

Stronger Communities Committee, 3rd June 2024, Current Committee Projects & Priorities 2024/25 and beyond

Completed Projects:

Covid-19 Memorial	Unveiled at the Leys in November 2023 approx cost £2k for bench and 2 mtr apart monoliths.
Children & Young People	Find a partner organisation to deliver detached youth work in the town in response to the withdrawal of Got2B. A budget of £40,000 is set aside previously to provide grants to local organisations supporting children and young people in the town. Approx £30k earmarked for The Station; £10k awarded to Home Start.
Defibrillator	Installation at King Georges Field & replacement at Burwell Recreation Ground. Funded from revenue budget code 4166/402 for defibrillator expenditure – and EMR.
Christmas Lights Display	3rd year of contract for the installation of Christmas Lights -Actual expenditure 23/24 £39,512.
Kings Coronation	Events to mark the historic even of the Kings Coronation – total expenditure £2,591.
WOCT Bus Grant	Continuation of the Council’s commitment to the community bus service grant of £21,000.
Bus Shelters	Installation/replacement of 4 bus shelters with sedum roofs in partnership with OCC - £7k contribution. Also agreement to take on shelters installed at Windrush Place development.
Bins	Bin replacement programme: any unspent budget from contract clean a/c 4017/402 is transferred into the Infrastructure EMR. Several replaced during 2023/25 ongoing.
Blue Plaque	Refurbished Corn Exchange Plaque £193
Third Party Events	Witney Pride, Witney Music Festival & Witney Carnival – financial contribution/free use of Leys Recreation Ground

Projects In Progress:

Christmas Lights Display	In process of evaluating tenders for the 2024-26 lights display & real Christmas Trees. Current years budget is £55,000 including infrastructure.
Children & Young People	A budget of £40,000 is set aside for the continuation of detached youth work in 24/25.
Schools In Bloom	Provision of wheelbarrows, compost, and grant to plant according to theme. Judging part of Council's entry into Witney Carnival.
50 th Anniversary WTC	Programme of events taking place throughout 2024 to mark 50 th Anniversary. Budget £5k
D-Day 80 th Anniversary	Events taking place on 6 th June 2024 – agreed via working party. Budget £1,500.
Blue Plaque	Looking to refurbish the Blue Plaques on Town Hall and Buttercross buildings.
QE Sundial Legacy	Installation Unterhaching Park – issues with suitability of fixing sundial to base. Awaiting Officer solution.
WOCT Bus Grant	Continuation of the Council's commitment to the community bus service grant increased to £23,500 in 2024.
WTC Website	Currently re-mapping website – using in-house resource.

Projects in Preparation Pool/Part or Unfunded:

Welch Way Planters	The Council has been putting £2,000 aside each year for 5 years to install a new concrete planter in 2024/25.
Bus Shelters	Request for Bus Shelter on Wood Green, Woodstock Road – no budget. Any unspent budget from bus shelter maintenance a/c 4035/402 is transferred into the Infrastructure EMR.
Defibrillator	Within the revenue budget there is an expenditure code 4166/402 for defibrillator expenditure – and unspent budget is transferred over into the EMR in order to cover off future replacements.
Graffiti Art Project	New Skate Park – see report of the Project Officer at later agenda item.
Bins/Benches	Within the Open Spaces Strategy IS5 – audit carried out on the state of bins, benches etc. Officers to prioritise and draw up a replacement programme, fund via Infrastructure EMR a/c 369 – capital code 4931/800.
St Mary's Church Clock	Request from Bell Captain to make the clock and Carillion digital – approx. cost £10k