BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To All Councillors; C Stevens (Chairman), Y Mièville (Vice Chairman), S Hitchings, H Mièville, L Hitchings, N Lacey-Clarke, B Quayle, R Holmes, S Chapman, T Clarkson, M Putt, G Del-Pinto, S Morgan, M Spruce
All other recipients for information only.

Monday, 09 November 2026

Dear Member

Summons

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Recreation & Amenities Committee** of Blandford Forum for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. To be held at 7 pm on **Monday, 16 November 2026** in the Corn Exchange. The quorum for the committee is 5.

Public Participation and Democratic Quarter Hour

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Committee, during which time members of the public may speak. During the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the Dorset Council may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Committee may invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Committee.
Join: Teams Meeting Link

General Duties of the Council

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

Recording of Meetings

All attendees should be aware that filming, recording, photography or similar activity may take place during the meeting.

Date of next Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 27 October 2026

Yours sincerely

Claire Commons BA (Hons), Town Clerk

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Recreation & Amenities Committee of Blandford Forum Town Council, **Monday, 16 November 2026, 7pm** Corn Exchange.

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Decision Item

Anticipated meeting end time 8:20 pm

Timings given on this agenda are for guidance only. The order of business may be changed at the Chair's discretion, and items may be taken earlier or later than indicated. (Standing Order 1a)

RA3.1 Public Participation

(7:00 pm) To allow the public to make representations to the Council. (up to 15 mins)

Receive and note

Report Author:

Background

The Standing Orders of the Council (specifically Standing Order 3) provide for a designated Public Participation session at each meeting of the Council and its Committees.

During Public Participation, members of the public are invited to address the meeting regarding matters on the published agenda or within the Council's powers.

Public Participation is distinct from the formal business of the meeting. Once the session concludes, the public are observers only and must not participate further unless invited by a resolution of the Council.

The Council's commitment to openness, transparency, and community engagement supports the inclusion of Public Participation within the formal structure of the meeting.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council, Public Participation shall only commence after the election of the Chair, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Orders.

Members of the public registered to speak

None

Conduct of Public Participation

Public Participation will occur at the start of the meeting.

Each speaker may address the meeting for a maximum of three minutes, subject to the Chair's discretion to extend or reduce this time if necessary.

The maximum total duration for Public Participation shall normally be 20 minutes unless the Council resolves otherwise.

Speakers are asked to address the meeting courteously, and must not make offensive, defamatory, or irrelevant comments. Speakers do not have a right to expect debate or immediate responses.

Recording of Public Participation

The minutes of the meeting shall record that Public Participation took place and will summarise the general topics raised, but shall not record the names of individual speakers.

Recommendation

That the public comments are received, and any points of note are identified for consideration at future meetings of the Council or its committees or for action by officers of the Council

Reason for Recommendation

To acknowledge public engagement in accordance with Standing Orders and ensure that matters raised are appropriately considered without committing the Council to immediate decisions.

RA3.2 Apologies

(7:20 pm) To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Councillors summoned to attend (1 min)

Decision Item

Report Author: Town Clerk

Background

Councillors are holders of public office and are summoned to attend meetings of the Council and its committees.

In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council must consider and decide whether to accept the reason for absence provided by any Councillor who is unable to attend a meeting.

If a councillor fails to attend any meeting of the Council (or its committees) for a period of six consecutive months, without having obtained formal acceptance of their apologies by the Council (or the relevant committee), they are automatically disqualified from office.

Apologies received and reason

None received at the time of issuing papers

Recommendation

That the Council considers and either accepts or rejects each apology for absence received.

Reason for Recommendation

Accepting apologies resets the six-month period for continuous attendance, ensuring compliance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

(End)

RA3.3 Declarations of Interest

(7:21 pm) To declare interests relating to the business of the meeting. (2 min)

Receive and note

Report Author: Town Clerk

Background

All Councillors and Officers are reminded of their obligations under the Blandford Forum Town Council Code of Conduct to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests, or Non-Registerable Interests relating to matters on the agenda.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to an interest, it is the individual Councillor's responsibility to declare that interest at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

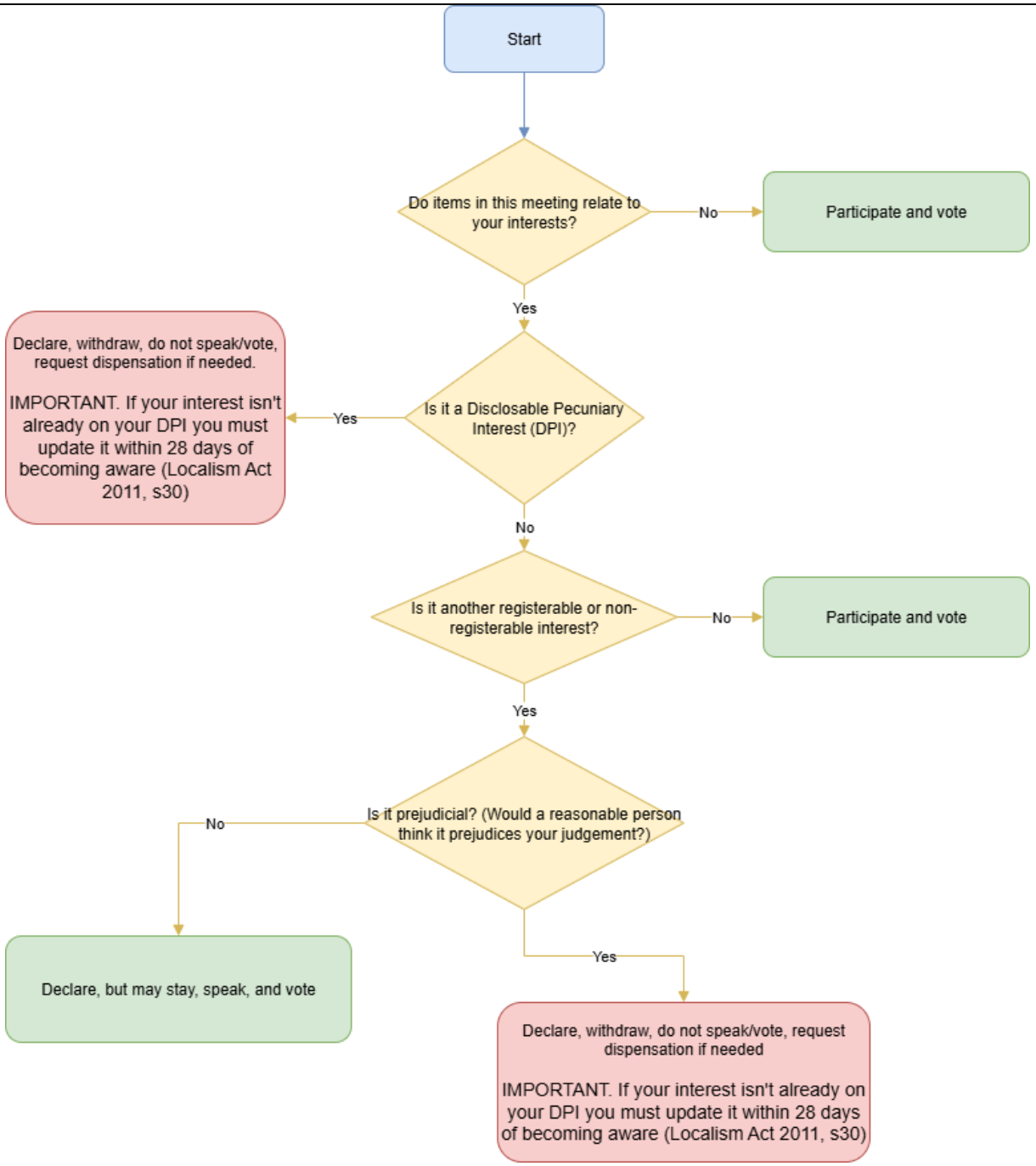
The Clerk will report any dispensations granted prior to the meeting.

Refer to Tables 1 and 2 in the Code of Conduct for further details about the types of interests which may apply.

If you think you need to request a dispensation, the process is included within the Dispensation Request Form.docx.

The table below provides a summary of what your responsibilities are depending on the type of interest declared.

Type of Interest	Declare at Meeting?	Stay for Debate?	Vote?	Withdraw?	Notes
DPI (registered or not)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Must declare and withdraw, unless dispensation granted
Other/Non-Registerable (not prejudicial)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Declare, but may participate fully
Other/Non-Registerable (prejudicial)	Yes	No (except to speak if public can)	No	Yes	Declare, may speak if public can, then withdraw
With Dispensation	Yes	As specified	As specified	As specified	Dispensation may allow limited participation



Recommendation

That the Council notes the declarations made in relation to the business of the meeting.

Reason for Recommendation

Recording declarations at the meeting ensures transparency, compliance with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct, and adherence to statutory obligations.

(End)

RA3.4 Minutes

(7:23 pm) To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee (14th September 2026). (2 min)

Decision Item

Report Author: Operations Manager

Background

In approving draft minutes, the Council is concerned solely with whether the minutes accurately record the proceedings and resolutions of the relevant meeting.

It is immaterial whether individual Councillors were present at the meeting to which the minutes relate.

If any corrections are necessary due to inaccuracies, amendments must be approved by formal resolution before the minutes are signed.

Recommendation

That the minutes of 14th September 2026 be approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken.

(End)

RA3.5 Report for Information

(7:25 pm) To receive reports pertaining to the work of the Committee. (10 min)

Receive and note

Report Author: Operations Manager

Summary

Reports provided within this item are to be received, they provide updates on decisions already taken by the Council or its Committee and actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation (where not previously reported). Any actions marked as complete at the last point of reporting will be removed from the list for conciseness.

Report by Operations Manager September 2026 – November 2026

CORN EXCHANGE

A final walkthrough has been carried out by the Operations Manager, the Council's Architect and the contractors. A few minor issues were highlighted which the contractors will put right and new hinges and a damper will be fitted to the kitchen hatch.

PARK ROAD

The Cricket Club are looking at the potential for installing solar panels to the pavilion.

PLAY AREAS

All the work on replacing the surfacing and adding replacement equipment has been completed.

TOWN

The planters are in the process of being removed.

TREES

Tree works has started and this includes work highlighted in the survey. The survey has not raised a large amount of major works but a meeting with the DC Tree officer to discuss work to protected trees has been held.

CEMETERY

Works on decorating the chapel have started.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All Risk assessments, COSSH folder, method statements and policies continue to be monitored.

VANDALISM

September 2026 – November 2026

Date	Location	Remarks
14 September	Skate Park	Broken Glass
28 September	M&H Toilets	Door damaged
30 September	Skate Park	Graffiti
02 October	Skate Park	Broken Glass
06 October	M& Ham Toilets	Toilet blocked
14 October	Skate Park	Broken Glass
19 October	Railway Arches	Graffiti (Cleaned).
24 October	Tabernacle Toilet	Toilet Blocked
26 October	Railway Arches	Broken Glass
28 October	Skate Park	Broken Glass

Evidence of drug use and rough sleeping at public toilets at various times throughout the period (Police aware).

(End)

Recommendation

That the reports are received and any points of note are identified for future meetings of the committee or for action by officers of the Council.

(End)

RA3.6 Finance Report and Budget

(7:30 pm) To receive financial monitoring information and consider budget requirements for the coming year (30 mins)

Decision Item

Report Author: Responsible Financial Officer

Summary

The following reports are attached for information:

- Revenue Budget Monitoring Report
- Review of Earmarked Reserves
- Reserve Accounts

Members are invited to review the information provided and note any significant variances, reserve movements, or other matters of relevance to future financial planning.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

	2026/27				
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Budget Variance	Status
INCOME					
Corn Exchange	34,100	19,892	40,779	20,887	Over-Budget
Woodhouse Gardens	5,000	2,917	3,694	777	Over-Budget
Larksmead	1,500	875	2,188	1,313	Over-Budget
Cemetery	16,000	9,333	15,728	6,395	Over-Budget
Sundries	3,950	2,304	7,917	5,613	Over-Budget
Park Road		0	1,921	0	Over-Budget
Skate park	0	0	400	400	Over-Budget
R & A Income	60,550	35,321	72,628	35,386	Over-Budget
EXPENDITURE					
Vehicles	14,160	8,260	6,559	(1,701)	Under-budget
Corn Exchange	78,200	45,617	61,878	16,261	Over-Budget
Woodhouse Gardens	4,966	2,897	2,648	(249)	Under-budget
Larksmead	2,000	1,167	2,375	1,209	Over-Budget
Recreation Ground (Barnes Trust)	42,671	24,891	18,015	(6,877)	Under-budget
Glenmore Workshop	10,110	5,898	5,414	(484)	Under-budget
Cemetery	7,854	5,091	4,216	(875)	Under-budget
Park Road EVCPs	1,000	583	2,542	1,959	Over-Budget
Langton	450	263	96	(167)	Under-budget
Skatepark	3,725	2,173	2,778	(327)	Over-Budget
Sundries	20,350	11,871	18,303	6,432	Over-Budget
R & A Totals	185,486	108,710	124,824	15,182	Over-Budget
TOTAL (NET COST)	124,936	73,389	52,196	(20,204)	Under-budget

Note
Over budget figure positive variance
Under budget negative variance ( )

SUMMARY

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Budget Variance	
VEHICLE RUNNING COSTS	14,160	8,260	6,559	(1,701)	On Target
CEMETERY	(8,146)	(4,242)	(11,512)	(7,270)	On Target
LARKSMEAD	500	292	187	(105)	On Target
PARK ROAD	1,000	583	621	38	Over-Budget
CORN EXCHANGE	44,100	25,725	21,099	(4,626)	On Target
RECREATION GROUND(Trust)	42,671	24,891	18,015	(6,877)	On Target
GLENMORE WORKSHOP	10,110	5,898	5,414	(484)	On Target
WOODHOUSE GARDENS	(34)	(20)	(1,046)	(1,026)	On Target
SUNDRIES	16,400	9,567	10,386	819	Over-Budget
LANGTON ROAD	450	263	96	(167)	On Target
SKATEPARK	3,725	2,173	2,378	(727)	Over-Budget
R & A BUDGET	124,936	73,389	52,196	(22,125)	On Target
Total	**124,936**	**73,389**	**52,196**	**(22,125)**	On Target

Overall departments are operating within budget at this point. The exceptions being; Park Road which is due to the timing of invoices; Sundries – the PHS waste contract which is billed at the beginning of the year and the Green Waste removal is already at £1,300 against the annual budget of £750. This has been offset, in part, by the allotment rental income – which will need to be paid over to the Allotment Association – and the allotment maintenance fee increase from £5 per plot to £10 per plot. The Skatepark is showing as over budget due to the 12 month spread of the budget but the one-off nature of the Skatefest event.

REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES

The EMR show a considerable increase following the receipt of the Persimmon funds for phase 3 of Badbury Heights development. Members are asked to consider the budget requirement for 2027/28.

Please see following page for current year position.

Cont…

			Balance as at 31/3/26	Income & Transfer of funds	Budget 2026/27	Total Reserves	Spend YTD		Committed YTD	Current Balance	Proposed budget 2027/28
1060		Allotment - ring fenced charges	4,317	0	0	4,317	580	1		3,738	
1062		Allotment - site transfer	14,136	0		14,136				14,136	
10610	2014	B/Heights Phase 1 - POS - S106	41,229	0	0	41,229	2,716	3		38,513	
10620	Transfe-rred 2018	B/Heights Phase 2 - POS - S106	16,433	0	0	16,433	2,351	4		14,083	
10621		B/Heights Phase 2 - Playarea Maint - S106	2,257	0	0	2,257				2,257	
10630		B/Heights Phase 3A -POS - AREA 1 (20 years) - S106	12,109	192,904	0	205,013				205,013	
10631		B/Heights Phase 3A -POS - AREA 2 (20 years) -S106	50,966	0	0	50,966				50,966	
10632		B/Heights Phase 3A -POS - AREA 3 (20 years) - S106	57,443	0	0	57,443				57,443	
10633		B/Heights Phase 3A -POS - AREA 4 (20 years) - S106	24,484	0	0	24,484				24,484	
10634		B/Heights Phase 3A -COM SUM - LAP (20 years) - S106	34,900	0	0	34,900				34,900	
10635		B/Heights Phase 3A -COM SUM - LEAP (20 years) - S106	172,441	0	0	172,441				172,441	
10636		B/Heights Phase 3A -COM SUM - NEAP (20 years) - S106	113,458	0	0	113,458				113,458	
10637		B/Heights Phase 3A -CAP SUM - LAP - S106	9,978	0	0	9,978				9,978	
10638		B/Heights Phase 3A -CAP SUM - LEAP -S106	52,801	0	0	52,801				52,801	
10639		B/Heights Phase 3A -CAP SUM - NEAP -S106	116,944	0	0	116,944				116,944	
10640		B/Heights Public Arts - S106	13,012	0	0	13,012				13,012	
10642		B/Heights Tree Buffer Contribution		7,040	0	7,040				7,040	
1060		Planned Preventative Maint (PPM)	3,195	20,000	20,000	23,195	9,330	2		13,866	
1061		Cemetery Chapel (PPM)	11,420	1,000	1,000	12,420				12,420	
1062		Cemetery Workshop (PPM)	13,000	1,000	1,000	14,000				14,000	
1063		Pumptrack		50,000		50,000				50,000	
1064		Cemetery Wall	32,654	0	0	32,654				32,654	
1065		Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)	3,134	900	900	4,034				4,034	
1067		Play Area Fencing & Surfacing	16,037	0	0	16,037				16,037	
1068		Larksmead Outdoor Fitness	2,000	0	0	2,000				2,000	
1070		Seat Replacement	1,696	0	0	1,696				1,696	
1071		Skatefest	357	0	0	357				357	
1072		Community Fridge	857	0		857				857	
1075		Tree Survey & Works (5 Years)	21,733	0	0	21,733				21,733	
1080		H & S Works Memorials	1,263	0	0	1,263				1,263	
1090		Woodhouse Garden Wall Repairs	22,505	0	0	22,505	8,650	5		13,855	
			866,759	272,844	22,900	1,139,603	23,626		0	1,115,977	0

Spend — **Committed**

1	Grant given to allotments		579.95
2	Removal of Football Pavilion soffits		9329.50
3	Salary transfers	2350.51	
	Play area inspection	95.65	
	Tidy Gardens - clear overgrown hedges	270.00	
			2716.16
4	Salary transfers		2350.55
5	Moslac repairs in Woodhouse Gardens		8650.00
			23626.16

Reserve Accounts as at 30th September 2026

Nominal Code(s)	Standard Asset Replacement Accruals	Responsible Committee	Opening Balances	In year movement In	In year movements out	Current Balance as at	Sub Totals
			£				£
1300	IT	F & S	27,633.68			27,633.68	
1305	Skate park	R & A	63,952.91	20,000.00	11,746.05	72,206.86	
1310	General Play Equipment	R & A	69,555.92		21,485.95	48,069.97	
1315	Maintenance Equipment Replacement	R & A	18,122.23			18,122.23	
1320	Vehicle Replacement	R & A	28,754.50	10,000.00		38,754.50	
1325	Tractor Replacement	R & A	21,090.40			21,090.40	
1330	Mower Replacement	R & A	45,572.67		2,398.75	43,173.92	
1340	CCTV / ANPR	T & GP	46,930.41		3,190.97	43,739.44	
1345	Benches	T/C	10,000.00			10,000.00	
1350	Glenmore Depot	R & A	61,138.68			61,138.68	
1351	B/Heights Play Equipment	R & A	14,816.13			14,816.13	
1352	B/Heights Maintenance Equipment Replacement	R & A	19,918.69			19,918.69	
			427,486.22	**30,000.00**	**38,821.72**	**418,664.50**	**418,664.50**
	Earmarked Accounts		-	-		-	
1020	T & GP Town Maps	T&GP	3,282.77		206.12	3,076.65	
1030	T & GP Tourism	T&GP	2,200.91			2,200.91	
1035	T & GP Twinning	T&GP	1,302.81		576.50	726.31	
1040	T & GP Town Improvements	T&GP	2,089.49	1,000.00		3,089.49	
1135	Railway Arches	T & GP	2,657.06	2,000.00		4,657.06	
			11,533.04	**3,000.00**	**782.62**	**13,750.42**	**13,750.42**
10510	R & A B/Heights Phase 1 POS	R&A	41,229.15		2,716.16	38,512.99	
10520	R & A B/Heights Phase 2 POS	R&A	16,433.23		2,350.55	14,082.68	
10521	R & A B/Heights Phase 2 - Play area com Sums	R&A	2,257.43			2,257.43	
10530	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	12,108.55	192,903.70		205,012.25	
10531	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	50,966.32			50,966.32	
10532	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	57,442.93			57,442.93	
10533	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	24,483.78			24,483.78	
10534	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	34,900.27			34,900.27	
10535	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	172,440.51			172,440.51	
10536	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	113,457.57			113,457.57	
10537	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	9,978.26			9,978.26	
10538	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	52,801.28			52,801.28	
10539	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	116,943.53			116,943.53	
10540	R & A B/Heights Phase 3	R&A	13,011.55			13,011.55	
10542	R & A B/Heights Phase 3 tree buffer contribution		-	7,040.33		7,040.33	
			718,454.36	**199,944.03**	**5,066.71**	**913,331.68**	**913,331.68**

Nominal Code(s)	Standard Asset Replacement Accruals	Responsible Committee	Opening Balances	In year movement In	In year movements out	Current Balance as at	Sub Totals
1060	R & A Plan Preventative Maintenance	R & A	3,195.00	20,000.00	9,329.50	13,865.50	
1061	R & A Cemetery Chapel	R & A	11,420.00	1,000.00		12,420.00	
1062	R & A Cemetery Workshop	R & A	13,000.00	1,000.00		14,000.00	
1063	R & A Pumptrack	R & A		50,000.00		50,000.00	
1064	R & A Cemetery Wall	R & A	32,654.49			32,654.49	
1065	R & A DDA	R & A	3,133.81	900.00		4,033.81	
1067	R & A Play area fencing & surfacing	R & A	16,036.66			16,036.66	
1068	R & A Larksmead Outdoor fitness/equipment repairs and maintenance	R & A	2,000.00			2,000.00	
1070	R & A Seat Repairs and maintenance	R & A	1,695.85			1,695.85	
1071	R & A Skate Fest	R & A	356.72			356.72	
1072	R & A Community Fridge	R & A	857.22			857.22	
1075	R & A 5 Year Tree Survey	R & A	21,733.20			21,733.20	
1080	R & A H&S Mem Cemetary	R & A	1,263.00			1,263.00	
1090	R & A Woodhouse Garden Wall Repairs	R & A	22,505.00		8,650.00	13,855.00	
			129,850.95	**72,900.00**	**17,979.50**	**184,771.45**	**184,771.45**
	Other Earmarked Accounts					-	
1001	Earmarked Interest	F & S	4,795.40	6,447.00		11,242.40	
1002	Property Fund Dividend	F & S	58,798.49			58,798.49	
1003	Office relocation		16,538.84			16,538.84	
1005	Election Costs	T/C	8,266.95			8,266.95	
1006	Youth Services	T/C	10,726.03			10,726.03	
1009	BFTC Commemoration Group	T/C	354.63			354.63	
1010	Capital Interest	F & S	119,677.66	31,403.86		151,081.52	
1011	Cricket Club path/Land North of By pass	T/C	3,222.98			3,222.98	
1013	Neighbourhood Plan	T/C	3,760.36	25.72	661.95	3,124.13	
1017	Woodhouse Garden	T/C	19,981.67			19,981.67	
1019	St Peter & St Paul's Churchyard (Listed Wall & Town Pump)	T & GP	43,824.48			43,824.48	
1050	Allotments	R&A	4,317.46		579.95	3,737.51	
1052	Allotments transfer		14,136.00			14,136.00	
1335	Civic Regalia	F & S	11,925.32		2,440.88	9,484.44	
1195	Improvements to Market Area	T/C	69,000.00			69,000.00	

Nominal Code(s)	Standard Asset Replacement Accruals	Responsible Committee	Opening Balances	In year movement In	In year movements out	Current Balance as at	Sub Totals
1500	General Reserves	T/C	230,099.16	45,475.50		275,574.66	
			619,425.43	**83,352.08**	**3,682.78**	**699,094.73**	**699,094.73**
	Capital Projects					-	
1105	Corn Exchange	T/C	167,161.28		11,507.48	155,653.80	
1110	Corn Exchange Promotions Group	T/C	3,548.62		3,326.94	221.68	
1115	Corn Exchange Project Development	T/C	177,928.83			177,928.83	
1117	PWLB repayments		153,693.20	100,000.00	62,067.20	191,626.00	
		-	**502,331.93**	**100,000.00**	**76,901.62**	**525,430.31**	**525,430.31**
						-	**2,755,043.09**
	Total Reserves		**2,409,081.93**	489,196.11	143,234.95	2,755,043.09	

Recommendation

That the Committee receives and notes the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report, Review of Earmarked Reserves, and Reserve Accounts.

(End)

RA3.7 Dog Bin

(8:00 pm) To consider placing a dog waste bin between Larksmead and Angus Close (10 mins)

Decision Item

Report Author: Operations Manager

Summary and Background information

A request has been received through Cllr Byron Quayle for the installation of a dog waste bin between Larksmead and Angus Close. The request has been referred to the Committee for consideration due to the potential ongoing revenue costs associated with providing and maintaining an additional waste bin.

The Town Council currently provides dog waste bins at the following locations:

Four at Badbury Heights.

One at Elizabeth Road Allotments

Financial Implication

Emptying the proposed dog waste bin would cost £6.42 per week for a once-weekly collection, equivalent to £333.84 per year over 52 weeks. If emptied twice per week at the same rate per collection, the annual cost would be £667.68. These ongoing costs are additional to the one-off purchase and installation cost below.

The cost of purchasing and installing a new bin is £150.00 approx. depending on its installation location, i.e. if it is pole installed this would cost more.

The existing budget line used to pay Dorset Council for bin emptying would need to be increased by £333.84 per year for a once-weekly collection, or £667.68 per year for twice-weekly collections, depending on the frequency agreed for the new bin.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors decide whether to install a new dog bin.

(End)

RA3.8 **Market Square and Sheep Market Hill – Litter Bin Locations**

(8:10 pm) To consider location of litter bins in the Market Square and Sheep Market Hill. (10 mins)

Decision Item

Report Author: Town Clerk

Background

Comments have been received about three litter bins located next to seating areas in the Market Square and at the bottom of Sheep Market Hill. Concerns relate to their appearance and occasional odours when bins become full during warmer weather.

Considerations

The bins are owned and maintained by Dorset Council, which is responsible for their location, servicing and maintenance.

The Committee may make representations to Dorset Council if it wishes. However, any decision to relocate the bins would be a matter for Dorset Council.

The current locations place bins close to seating areas where food, drink and other waste are likely to be generated. This provides a convenient means of disposal and may help discourage littering.

While concerns have been raised by some members of the public, no evidence has been gathered to indicate whether these views are representative of the wider community.

Members may wish to consider whether the concerns relate primarily to the location of the bins or to occasions when bins become full before they are emptied.

Relocating the bins could reduce their visual impact and any associated odour. However, it may also make waste disposal less convenient and increase the likelihood of littering or requests for replacement bins closer to seating areas.

Recommendation

The Committee notes the comments received regarding litter bins in the Market Square and Sheep Market Hill and makes no representation to Dorset Council regarding their current locations.

Reason for Recommendation

Dorset Council is responsible for the location and management of the bins, and no evidence has been gathered to indicate that the concerns raised are representative of wider community views.

(End)