

## **POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday, 24 July 2023

**Title:** Spending Committee Financial Matters

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk

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### **Background**

It is the Council's usual practice that all matters discussed, and recommendations made by spending Committees which have financial implications, are reported to this committee. This Committee is responsible for the overall fiscal management of the Council.

### **Current Situation**

#### **Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee – 13 June 2023**

**P318** - That, the annual fishing rights charge at Witney Lake be raised to £1,120 including inflation.

#### **Parks & Recreation Committee – 3 July 2023**

**PR364 – Leys Traffic Calming.** The Council recommended that the County Council proceed with new plans for the scheme. A contribution of £5,000 has been pledged to the scheme by the town council.

**PR368 – Witney Lawn Tennis Club colour-coating.** The Committee recommended that half the cost of the slip-test report commissioned and paid for by the town council be paid to the Club as compensation for the time in which this issue took to resolve.

#### **Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee- 10 July 2023**

There were no financial implications from decisions made at this meeting.

#### **Stronger Communities Committee – 17 July 2023**

**SC – Youth Services.** The Committee recommended that the youth services grant scheme does not run this year and that £1,200 of the £40,000 budget should be provided to APCAM for the provision of a weekly mental health drop-in service during the summer holidays. The remaining £36,400 would be allocated towards a dedicated youth service offering detached work in the town. A separate confidential report will be presented to this Committee on this matter.

**SC – Bus Shelters.** The Committee recommended that up to £10,000 be allocated from the Community Infrastructure earmarked reserve towards a joint project with Oxfordshire County Council providing four new/replacement shelters in the town.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

All the Council's Committees receive financial reports to conduct its checks and balances and consideration is given to budgets and funding availability when agreeing expenditure.

### **Financial implications**

The report forms part of the Council's mechanisms for budgetary control. Specific financial implications are detailed.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

- Agreeing the recommendations of the spending committees as detailed above.