



HEADCORN PARISH COUNCIL



Headcorn Parish Council – Best Value Statement 2018

Introduction

Headcorn Parish Council is accountable for the way in which the Parish funds are allocated. Councillors and the Clerk need to secure the best possible outcome for the Parish, in the most efficient and effective way, at a reasonable cost. This will lead to continuous improvement in the Parish Councils achievements and services.

What Is Best Value?

Councillors and the Clerk will apply the four principles of *best value*

1. **Challenge** the manner in which a service is being provided.
2. **Compare** performance with similar parish councils.
3. **Consult** with local people, business and other organisations in setting priorities.
4. Use of fair and open **competition** in securing efficient and effective services, using local services where practical.

How will we achieve Best Value?

1. Examine and challenge how and why a service is provided through periodic reviews.
2. Consider the good practice of other similar councils.
3. Consult with the parish community by way of public surveys, the Annual Parish Meeting, availability for face to face contact with the Clerk & Councillors at the Parish Office, local publications and direct access to Councillors.
4. Maintain its use of fair and open competition, where practicable, when considering tenders and the provisions of services.
5. Seek to achieve collaboration between other tiers of local government, thereby forming working partnerships with the District and County Councils designed to improve service provision.