

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

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**Date:** Monday, 10 June 2024

**Title:** Financial Matters referred from Spending Committees

**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**

#### **Parks & Recreation Committee – 13 May 2024**

**PR248** - Sports Pitches. The Committee recommended that the booking charge for cricket teams remains unchanged following the proposed introduction of any maintenance/SLA agreement.

**PR249** - Major Strategic Projects. The Committee recommended that the broken bollard at West Witney Sports Ground be repaired.

**PR251** - Future Management of Assets. The Committee recommended that WTC take on the grassed area of Deer Park Road Training Pitch on a freehold basis and the grassed area including the MUGA/MUSA at Raleigh Crescent Training Pitch on a freehold basis. The grassed area from Spring 2025 and the MUGA/MUSA project when completed.

#### **Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee – 20 May 2024**

**H268** - Public Halls Report. The Committee recommended that wired microphones be the preferred choice when updating the conferencing system in line with the previously agreed budget.

**H268** – Public Halls Report. The Committee recommended that the Fizzy Friday promotion recommence from 7 June 2024. This would incur additional staffing costs.

**H272** – Update on Property Matters. The Committee recommended that Officers project manage the replacement of the Madley Park Hall internal dividing doors and, it be funded from the held EMR.

#### **Stronger Communities Committee – 3 June 2024**

**SC281** – Community Engagement Report. The Committee recommended that a budget of £100 be agreed for the purchase of drinks & cake for the 50th Anniversary Coffee Morning.

**SC281** – Community Engagement Report. The Committee recommended that £50 be allocated from the events budget (4141/408) for the purchase of materials for an activity at the Play Day and a further £50 for the materials for a nature-based activity at the Carnival.

**SC281** – Community Engagement Report. The Committee recommended that free use of the Corn Exchange be agreed for 3rd party agencies to host an event to mark Mental Health Day on 10 October 2024.

**SC286** – Graffiti Project at Stake Park – The Committee recommended that £428 for the competition prize along with £229 for a protective coating for the artwork be taken from the Wheeled Sports Park Earmarked Reserve.

**SC288** – Marriotts Bus Shelter – The Committee recommended that the additional cost of the maintenance of the new replacement shelter be borne by the council.

**SC290** – Blue Plaques Refurbishment – The Committee recommend that the refurbishment cost of £547 for the three plaques be met from budget (4109/408)

**SC291** – Third Party Events - Subsidised Hire. The Committee recommended subsidised hire of the Leys form budget (4110/202) for Oxford Playhouse pop up theatre event. Also, for use of The Leys for Witney Churches “Kick Off” events on 17-19 July.

### **Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee – 4 June 2024**

There were no financial implications from decisions made at this meeting for the current fiscal year

#### **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.

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.

#### **Social Value**

Social value is the positive change the Council creates in the local community within which it operates.

The benefits of these items should be considered at the time of recommendation.

#### **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:

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