

POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE



Agenda Item: Financial Matters referred from Spending Committees

Meeting Date: Monday, 21 July 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 – 30 June 2025

PR395 Annual Residents Survey – The Committee recommended that Officers review the comments and schedule work to resolve any simple tasks. Any such tasks are expected to be from existing operational budgets.

Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee – 7 July 2025

H405 Newland Allotments Request for Sheds - The Committee recommended that the purchase of three new replacement sheds should be delegated to officers, utilising a £1,000 budget from the Allotments EMR.

Stronger Communities Committee – 14 July 2025

Winter Preparations – The Committee recommended the purchase of a salt bin for Springfield Oval, subject to necessary checks on land ownership – to be confirmed at the next meeting. The cost for the bins being £300, funded from 4200/402.

Youth Services Grants – The Committee delegated the recommendation of awards to the Deputy Town Clerk in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee, Leader & Deputy Leader. The recommendations being referred to this Committee via a separate report.

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.