

HALLS, CEMETERIES & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 20 May 2024

Title: Committee Objectives & Work Programme for the Municipal Year

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Background

The purpose of this report is to give consideration to this Committees objectives/priorities in order for the Town Clerk ensure there is a manageable programme of works, to deploy the necessary resources appropriately [also taking into consideration the work programme of other Committees].

Current Situation

Members are referred to the attached appendices where the Committees projects are detailed in the following categories: completed; in progress; preparation pool/part or unfunded; along with an update on the Open Spaces Strategy objectives from the work programme 2021.

This Committee has several complex projects in progress, along with some further projects planned.

The budget cycle is the opportunity to put forward further projects for consideration in to future work programmes to ensure there is the appropriate budget provision made at the time.

The Corn Exchange has seen a considerable investment in the past 4 years to establish the venue as an arts centre. Now with a comprehensive business plan setting out the future growth of the venue, Officers remain committed to realising the Council's long-term vision.

The Town Clerk will be condensing these projects and aspirations into the emerging strategic plan for adoption shortly.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind 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.

When considering its priorities, Members should be mindful of all resources – financial as well as human resources, and the competing demands from other Committees too.

Expectations also need to be managed on the timely delivery of these projects, in order not to jeopardise the Town Council's reputation.

Financial Implications

The financial implications are detailed in the attached appendices.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider its objectives/priorities for the coming municipal year and beyond.