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**Agenda Item:** Financial Matters referred from Spending Committees

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 25 November 2024

**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 – 4 November 2024**

Revised Revenue Budget – That, the draft revised base revenue budget for 2024/25 be approved for recommendation.

All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the draft two of that budget and presented to the Full Council for approval.

#### **Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee – 11 November 2024**

Revised Revenue Budget – That, the draft revised base revenue budget for 2024/25 as presented be approved for recommendation.

Revenue, Growth Items, Special revenue & Capital Projects - A list of revenue growth and new capital items under the remit of this committee was presented and approved, some being from underspends within this fiscal year – this list is attached to this report in **Appendix A**.

Property Matters. That, on receipt of updated quotes, the Council funds the repair of the roof at Langdale Hall from earmarked reserves (366) as a priority – approximately £16k.

All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the second draft budget and presented to the Full Council for approval.

#### **Stronger Communities Committee – 18 November 2024**

Revised Revenue Budget - That, the draft revised base revenue budget for 2024/25 as presented be approved for recommendation.

Revenue, Growth Items, Special revenue & Capital Projects - A list of revenue growth and new capital items under the remit of this committee was presented and approved, some which could be accommodated from underspends within this fiscal year – this list is attached to this report in **Appendix A**.

Communications Report – That, Lake & Country Park signage from the Leys be purchased from the existing In Bloom budget for the sum of up to £1,500.

Community Engagement Report– That, an underspend of the In Bloom budget be utilised for bulb planting at Unterhaching Park Copse.

All 2025/26 recommendations will be presented in the second draft budget and presented to the Full Council for approval.

The implications for the **Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024** will need to be ratified at the Full Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December due to the schedule of meetings.

## **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.