



## SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

**2017 – 2018**

Section 137 permits councils in England which do not have the general power of competence to incur expenditure for purposes for which they do not have a specific power. Councils should first try to identify a specific power for expenditure (including grants): section 137, unlike the general power of competence, is a 'power of last resort'

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for parish and town councils in England for 2017/18 is **£7.57 per elector**.

This is the amount that results from increasing the amount for 2016/17 (£7.42) by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2015 and September 2016 (of 2.0%) in accordance with Schedule 12B of the 1972 Act.

Because there is a limit (above) to the amount of expenditure that may be incurred under section 137 in a financial year councils must keep a separate record of expenditure incurred under section 137. However section 137 expenditure is not disclosed separately in the Annual Return.

This is the record of our s137 expenditure for 2017/2018:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Net Amount £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Printing of Brixworth Calendars	635.13	127.03	762.16
Remembrance Day Contribution	25.00	0	25.00
Table Tennis Table	300	0	300

**Peter Rowbotham**

**Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**