

POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 22 November 2021

Title: Financial Report & Associated Matters

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk – Adam Clapton

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 – 1st November

There were no final implications arising from items in the current fiscal year. 2022/23 budget requests will be considered as part of the wider Council budget-setting process.

Halls Cemeteries & Allotments Committee- 8th November

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Stronger Communities Committee – 15th November

Communications & Community Engagement – The recommendation of the Committee was to agree to community/craft coffee mornings and Councillor drop-in sessions in 1863 from existing budgets.

Witney Twinning Association Annual Grant Request – The recommendation of the Committee was to release £500 to the Association for the 2021/22 fiscal year from the existing budget.

A request from the Rotary Club of Witney for an annual grant for the 2022 Carnival was considered but further information was requested to assist in making the decision.

There were no other final implications arising from items in the current fiscal year. 2022/23 budget requests will be considered as part of the wider Council budget-setting process.

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 regarding its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should consider 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.

Financial implications

This report forms part of the Council's mechanisms for budgetary control, as it enables income and expenditure incurred to be reviewed and to be compared with the Council's budgets.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and;

1. Agree the recommendations of the spending committees as detailed above, and
2. Note the Confidential Debtor Appendix to this report any recommendations therein.