

Questionnaire

Chapter 1: Neighbourhood funds

1. Should the duty to pass on a meaningful proportion of levy receipts only apply where there is a parish or community council for the area where those receipts were raised?
2. Do you agree that, for areas not covered by a parish or community council, statutory guidance should set out that charging authorities should engage with their residents and businesses in determining how to spend a meaningful proportion of the funds?
3. What proportion of receipts should be passed to parish or community councils?
4. At what level should the cap be set, per council tax dwelling?
5. Do you agree that the proposed reporting requirements on parish or community councils strike the right balance between transparency and administrative burden?
6. Draft regulation 19 (new regulation 62A(3)(a)) requires that the report is to be published on the councils website, however we recognise that not all parish or community councils will have a website and we would welcome views on appropriate alternatives.
7. Do you agree with our proposals to exclude parish or community councils' expenditure from limiting the matters that may be funded through planning obligations?
8. Do you agree with our proposals to remove the cap on the amount of levy funding that charging authorities may apply to administrative expenses?

Chapter 2: Affordable housing

9. Do you consider that local authorities should be given the choice to be able if they wish to use levy receipts for affordable housing?
10. Do you consider that local authorities should be given the choice to be able if they wish to use both the levy and planning obligations to deliver local affordable housing priorities?
11. If local authorities are to be permitted to use both instruments, what should they be required to do to ensure that the choices being made are transparent and fair?
12. If the levy can be used for affordable housing, should affordable housing be excluded from the regulation that limits pooling of planning obligations, or should the same limits apply?

Chapter 3: Mayoral Development Corporations

13. Do the proposed changes represent fair operation of the levy in Mayoral Development Corporation areas?