

Hawarden Community Council
Finance Committee
10th October 2016
AGENDA ITEM NO: 7
Income & Expenditure Report

The purpose of this report and attached summary is to inform the Committee of the income and expenditure received and incurred by the Council in the first half of the financial year.

A separate report will be produced relating to the central administration and direct maintenance services and will be sent to Members of the Joint Committee which comprises representatives of the three participating Councils.

The remainder of the Council's income and expenditure is as shown on the attached summary.

Income of £153,396 has been received to date, £153,333 of which relates to the first two instalments of a three staged payment of the Council's Annual Precept. In the second half of the year a further £76,666 will be received via the final precept payment on 31 December 2016.

The following identifies the reasons for any significant variances from anticipated expenditure incurred in the first half of this financial year (1 April to 30 September 2016).

General:

Insurance: The full amount payable for the year has been made.

Legal Fees/Welsh Language Policy/Elections: There has been no expenditure to date on any of these items. The provision made for these items is "precautionary", any underspends on these items go forward in balances to the next year and therefore have no impact on the precept demand. Members may recall that no expenditure was incurred in 2015/16. The drawing up of the Lease for the Pavilion to Hawarden Rangers FC might incur some legal costs and a budgetary provision of £300 has been allocated.

Miscellaneous Income: Income of £46,930 is anticipated in relation to Section 106 payments towards play enhancements.

Section 137:

Play Schemes: The payment request from Flintshire County Council has not yet been received for 2016-17. Members will recall that for the financial year 2017-18 the County Council is unlikely to fund the provision of play schemes. The Community Council will need to determine what level of support is to be provided based on the receipt of the usage figures for Summer 2016 which have been requested but not yet received.

Voluntary Organisations: The Council has not yet considered S137 grant applications.

Community Halls: The 2016-17 grants have been paid.

Christmas Decorations: Additional column displays and requisites have been ordered but not yet received.

Community in Bloom: There will be no further expenditure on this item.

Youth Support: The Bursary contribution will be made in October.

Citizens Advice Bureau: The Council's 2016-17 contribution has not yet been made.

Community Transport: The Council's 2016-17 contribution has been made in full.

Community Walks: The contribution has not yet been requested.

Open Spaces:

Bowling Greens: The annual grants to Aston Bowling Club, Gladstone Bowling Club and Mancot Bowling Club have not yet been made.

Painting: This provision was made in respect of the materials element of the new railings around the Gary Speed Play Area. Due to alternative funding arrangements the railings are now in place at no expense to the Community Council.

Public Lighting: Members will recall that the Council had agreed to undertake a phased replacement programme of its lighting columns. The amount of £25,215 shown in the contingency PL budget partially relates to this. However £11,131 will be reimbursed to this Council by Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Shotton Town Council in relation to their element of the cost. The replacement lighting columns have been scheduled in 7 groups; 2 of which are complete and 1 is awaiting service transfers from Scottish Power. It is anticipated that the remaining groups will be completed before the end of the financial year.

Allotments:

Expenditure and Income are largely in line with that expected. Members will recall that the charging year has changed and will be implemented with effect from November. New rents will be calculated in line with inflation. The Council has also purchased 3 additional sheds for 6 allotment holders which have been allocated.

Holding Account:

Reserves: There has been no call on the Council's reserves during the first half of the financial year. However the holding account will need to be utilised to fund the repair of the Clock in Hawarden and the CCTV upgrade at the pavilion both of which have received Council approval.

Spend on stationary has been particularly high this year due to the appointment of a new Clerk and the purchase of new headed paper and compliment slips. Looking ahead the Clerk will be designing electronic templates which will reduce the need for external printing of letter heads and the number of compliment slips should reduce following the introduction of on-line banking.