



Clerks Report – January 2020



Update on Actions worked on in December 2019

- Skate Park insurance investigation to understand what impact would be applied to the Councils current premium and the outcome was an increase of approx. £65.00, based on if the insurance company covered the Skate park starting 2020
- Children's play area gate replaced with a soft closing gate
- Update received on the allocation of funds based on section 137 shown below

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has notified the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) 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 2020-21 is £8.32 per elector.

This is the amount as a result of increasing the amount of £8.12 for 2019-2020 by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2018 and September 2019, in accordance with Schedule 12B to the 1072 Act.

Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC, responded: "NALC welcomes this earlier than usual notification from the government about the increase to the level of Section 137 expenditure for local (parish and town) councils. This is important as Section 137 enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory power, and will help England's 10,000 local councils continue to build stronger communities."

- Update received from NLC that the current footpaths definitive map which is the scale of 1:25,000 has been deemed inadequate, due to this NLC will be replacing it presently at a scale of 1:10,000. There are also plans for the footpaths numbering system will be changed however no detail on this.