

POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE



Agenda Item: Financial Matters referred from Spending Committees

Meeting Date: Monday, 9 June 2025

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 – 12 May 2025

PR273 Finance Report – The Committee recommended that the council engage professional assistance to advise on whether to opt-to-tax for the West Witney Clubhouse renovation from a budget set at £5,000 (general reserve).

Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee – 19 May 2025

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

Stronger Communities Committee – 2 June 2025

Youth Council – The Committee recommended that a budget be sought for hosting the Le Touquet Youth Council at the Corn Exchange on 8th July 2025. Please see Grants & Subsidised Lettings report for further details.

Climate & Biodiversity Committee – 20 May 2025

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

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 agreeing the recommendations of the spending committees as detailed above.