
Agenda Item: Financial Matters referred from Spending Committees

Meeting Date: Monday, 30 September 2024

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

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 – 9 September 2024

There were no financial implications from decisions made at this meeting for the current fiscal year. All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the next cycle of meetings.

PR479 – Witney Mills Bowls Club – Request for Improvements. Clarification was requested on the financial agreement with the club following the request. This is provided in confidential Appendix A.

Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee – 16 September 2024

H495 – Windrush Cemetery Memorial Monolith. The Committee recommended that an oak memorial monolith be installed for the sum of, £850 + delivery and VAT from budget line 302/4036. That the Council bears the cost of relocating current plaques to the new memorial from budget line 302/4355.

There were no further recommendations for the current fiscal year. All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the next cycle of meetings.

Stronger Communities Committee – 23 September 2024

Finance Report – Bob Wilson's Funfair Hire. The Committee recommended that a new agreement be negotiated by Witney Town Council, starting in 2025. A confidential verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

There were no further recommendations for the current fiscal year. All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the next cycle of meetings.

Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee – 17 September 2024

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

Impact Assessments

The Town Council has a duty to consider the effects of its decisions, functions and activities on equality, biodiversity, and crime & disorder. Consideration should also be given to effects on the environment, given the Council's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019.

- a) Equality – Covered in specific project reports.
- b) Biodiversity – Covered in specific project reports.
- c) Crime & Disorder – Covered in specific project reports.
- d) Environment & Climate Emergency - Covered in specific project reports.

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.