

Sevenoaks Town Council receives an allocation of 25% of CIL twice a year in October and April.

The current record of receipt for April 2023, representing CIL collected between October 2022 and March 2023, is £29,498.08.

The total unallocated sum to be used for infrastructure projects as at the October meeting was £68,947.97

The committee is asked to consider the allocation of CIL towards the purchase of a tractor-mounted seed spreader.

Currently, STC hire a seed spreader every spring to spread grass seed on the Knole Paddock/Raleys site, and occasionally additionally hire for the Vine area. Depending on how successfully the grass grows, a second spread may be required in September. The cost per hire is £750. Typically hire needs to be booked 3 months in advance, meaning the September booking would need to be made before the success of the first seed is known.

To allow for flexibility in when the seed spreader can be used, the OSL team would like to purchase a secondhand seed spreader. These typically cost £10,000 and have an expected useful life of 10 years. Ignoring inflation, the purchase will pay back after 14 hires.

Unallocated Funds CIC 24.10.2022	£68,947.97
Less: Stag solar panels – granted at F&GP 27/02/2023	(£30,086.04)
Add April 2023 payment (CIL collections Oct 2022 – March 2023)	£29,498.08
New Unallocated Balance	£68,360.01

Recommendation: That the Committee consider the proposal to spend £10,000 on a secondhand seed spreader.