

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday 16th May 2022

**Title:** **Committee Objectives/Work Programme for the Municipal Year**

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### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to give consideration to this Committees objectives/priorities in order for the Town Clerk to come up with a manageable programme of works, so that she can deploy the necessary resources appropriately.

The following agenda item 8 – Open Spaces Strategy – Part A and agenda item 12 Part B in confidential session may also have a bearing on the Committees objectives and priorities so Members may wish to defer this item until after considering the Open Spaces Strategy.

### CURRENT SITUATION

The attached appendix details the projects funded (or not) during the budget setting cycle – and members are asked to prioritise these.

In addition, there are several larger projects where funding has been accumulated over numerous years with funding set aside within the Council’s Earmarked Reserves. In particular:

Skate Park Refurbishment Project: which with the £50,000 budget set for 2022/23 now amounts to £102,000 [EMR a/c 374 £40,000 + £12,000 S106].

Burwell Sports Changing Rooms: Earmarked Reserve (A/c 368) £50,000 and S106 funding £25,000, total available £75,000\* [suggest any shortfall could be met from EMR a/c 319]

Splash Park Renewal: Lifespan of facility was estimated to be 10 years from 2015, therefore a sinking fund was set up EMR a/c 361 – which currently stands at £157,000 but is also available for major repairs.

West Witney Sports Ground:	Known S106 funding £310,325 + a further C£200k pledged waiting on legal agreement – also EMR a/c 319 *see below footnote
Leys Ground Sewerage/pavilion:	Problems identified by the Bowls Club and the sewage problem – an EMR set up a/c 367 balance currently stands at £26,800.
Play Equipment/Renewals:	An EMR set up a/c 365 balance currently stands at 32,900.

*\* Sports Improvement EMR (A/c 319) amounts to £148,012*

## 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 with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

## 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.

When considering its priorities the committee should be mindful of all resources – financial as well as human resources.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are detailed above and also in the attached appendices.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to note the report and consider its objectives/priorities for the coming municipal year.