



A checklist of key information to be provided with any Parish and Town Councils borrowing application

Councils wishing to borrow will have to get in touch with the County Association, whether a member or not, to submit the Application Form. Where a borrowing approval is required the purpose must be detailed on the application and in a report to Council. Approvals should only be sought for capital expenditure. Please complete the borrowing application form and provide the following supporting information;

1. Copy of full minute of the Full Council Meeting with the resolution to seek the Secretary of State's approval for the proposed borrowing;
2. Copy of the Council's budget for the current year, and next year (if available), showing the provision made to meet the loan costs;
3. Full report to the Council or business case. This should include a breakdown of the proposed works, estimated costs, financial planning to fund the loan repayments and the steps/options the Council/has in place to mitigate the risk for not being able to afford the loan repayments;
4. Please provide information on how the Council will afford the loan repayments, breakdown of funding resources, amounts to be used from reserves, and any increase of precept to fund the borrowing;
5. If the Council precept is to be increased to cover the loan repayment, please confirm the amount and percentage of the planned increase related to the loan only (if possible how much increase for house holders at Band D);
6. If applicable, please provide evidence of public support to increase the precept to cover the loan repayment (e.g. the result of any consultation).
7. You still need to provide details how local residents were consulted on the project and associated borrowing even if you are not increasing precept to fund the loan (e.g. newsletter/website/in the agenda of public meeting).

Full provision of this information with the application demonstrating that it meets the guidance criteria will expedite the approval process. For further information,

- Please read full guide to parish borrowing in Page 5;
- For any queries, please contact your local association at first instance or;
- For clarification on aspect of this guidance, please contact Midi Zeroual at DCLG on 0303 444 2838 / email: parish.borrowing@communities.gsi.gov.uk