

Appendix 2 – Alternative Funding Explored

Various avenues are currently being pursued. So far there have been no viable options that would significantly offset the savings required. Options being looked at include:

- National lottery funding – Cost of Living fund. Statutory bodies including County Councils are not eligible.
- National lottery funding – Reaching Communities fund. Applications from statutory bodies including County Councils can be made. The fund is unable to assist with projects which would be the ‘statutory duty or expected activity’ for the council to provide. (It could be argued that KCWS contribution to Care Act duties makes it an expected activity.) Timescales for the application process are also fairly extended.
- Kent Ambassadors – Information has been provided to the Kent Ambassadors, seeking their support to explore options with their contacts/networks.
- S.106 funding – Only suitable to fund capital/assets, not staffing costs.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – A fund received by district councils which KCC may be able to access. Conversations are being pursued on whether this is feasible and a possibility.
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund - A fund received by district councils which KCC may be able to access. Conversations are being pursued.
- A Town Council and a Parish Council have also suggested or offered that they could sponsor/provide funding for some of a warden’s costs.
- An organisation that provides some funding for wardens in another county was identified and met with. Unfortunately, the level of funding was very small.
- ASCH and Public Health – a number of conversations have taken place given wardens direct and indirect support to ASCH, and contribution to wider determinants of health, but given current financial pressures, funding from these areas has not been viable.
- Health and Care Partnership (HCP) funding – Conversations continue, facilitated by ASCH partners who sit on HCPs.
- Corporate sponsorship – requirements are being explored, and there is a draft policy for sponsorship in KCC. There are associated procurement rules and legal complexity, and the draft policy advises that obtaining and maintaining sponsorship is time-consuming.