

MINUTES OF THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.00pm

The meeting took place in a virtual environment using “Zoom” video conferencing technology and members of the public and press were given the opportunity to observe or participate in the meeting.

PRESENT: Cllr Jeremy Heron (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Andy Briers
Cllr Philip Day
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr Gloria O’Reilly
Cllr Tony Ring

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk
Nicola Vodden, Meetings Administrator
Rory Fitzgerald, Finance Manager
Cllr Gareth Deboos
Cllr Glenys Turner

ABSENT: None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Director of Rural Market Town Group addressed Members and invited the Council to join. He outlined the origins of the voluntary organisation and the benefits it seeks to provide to member market towns across England. It provides a source of information and advice, forms topic groups to identify similar issues for market towns and provides representations from a rural viewpoint. The Chairman thanked him for the information and indicated that subscription to the group would be considered by the Committee at a later stage.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021, having been circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

F/5899

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Members considered the financial reports presented as *Annex A*.

The RFO reported that the first instalment of the Precept had been received and a transfer to CCLA would follow, as indicated in the bank balance/transfer request report.

The final accounts were near to being closed and there was expected to be a slightly larger transfer to the General Reserve (£12,000) than indicated in the revised budget (£5,700), an increase of around £7,000. The variation mostly related to transfers to and from reserves and the receipts from NFDC, in the form of CIL money and covid relief grant.

Two matters remained outstanding and the RFO requested guidance on how to proceed. It was intended that the cost of the Christmas Tree would be offset by the proceeds from events, however due to the pandemic, they did not proceed as planned and there is a deficit on the Events budget. Members agreed that this be met by the Events Reserve.

In addition, it had been expected that the overspend on the Grants budget for provision of the Covid business packs, would have been met by central government funding, however this had not been forthcoming. Members agreed that Cllr Heron would follow this up, but in order to finalise the accounts, that this be met from NFDC's covid relief grant.

The Chairman commented that issues will arise due to future development in the town and suggested consideration be given to a plan for CIL receipts. This money can be used for infrastructure projects and could provide an opportunity to consider major proposals and make a real impact. It was also noted that developers' plans do not deliver on formal open space or on-site community facilities, so this may be mitigated by way of financial contributions.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the list of cheque payments on the Imprest account for March be authorised;
- 2) That Cllr Heron's verification of the bank reconciliation up to the end of March be noted;
- 3) That a payment of £3.69 from petty cash and the balance at the end of March of £165.80 be noted;
- 4) That the Statement of Town Council Balances be received and the Inter Account Transfers be authorised;
- 5) That arrangements be made for the finance reports (including the bank reconciliation) to be signed by the Chairman and one other Member following the meeting;
- 6) That the Finance Manager's budgetary monitoring report and the draft budget outturn position be noted;
- 7) That the deficit on Ringwood Events be funded from the Events Reserve; and
- 8) That the overspend on the grants budget be met from the covid grant received from NFDC, in the absence of alternative funding.

ACTION R Fitzgerald

F/5900

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Members considered a Motion proposed by Cllrs Day and Deboos, pursuant to Rule 9, that:

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“Standing Order 5 (f) which reads ‘No person shall be eligible for election as Chairman of the Council if that person has served two consecutive terms as Chairman of the Council immediately prior to such election’ be deleted”.

Cllr Day explained the reasons for proposing the motion and that this would enable all councillors to put themselves forward for the role of Town Mayor at the forthcoming Annual Council meeting on 5th May 2021. Members agreed that the motion be carried.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 5(f) be deleted.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald

**F/5901
OPEN SPACES**

The Chairman expressed his concern that this expense had not been accounted for in the normal budgeting process. He requested that all are mindful of this going forward, to ensure that all priorities are included in the budget.

Members considered a recommendation from Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee, made on 7th April 2021, for additional funding for the proposed works at Castleman Way public open space, of £1,300, and this was approved (*OS/6056 refers*)

RESOLVED: That additional funding of £1,300 for proposed works at Castleman Way public open space be approved.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald

**F/5902
CLEANING AT CARVERS CLUBHOUSE**

Members considered a recommendation from Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee on 7th April 2021 that the reasonable cost of cleaning the tarmac at Carvers Clubhouse be funded from the Buildings Maintenance Reserve (*OS/6054 refers*).

The Town Clerk indicated that any call on reserves is referred to this Committee for approval and the revised cost of the proposed work would be approximately £1,200.

RESOLVED: That the reasonable cost of cleaning the tarmac at Carvers Clubhouse, up to £1,200, be funded from the Buildings Maintenance Reserve.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald / C Bennett

**F/5903
DETACHED YOUTH WORK**

The Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee requested that officers prepare a report on detached youth work (*Annex B*) and it be referred to this Committee for consideration.

The additional £4,000 requested would cover this year’s costs and thereafter, if taken forward, the required amount would be built into the base budget for youth provision. Members felt this was an important service and agreed the additional budget.

RESOLVED: That officers engage Organisation A (Groundworks) to provide the service described in Annex B and £4,000 be added to the budget to cover the cost of detached youth work.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald / C Bennett

F/5904

ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACTS

Members considered the Town Clerk's report in relation to energy supply contracts (*Annex C*). There was a brief discussion and agreement that re-procurement should be explored. Members did not favour any of the selection criteria mentioned in the report and were happy for a suitable search across the whole market to be undertaken.

RESOLVED: That officers take steps to re-procure the supply contracts listed in *Annex C*, paragraph 2.2.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald

F/5905

COUNCIL'S AND/OR STAFF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members reviewed the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies (*Annex D*). The Town Clerk commented on the benefits of the HALC subscription to the Council, in relation to the cost of membership. Little use was made of the training and employment advice offered. Members agreed the HALC subscription should not be renewed.

In relation to the subscription to the Rural Market Town Group, referred to during the public participation section of the meeting, Members considered the benefits to the Council and decided to not take forward subscription to this group.

RESOLVED: That all Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies, listed in *Annex D* be renewed, save for HALC membership.

ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald

F/5906

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The Town Clerk indicated that this was a routine review of the Council's complaints procedure (*Annex E*) and there were no changes to report.

RESOLVED: That the review of the Council's complaints procedure be noted.

ACTION C Wilkins

F/5907

PROJECTS

The Town Clerk reported that all projects approved as part of the budget had been moved to the current projects report.

PF5 – Poulner Lakes Lease – Options are being investigated for the access road and will be brought before the Committee before negotiations on the lease are complete, as maintenance required may be significant.

RESOLVED: That the update in respect of projects (*Annex F*) be noted.

ACTION C Wilkins

F/5908

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were excluded because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature.

ACTION C Wilkins

F/5909

LEGAL MATTERS

Members considered the Town Clerk's report (*Confidential Annex G*) and provided guidance on how matters should proceed.

RESOLVED: 1) In relation to legal matter 1, authority is delegated to officers to settle the compensation claim;
2) In relation to legal matter 2, that the alleged breach be refuted and no action taken accordingly; and
3) In relation to legal matter 3, that the report about the application to remove land from the title be noted.

ACTION C Wilkins

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

RECEIVED
5th May 2021

APPROVED
19th May 2021

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

21st April 2021

Paid Expenditure Transactions

Start of year 01/04/20

paid between 01/03/21 and 31/03/21

Cheque	Paid date	Tn no	Order	Gross	Vat	Net	Cttee	Details	Heading
SO	01/03/21	1492		£80.00	£0.00	£80.00	P&F	TLC Online	Website maintenance March 2021 2000/1/14
DD	01/03/21	1493		£193.00	£0.00	£193.00	P&F	New Forest District Council	Carvers Clubhouse rates March 2021 2802/1/6
DD	01/03/21	1498		£7.50	£0.00	£7.50	P&F	Barclay Card	food purchases Carvers Café 2802/3/1
322	08/03/21	1442		£1,920.00	£320.00	£1,600.00	P&F	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee for 2019/20 financial year audit 2000/1/19
		1494/1		£145.20	£24.20	£121.00	P&F	Austin & Wyatt	Management Fee March 2021 2400/19
		1494/2		£11.40	£1.90	£9.50	P&F	Austin & Wyatt	Landlord Regulation Fee March 2021 2400/19
BGC (deduction)	12/03/21	1494		£156.60	£26.10	£130.50		Austin & Wyatt	Southampton road agent fees March 2400/19
BP	17/03/21	1443		£6,884.42	£0.00	£6,884.42	P&F	Hampshire County Council	Pensions February 2600/1/3
		1495/1		£492.00	£82.00	£410.00	P&F	VentilationLand	Air quality sensors for schools 2210/1
DD lloyds credit car	17/03/21	1495	RTC803947	£492.00	£82.00	£410.00		VentilationLand	Air quality sensors 2210/1
		1444/1		£600.22	£100.04	£500.18	PT&E	G W Shelter Solutions	To supply and fit replacement polycarbonate panel as per quote GWQ444 4000/1/4
323	18/03/21	1444	RTC803936	£600.22	£100.04	£500.18		G W Shelter Solutions	Bus Shelter - Eastfield Lane - replacement panel 4000/1/4
		1445/1		£34.99	£0.00	£34.99	RLOS	screwfix	Waterproof boots for Barney. 3000/1/5
324	18/03/21	1445	RTC803941	£34.99	£0.00	£34.99		screwfix	3000/1/5
		1446/1		£2,324.58	£387.43	£1,937.15	RLOS	Roadware Ltd	Replacement Litter bin programe,replacement bins 3000/2/17
332	18/03/21	1446	RTC803944	£2,324.58	£387.43	£1,937.15		Roadware Ltd	3000/2/17
		1447/1		£197.60	£32.94	£164.66	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	First two months rent for coffee machine 2802/3/1
		1447/2		-£150.00	£0.00	-£150.00	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	credit note 22721 per statement 2802/3/1
331	18/03/21	1447	RTC803965	£47.60	£32.94	£14.66		Taste Vending Ltd	First months rent plus rentin advance for coffee machine 22100 2802/3/1
		1448/1		£99.96	£16.66	£83.30	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	coffee for resale 2802/3/1
		1448/2		-£99.96	-£16.66	-£83.30	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	credit note 26500 2802/3/1
333	18/03/21	1448	RTC803901	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		Taste Vending Ltd	Coffee for resale 2802/3/1
330	18/03/21	1449		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	Machine rental april/may 2020 2802/3/1
	18/03/21	1450		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	Filter coffee for resale at Carver Clubhouse - cancelled 2802/3/1
325	18/03/21	1451		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	coffee machine rental February 2021 2802/3/1

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326	18/03/21	1452		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	Coffee machine rental April 2021 2802/3/1
327	18/03/21	1453		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	coffee machine rental March 2021 2802/3/1
328	18/03/21	1454		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	Coffee machine rental december 2020 2802/3/1
329	18/03/21	1455		£98.80	£16.47	£82.33	P&F	Taste Vending Ltd	Coffee machine rental May 2020 2802/3/1
		1456/1		£2,753.00	£0.00	£2,753.00	RLOS	Peter Wiseman	To supply soil and make up Bunds at Kingfisher Way. 3350/5
334	18/03/21	1456	RTC803954	£2,753.00	£0.00	£2,753.00		Peter Wiseman	Groundworks at Kingfisher Way 3350/5
		1457/1		£486.00	£81.00	£405.00	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim Inc VAT 9999
		1457/2		-£405.00	£0.00	-£405.00	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim ex vat 9999
335	18/03/21	1457		£81.00	£81.00	£0.00		Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury claim 9999
		1458/1		£5,690.00	£948.33	£4,741.67	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim inv VAT 9999
		1458/2		-£4,741.67	£0.00	-£4,741.67	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim ex Vat 9999
336	18/03/21	1458		£948.33	£948.33	£0.00		Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim 9999
		1459/1		£2,919.60	£486.60	£2,433.00	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim inc VAT 9999
		1459/2		-£2,433.00	£0.00	-£2,433.00	P&F	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	personal Injury Claim exc Vat 9999
337	18/03/21	1459		£486.60	£486.60	£0.00		Clyde & Co Claims LLP	Personal Injury Claim 9999
		1496/1		£4.99	£0.00	£4.99	P&F	Cash Banked - Carvers	Café purchases for re-sale 2802/3/1
		1496/2		£38.75	£0.00	£38.75	P&F	Cash Banked - Carvers	Club house purchases re Tiny Tots per CB memo 18/03/21 2802/2/1
csH dep part 2 of 2	18/03/21	1496		£43.74	£0.00	£43.74		Cash Banked - Carvers	Cash expenditure met from café takings 14/12/20 to 15/3/21per memo from CB 18/03/21 2802/3/1
DD	19/03/21	1517		£11.28	£0.53	£10.75	P&F	SSE Southern Electric	Market place electricity February 2021 2000/1/1
DD	19/03/21	1518		£2.16	£0.00	£2.16	P&F	Worldpay	Service Charges March 2021 2802/3/1
PAY	19/03/21	1522		£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Counc	Lloyds Bank	Client Account bank charges March 2021 10111
DD	22/03/21	1497		£312.82	£52.14	£260.68	P&F	EBS (UK) Ltd	Broadband line and call charges March 2021 2000/1/11
DD	22/03/21	1504		£5,806.21	£0.00	£5,806.21	P&F	Inland Revenue	Income tax and NI February 2021 payroll 2600/1/2
CCTN1088/5	23/03/21	1460		£104.78	£14.74	£90.04	P&F	Booker	Food supplies for Carvers Clubhouse 49365386, duplicate of TN 1088/3 2802/3/1
CCTN1088	23/03/21	1461		£40.99	£6.83	£34.16	P&F	Amazon	Duplicated in transaction 1088 2802/2/2
CCTN1088	23/03/21	1462		-£40.99	-£6.83	-£34.16	P&F	Amazon	Duplicated in transaction 1088 2802/2/2

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CCTN1355	23/03/21	1463		£79.95	£0.00	£79.95	P&F	Amazon	Sleigh for Christmas Gateway duplicated in transaction 1355 2400/9
CCTN1355	23/03/21	1464		-£79.95	£0.00	-£79.95	P&F	Amazon	Contra 1463, Sleigh for Christmas Gateway duplicated in transaction 1355 2400/9
CCTN1088/4	23/03/21	1465		£222.01	£37.00	£185.01	P&F	Booker	Order for carvers clubhouse 49195790 duplicated transaction 1088 2802/3/1
CCTN1088/4	23/03/21	1466		-£222.01	-£37.00	-£185.01	P&F	Booker	Contra 1465, Order for carvers clubhouse 49195790 duplicated transaction 1088 2802/3/1
CCTN1088/5	23/03/21	1468		-£104.78	-£14.74	-£90.04	P&F	Booker	Contra 1460, Food supplies for Carvers Clubhouse 49365386, duplicate of TN 1088/3 2802/3/1
		1469/1		£265.00	£0.00	£265.00	RLOS	DVLA	1 year - Tax Renewal - EF66 AVD - Main Ford Van 3000/3/2
CCTN1400/2	23/03/21	1469	RTC803897	£265.00	£0.00	£265.00		DVLA	Vehicle Tax EF66 AVD - Main Ford Van - duplicate transaction 1400 3000/3/2
		1470/1		-£265.00	£0.00	-£265.00	RLOS	DVLA	1 year - Tax Renewal - EF66 AVD - Main Ford Van 3000/3/2
CCTN1400/2	23/03/21	1470		-£265.00	£0.00	-£265.00		DVLA	Contra 1469, Vehicle Tax EF66 AVD - Main Ford Van - duplicate transaction 1400 3000/3/2
TN365	23/03/21	1471		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	P&F	Status Computers	Tablet device for Carvers Clubhouse paid on TN 365, 10/9/19 2000/1/15
TN304	23/03/21	1472		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	P&F	Tony Ring	50% of Mayor's Allowance paid 12/8/19 TN 304 2200/1/4
		1473/1		£240.00	£40.00	£200.00	RLOS	Pete Best	To remove 5 hung branches and other work as discussed on site as dangreous. 3000/2/11
338	23/03/21	1473	RTC803956	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00		Pete Best	Urgent tree works at The Bickerley 3000/2/11
339	23/03/21	1474		£528.00	£88.00	£440.00	RLOS	Pete Best	To carry out Tree work in Parish Church Yard as on tree safety inspection list. 3000/2/11
		1475/1		£165.40	£27.57	£137.83	RLOS	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	New seat and base plate with associated fittings for Freddie Frog (see your email dated 23/10/2020) 3000/2/16
		1475/2		£14.06	£2.34	£11.72	RLOS	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Carriage 3000/2/16
340	23/03/21	1475	RTC803840	£179.46	£29.91	£149.55		Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Parts for Freddie Frog - Toad Corner Play Area 3000/2/16
		1476/1		£88.80	£14.80	£74.00	P&F	Edge IT Systems Ltd	Epitaph training 2310/2
341	23/03/21	1476	RTC803967	£88.80	£14.80	£74.00		Edge IT Systems Ltd	Staff training 2310/2
342	23/03/21	1477		£18.00	£3.00	£15.00	RLOS	Insight Security & Facilities Ltd	Alarm response Tractor shed 24/01/21 3000/2/1

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343	23/03/21	1478		£336.00	£56.00	£280.00	P&F	Concentrate Limited	Ringwood website pdf uploads 2000/1/14
344	23/03/21	1479		£4,395.00	£0.00	£4,395.00	P&F	New Forest District Council	CCTV line rental costs 6 months 1/10/20 to 31/3/20 2400/15
345	23/03/21	1480		£212.74	£35.46	£177.28	P&F	Status Computers	Office 365 February 2021 2000/1/15
petty cash March	23/03/21	1502		£3.69	£0.00	£3.69	Counc	Ringwood Town Council	Petty Cash March 10000
		1481/1		£475.20	£79.20	£396.00	P&F	Epta Cold Service Ltd	Air Con and Heating Maintenance Contract 2802/1/1
348	24/03/21	1481	RTC803823	£475.20	£79.20	£396.00		Epta Cold Service Ltd	Air Conditioning and Heating Maintenance Contract 2802/1/1
		1482/1		£198.00	£33.00	£165.00	P&F	Status Computers	Backup Assist Support annual sub 2000/1/15
346	24/03/21	1482	RTC803922	£198.00	£33.00	£165.00		Status Computers	Backup software support subscription 2000/1/15
		1483/1		£1,548.00	£258.00	£1,290.00	P&F	Status Computers	Extra Toshiba laptop for office 2000/1/15
		1483/2		£17.12	£2.85	£14.27	P&F	Status Computers	1 x Endpoint Av ESET until 29/7 2000/1/15
347	24/03/21	1483	RTC803914	£1,565.12	£260.85	£1,304.27		Status Computers	Additional office laptop 2000/1/15
		1484/1		£90.00	£15.00	£75.00	P&F	RFS Technology	Greenways Annual Fire Service - Grd Floor 2100/1
		1484/2		£90.00	£15.00	£75.00	P&F	RFS Technology	Greenways Annual Fires Service - 1st Floor 2100/2
349	25/03/21	1484	RTC803874	£180.00	£30.00	£150.00		RFS Technology	Greenways Annual Fire Service 2100/1
PAY (DD)	25/03/21	1499		£23,424.59	£0.00	£23,424.59	P&F	Salaries	Salaries March 2021 2600/1/1
PAY	26/03/21	1519		£20.10	£0.00	£20.10	P&F	Lloyds Bank	Service charges March 2021 2000/1/18
		1485/1		£166.00	£0.00	£166.00	P&F	Rory Fitzgerald	CIPFA membership for period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 2000/1/16
350	29/03/21	1485	RTC803976	£166.00	£0.00	£166.00		Rory Fitzgerald	Professional Membership of CIPFA 2000/1/16
		1486/1		£119.99	£20.00	£99.99	RLOS	screwfix	Cordless Pressure washer for washing Cemetery memorials. 3000/3/1
351	29/03/21	1486	RTC803979	£119.99	£20.00	£99.99		screwfix	3000/3/1
		1487/1		£37.95	£6.32	£31.63	RLOS	screwfix	5 new taaps 4 for Southampton road allotments and 1 for Hightown road. 3300/2/1
352	29/03/21	1487	RTC803978	£37.95	£6.32	£31.63		screwfix	3300/2/1
		1488/1		£9.99	£1.66	£8.33	RLOS	screwfix	Heavy Duty Staples for Staple gun 3000/3/1
353	29/03/21	1488	RTC803953	£9.99	£1.66	£8.33		screwfix	3000/3/1
354	29/03/21	1489		£212.74	£35.46	£177.28	P&F	Status Computers	Office 365 licences March 2021 2000/1/15
		1503/1		£5.99	£0.99	£5.00	P&F	Barclay Card	Gifts for staff team walking challenge 2000/2/1

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		1503/2		£7.99	£0.00	£7.99	P&F	Barclay Card	Facebook Campaign re Carvers Clubhouse 2802/2/1
		1503/3		£109.11	£18.19	£90.92	P&F	Barclay Card	Play equipment for Carvers Clubhouse 2802/2/1
		1503/4		£39.54	£6.59	£32.95	P&F	Barclay Card	Play equipment for Carvers Clubhouse - order completion 2802/2/1
DD	29/03/21	1503		£162.63	£25.77	£136.86		Barclay Card	Youth Services and Events Credit card bill March 2021 2000/2/1
355	30/03/21	1490		£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	P&F	Forest Forge Theatre Group	Discretionary Grant February P&F minte F/5880 2210/1
356	30/03/21	1491		£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	P&F	New Forest Disability Information Service	Discretionary Grant February P&F minute F/5880 2210/1
		1505/1		£30.00	£5.00	£25.00	P&F	Central Southern Security	New 12v 7 amp battery Carvers 2802/1/1
		1505/2		£78.00	£13.00	£65.00	RLOS	Central Southern Security	Annual maintenance of CCTV system, Cemetery 3200/2/1
357	31/03/21	1505		£108.00	£18.00	£90.00		Central Southern Security	CCTV maintenance 2802/1/1
		1506/1		£204.60	£34.10	£170.50	RLOS	Barriers Direct	Padlocks for gates Bollards etc. 3000/2/3
358	31/03/21	1506	RTC803969	£204.60	£34.10	£170.50		Barriers Direct	11 padlocks keyed alike 3000/2/3
		1507/1		£72.00	£12.00	£60.00	P&F	Southern Gas Services Ltd	Bath tap repair 2100/3
359	31/03/21	1507	RTC803948	£72.00	£12.00	£60.00		Southern Gas Services Ltd	Plumbing repair 2100/3
		1508/1		£70.78	£0.00	£70.78	P&F	Bournemouth Water Business Services	Water carvers Clubhouse 2802/1/4
		1508/2		-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	P&F	Bournemouth Water Business Services	Water discount per B'mouth water March 2021 2802/1/4
361	31/03/21	1508		£50.78	£0.00	£50.78		Bournemouth Water Business Services	water Carvrs Clubhouse 2802/1/4
		1509/1		£448.62	£0.00	£448.62	RLOS	Bournemouth Water Business Services	Water bill November 2020 3000/1/8
		1509/2		-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	RLOS	Bournemouth Water Business Services	Water bill discount per B'mouth water March 2020 3000/1/8
361	31/03/21	1509		£428.62	£0.00	£428.62		Bournemouth Water Business Services	Mount Pleasant sports Ground Water 3000/1/8
		1510/1		£118.20	£19.70	£98.50	RLOS	Site Safety Ltd	Work clothes and Work boots for Kelvin Stephen and Duncan. 3000/1/5
362	31/03/21	1510	RTC803970	£118.20	£19.70	£98.50		Site Safety Ltd	Work clothes (order 803970 split over 2 transactions) 3000/1/5
		1511/1		£148.90	£24.82	£124.08	PT&E	O'NeillHomer	OS VectorMap for Ringwood 4000/1/6
363 pt1	31/03/21	1511	RTC803964	£148.90	£24.82	£124.08		O'NeillHomer	Mapping for Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan 4000/1/6



Paid Expenditure Transactions

Start of year 01/04/20



paid between 01/03/21 and 31/03/21

Cheque	Paid date	Tn no	Order	Gross	Vat	Net	Cttee	Details	Heading	
		1512/1		£330.00	£55.00	£275.00	PT&E	ONeillHomer	Inception Meeting 0.5 days @ £550 per day	4000/1/6
		1512/2		£990.00	£165.00	£825.00	PT&E	ONeillHomer	Preparation of Action Plan 1.5 days @ £550 per day	4000/1/6
		1512/3		£660.00	£110.00	£550.00	PT&E	ONeillHomer	Follow up actions 1 day @ £550 per day	4000/1/6
		1512/4		£60.00	£10.00	£50.00	PT&E	ONeillHomer	Travel for Town Centre follow up actions	4000/1/6
363 pt2	31/03/21	1512	RTC803977	£2,040.00	£340.00	£1,700.00		ONeillHomer	Consultancy Services for Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan	4000/1/6
		1513/1		£50.78	£2.42	£48.36	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	Electricity February 2021	3000/1/1
		1513/2		£2.40	£0.40	£2.00	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	UW Club membership February 021	3000/1/1
DD	31/03/21	1513		£53.18	£2.82	£50.36		Utility Warehouse	Sports Pavilion Electricity February 21	3000/1/1
		1514/1		£32.77	£5.46	£27.31	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	Grounds staff phones March 2021	3000/1/6
		1514/2		£31.20	£5.20	£26.00	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	Cemetery land line & Broadband March 2021	3200/1/6
		1514/3		£132.14	£6.29	£125.85	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	Cemetery Electricity February 2021	3200/1/1
		1514/4		£2.40	£0.40	£2.00	RLOS	Utility Warehouse	Cemetery UW club fee March 2021	3200/1/1
DD	31/03/21	1514		£198.51	£17.35	£181.16		Utility Warehouse	Cemetery February 2021	3000/1/6
		1515/1		£11.20	£1.87	£9.33	P&F	Utility Warehouse	Mobile phone March 2021	2802/2/5
		1515/2		£31.20	£5.20	£26.00	P&F	Utility Warehouse	Carvers Clubhouse Landline & Broadband March 21	2802/2/5
		1515/3		£225.79	£10.76	£215.03	P&F	Utility Warehouse	Carvers Clubhouse Electricity February 2021	2802/1/3
		1515/4		£2.40	£0.40	£2.00	P&F	Utility Warehouse	Carvers Clubhouse UW club fe March 2021	2802/1/3
DD	31/03/21	1515		£270.59	£18.23	£252.36		Utility Warehouse	Carvers Clubhouse Utility Warehouse March	2802/2/5
DD	31/03/21	1516		£356.56	£59.42	£297.14	P&F	British Gas	Greenways gas to 5th March 21	2100/1
DEP31-3pt1	31/03/21	1520		£5.60	£0.00	£5.60	P&F	Iceland	Carvers Clubhouse café supplies	2802/3/1
Total				£61,415.39	£3,921.80	£57,493.59				

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Imprest - Lloyds Bank

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Statement Number	20	Bank Statement No.	20
Statement Opening Balance	£100,534.44	Opening Date	01/03/21
Statement Closing Balance	£104,755.32	Closing Date	31/03/21
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£104,655.32		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/03/21	DD	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	200.50	0.00	100,333.94
01/03/21	FPI	Cllr P Day	0.00	100.00	100,433.94
01/03/21	SO	TLC Online	80.00	0.00	100,353.94
02/03/21	BGC	CCLA Investment Management Ltd	0.00	14.71	100,368.65
08/03/21	322	PKF Littlejohn LLP	1,920.00	0.00	98,448.65
10/03/21	chq dep 10/03/21 #1	I.N. Newmans	0.00	730.00	99,178.65
10/03/21	chq dep 10/03/21 #2	Tappers	0.00	65.00	99,243.65
10/03/21	chq dep 10/03/21 #3	Funeral Services Ltd	0.00	730.00	99,973.65
10/03/21	chq dep 10/03/21 #4	Head & Wheble Funeral Directors	0.00	140.00	100,113.65
10/03/21	chq dep 10/03/21 #5	Head & Wheble Funeral Directors	0.00	65.00	100,178.65
11/03/21	BGC	Executors of E D Weaving Deceased	0.00	54.00	100,232.65
11/03/21	FPI	Executors of D M Pickles Deceased	0.00	54.00	100,286.65
12/03/21	BGC	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	0.00	1,380.00	101,666.65
12/03/21	BGC (deduction)	Austin & Wyatt	156.60	0.00	101,510.05
17/03/21	BGC	Poulner Junior School	0.00	3,459.00	104,969.05
17/03/21	BP	Hampshire County Council	6,884.42	0.00	98,084.63
17/03/21	DD lloyds credit car	VentilationLand	492.00	0.00	97,592.63
17/03/21	FPI	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	0.00	380.00	97,972.63
18/03/21		Taste Vending Ltd	0.00	0.00	97,972.63
18/03/21	323	G W Shelter Solutions	600.22	0.00	97,372.41
18/03/21	324	screwfix	34.99	0.00	97,337.42
18/03/21	325	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	97,238.62
18/03/21	326	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	97,139.82
18/03/21	327	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	97,041.02
18/03/21	328	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	96,942.22
18/03/21	329	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	96,843.42
18/03/21	330	Taste Vending Ltd	98.80	0.00	96,744.62
18/03/21	331	Taste Vending Ltd	47.60	0.00	96,697.02

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18/03/21	332	Roadware Ltd	2,324.58	0.00	94,372.44
18/03/21	333	Taste Vending Ltd	0.00	0.00	94,372.44
18/03/21	334	Peter Wiseman	2,753.00	0.00	91,619.44
18/03/21	335	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	81.00	0.00	91,538.44
18/03/21	336	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	948.33	0.00	90,590.11
18/03/21	337	Clyde & Co Claims LLP	486.60	0.00	90,103.51
18/03/21	Cash dep part1 of 2	Cash Banked	0.00	616.75	90,720.26
18/03/21	csh dep part 2 of 2	Cash Banked - Carvers	43.74	0.00	90,676.52
19/03/21	DD	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	13.44	0.00	90,663.08
22/03/21	DD	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	6,119.03	0.00	84,544.05
23/03/21	338	Pete Best	240.00	0.00	84,304.05
23/03/21	339	Pete Best	528.00	0.00	83,776.05
23/03/21	340	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	179.46	0.00	83,596.59
23/03/21	341	Edge IT Systems Ltd	88.80	0.00	83,507.79
23/03/21	342	Insight Security & Facilities Ltd	18.00	0.00	83,489.79
23/03/21	343	Concentrate Limited	336.00	0.00	83,153.79
23/03/21	344	New Forest District Council	4,395.00	0.00	78,758.79
23/03/21	345	Status Computers	212.74	0.00	78,546.05
23/03/21	BGC	Worldpay	0.00	10.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	CCTN1088	Amazon	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	CCTN1088/4	Booker	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	CCTN1088/5	Booker	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	CCTN1355	Amazon	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	CCTN1400/2	DVLA	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	TN304	Tony Ring	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
23/03/21	TN365	Status Computers	0.00	0.00	78,556.05
24/03/21	346	Status Computers	198.00	0.00	78,358.05
24/03/21	347	Status Computers	1,565.12	0.00	76,792.93
24/03/21	348	Epta Cold Service Ltd	475.20	0.00	76,317.73
24/03/21	7933		150.00	0.00	76,167.73
24/03/21	Deposit 24/03 pt 1	Tappers	0.00	285.00	76,452.73
24/03/21	deposit 24/3 pt 2	W H Hoare Ltd	0.00	140.00	76,592.73
24/03/21	FPI	Quantuma	0.00	2,750.00	79,342.73
25/03/21	349	RFS Technology	180.00	0.00	79,162.73
25/03/21	PAY (DD)	Salaries	23,424.59	0.00	55,738.14
26/03/21	PAY	Lloyds Bank	20.10	0.00	55,718.04
26/03/21	TFR		0.00	50,000.00	105,718.04

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29/03/21	350	Rory Fitzgerald	166.00	0.00	105,552.04
29/03/21	351	screwfix	119.99	0.00	105,432.05
29/03/21	352	screwfix	37.95	0.00	105,394.10
29/03/21	353	screwfix	9.99	0.00	105,384.11
29/03/21	354	Status Computers	212.74	0.00	105,171.37
29/03/21	DD	Barclay Card	162.63	0.00	105,008.74
30/03/21	355	Forest Forge Theatre Group	500.00	0.00	104,508.74
30/03/21	356	New Forest Disability Information Service	500.00	0.00	104,008.74
30/03/21	FPI	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	0.00	558.00	104,566.74
31/03/21	357	Central Southern Security	108.00	0.00	104,458.74
31/03/21	358	Barriers Direct	204.60	0.00	104,254.14
31/03/21	359	Southern Gas Services Ltd	72.00	0.00	104,182.14
31/03/21	361	Bournemouth Water Business Services	479.40	0.00	103,702.74
31/03/21	362	Site Safety Ltd	118.20	0.00	103,584.54
31/03/21	363 pt1	ONeillHomer	148.90	0.00	103,435.64
31/03/21	363 pt2	ONeillHomer	2,040.00	0.00	101,395.64
31/03/21	DD	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	878.84	0.00	100,516.80
31/03/21	DEP31-03pt2	Cash Banked	0.00	138.30	100,655.10
31/03/21	DEP31-3pt1	Iceland	5.60	0.00	100,649.50
31/03/21	FPI	New Forest District Council	0.00	355.96	101,005.46
31/03/21	FPI (part 1 of 2)	Community First New Forest	0.00	692.36	101,697.82
31/03/21	FPI (part 2 of 2)	Community First New Forest	0.00	2,637.50	104,335.32
31/03/21	FPI (Wilson)	Ellingham & Ringwood Rugby Club	0.00	420.00	104,755.32

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

10/02/20	120	Ringwood First Responders	100.00		104,655.32
		Total	100.00		

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Bank Account Reconciled Statement

CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund 0674750001PC

Statement Number	19	Bank Statement No.	19
Statement Opening Balance	£480,000.00	Opening Date	01/03/21
Statement Closing Balance	£430,000.00	Closing Date	31/03/21
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£430,000.00		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
28/02/21		No activity	0.00	0.00	480,000.00
26/03/21	TFR		50,000.00	0.00	430,000.00

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total

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Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Business Instant Access	01706998	30-97-08
Statement Number	19	Bank Statement No. 19
Statement Opening Balance	£51,547.18	Opening Date 01/03/21
Statement Closing Balance	£51,547.58	Closing Date 31/03/21
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£51,547.58	

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
09/03/21	Interest	Lloyds	0.00	0.40	51,547.58

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total

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Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Petty Cash - General

Statement Number	22	Bank Statement No.	22
Statement Opening Balance	£19.49	Opening Date	01/03/21
Statement Closing Balance	£165.80	Closing Date	31/03/21
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£165.80		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
23/03/21	petty cash March	Ringwood Town Council	3.69	0.00	15.80
24/03/21	7933		0.00	150.00	165.80

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total

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POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 21st APRIL 2021**BANK BALANCES & PROPOSED TRANSFERS**

Account Name	Predicted	Actual at	Predicted	Proposed Transfers		Predicted
	31-Mar-21			31-Mar-21	Movement	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Imprest (Current) Account	100,534	104,755	230,928	-250,000	250,000	85,683
Business Account	51,548	51,548				51,548
Investment Accounts	430,000	430,000				680,000
Greenways Rent Deposit	10,684	10,677				10,677
Petty Cash - Imprest	19	166				166
Petty Cash - Carvers Clubhouse	100	100				100
VIC Change Float	50	50				50
Information Desk Float	75	75				75
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	593,010	597,371	230,928	-250,000	250,000	828,299

nb all balances, other than the investment accounts, are held with Lloyds Bank plc unless otherwise stated

PROPOSED TRANSFER AUTHORISATIONS:

DATE

21st April 2021

21st April 2021

Investment Accounts	CCLA	Instant access
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Notes:

- 1 **Imprest Account**

Anticipated net expenditure to end April	£ 35,000
PRECEPT - 1st Instalment	-265,928
Net anticipated movement on imprest account	-230,928
- 2 **Investment Maturity**

No investments due to mature
- 3 The bank accounts were reconciled as at 31st March 2021
- 4 With reference to the Greenways Rent Deposit Accounts, the ground Floor deposit is £7,000 and the 1st floor deposit is £2,637. These sums will be paid over to the tenant at the end of the tenancy, with interest accrued, subject to the Council having no cause to claim funds for damages.
- 5 A temporary nominal account has been implemented to act as a change float for the VIC. This will be in operation only for the period when the VIC is open during the spring and summer at weekends and bank holidays. The balance is £50.00.
- 6 A nominal account has been implemented to reflect the float of £75.00 held by the Information Desk.
- 7 The Town Council's Imprest and Business bank accounts are held with Lloyds Bank plc

REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 21st APRIL 2021

BUDGETARY CONTROL Q4 – DRAFT OUTTURN 2020/21

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the first draft income and expenditure outturn report for the year 2020-21.
- 1.2 Income and expenditure to the end of March has been compared against the revised budget forecast which was approved at the January 2021 meeting of this Committee. The revised budget has further been adjusted in line with the recommendations of the February meeting of this Committee. The draft outturn figures presented here may change slightly as any remaining outstanding orders and invoices are either processed, deleted or carried forward to 2021/22.
- 1.3 A summary income & expenditure comparison report is included at Appendix 1. This compares actual income and expenditure, together with outstanding commitments with the revised budget for the year. As previously explained, the net balance of £61,374 on the revised budget translates to a net transfer to the General Reserve of £5,744 when planned transfers to earmarked reserves are taken into account.
- 1.4 This report also includes an analysis of reserves movements for the year and an updated schedule of movements to and from reserves together with reserve balances is included at Appendix 2.

2. INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

- 2.1 Expenditure to the end of March totalled £677,357 including commitments of £28,168 but excluding a credit balance on the payroll holding accounts of £12,298 pending settlement of tax and pensions liabilities with HMRC and HCC. A further £33,158 is expected to be invoiced to cover our share of the annual Gateway costs. Thus expenditure to the end of March totalled £710,515.
- 2.2 However, the committed expenditure includes items which will not be delivered until 2021/22 and so will not ultimately impact the 2020/21 accounts. These include:
- Human Sundial, £5,334 due for delivery in August.
 - Cemetery Digitalisation, £4,600 which is included in the 2021/22 budget and will be funded from reserves.
 - Repairs to the gate and wall at the cemetery, £4,295. This work will be carried out in April and is expected to be funded through an insurance claim.
 - Provision of a grease trap at carvers Clubhouse, £765. This is required by Southern Water and has not yet been delivered but may in any case, be funded from the Carvers Clubhouse reserve.

With these items removed, the expenditure outturn figure will reduce by £14,994 to £695,521 or just under the revised expenditure budget for the year of £700,794.

- 2.3 Whilst the expenditure outturn is very close to the revised budget (99.2%) there are some notable variances. These variances are briefly explained as follows:

Policy & Finance Committee

Establishment costs underspend of £9,358. This is largely due to savings on office based expenditure such as photocopying, postage, stationery etc. and a further reduction in the information service staff costs, all due to the continuing lockdown and office closure.

Maintenance costs will exceed the budget once the NFDC recharge of Gateway costs are processed. This overspend is entirely due to increased utilities costs associated with

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Greenways, which are re-charged to the tenants and appear elsewhere as additional income.

The Grants budget appears overspent by £1,038 but this is due to the costs of Covid relief packs which were met from this budget but for which an application has been made for government support funding. It is not certain that such funding will materialise and so members should consider whether to fund the Covid relief packs from the Covid Relief grant received from NFDC instead.

The “Other” expenditure category is overspent by £3,210 and this is due to additional spend on events and the cost of the Christmas tree, £1,000 of which has been met from the events reserve.

Carvers Clubhouse, including employee costs, is overspent by £3,600, although £765 of this is in connection with the grease trap which will be moved into 2021/22. The remaining overspend is explained by an increase in staff costs, the purchase of a floor cleaning machine which was funded from the Clubhouse reserve and higher than anticipated spend on stock purchases for the café which has generated a similar increase in café sales.

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

“Other expenditure” is overspent by £3,623 and this is entirely due to the commitment raised in respect of repairs to the cemetery gate and wall which will be moved into 2021/22 and will be funded through an insurance claim.

There is a modest underspend on cemetery costs caused by lower than expected maintenance expenditure and refuse disposal costs.

Capital expenditure has exceeded the revised budget by £4,600 but this is due to the raising of an order for the cemetery digitalisation project which will happen in 2021/22 and will be funded from reserves.

Planning, Town & Environment Committee

There is a small overspend for this Committee which is due to higher than anticipated spend on the Neighbourhood Plan in the current year. All of this expenditure is being met from grant funding which has been received during the year.

- 2.3 Total staff costs for the year, including member’s allowances have amounted to £422,369 which is very close to the revised budget projection of £421,524. This is just over £45,000 below the original budget estimate and the underspend is largely due to delays in recruiting youth workers, the closure of the Visitor Information Centre and a reduction in paid overtime due to the pandemic.
- 2.4 Activity on Ringwood events have been severely impacted by the pandemic. Nevertheless, some activity did take place, mainly to do with the Christmas lights switch on event. Expenditure for the year amounted to £6,714 whilst income generated amounted to £3,185, a net loss of £3,529. Normally, any surplus at year end would be taken to the events reserve and members should consider whether this loss should be met from the events reserve.
- 2.5 Income recovered somewhat during the final weeks of the year. Total receipts to the 31st March, excluding the precept, amount to £220,411. Invoices for a further £31,928 have been raised and at the time of writing, £26,321 of this has been received. If all outstanding invoices are settled, total income will exceed the revised budget of £242,261 by £10,078 although it is likely that some invoices will not be settled. Members should also note that income was bolstered by the receipt of grant funding for the neighbourhood plan but £2,975 of this will have to be returned because it was not spent before the end of the year. Total income for the year is therefore likely to reach £247,000, exceeding the revised budget by around £5,000.

- 2.6 As with the expenditure outturn, there are some notable variances on income. For this committee, income exceeded the revised budget by £6,036 mainly because of increased utilities recharges to Greenways tenants, Increased activity at Carvers Café and increased events income although some of the invoices raised for events sponsorship are unlikely to be settled. Income from activities has recovered, but around £4,000 of the invoiced income remains outstanding. Cemeteries income remains below target and fell short of the revised budget estimate by £5,534.
- 2.7 The net impact is that the small surplus of £5,744 predicted in the revised budget is now likely to increase to £12,862. Any surplus remaining at year end will be added to the General Reserve.

3. RESERVES

- 3.1 At the 1st April 2020, the Town Council held a balance in reserves of £495,883, split between Earmarked Reserves of £215,960 and a General Reserve of £279,923.
- 3.2 Planned transfers to reserves amounted to £38,400 whilst planned transfers from reserves in support of specific projects amounted to £23,138. Cash receipts, including CIL, were expected to be £36,793 and the predicted balance on the General Fund of £5,744 gave a projected closing balance of £553,632. Latest estimates suggest that the transfer from reserves in support of projects will be reduced to £19,527 for the year, whilst cash receipts have increased to £39,650 because of the early receipt of Covid relief grant from NFDC.
- 3.3 The transfers from reserves in support of specific projects are based on actual expenditure. The figures transferred from specific reserves to date are:

• Vehicles and Machinery	£3,443.59	re Purchase of Van and sprayer
• Play Equipment	£6,000.00	re Ash Grove Fence
• Carvers Clubhouse	£2,025.51	re purchase of floor cleaning machine
• Ringwood Events	£1,000.00	re Christmas Tree
• Memorial Lantern	£498.12	re Provision of timer for the lantern
• Developer's Contributions s106	£1,120.00	re Crow Lane
• Developer's Contributions (CIL)	£4,500.00	re pocket Park Boardwalk
• Developer's Contributions (CIL)	£612.50	re Carvers recreation ground imp
• Developer's Contributions (CIL)	£97.50	re Human Sundial works
• Cemetery Maintenance	<u>£230.00</u>	
	Total	19,527.22

- 3.4 The anticipated surplus on the revenue account is now £12,884. This, taken with the movements described above, will increase reserves to £567,290 split between Earmarked Reserves of £277,483 and a General Reserve of £289,807.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Outturn Expenditure is now expected to be £695,500 whilst income, including the precept is expected to be £766,907. Net transfers to earmarked reserves, including CIL receipts and Covid relief grant, included in the income figure, amount to £58,523. This leaves a surplus on the revenue account of £12,884, an improvement on the revised budget of £7,140.
- 4.2 Earmarked reserves will increase by £58,523 whilst the General Reserve is expected to increase by £12,884 giving a total balance on reserves at the 31st of March of £567,290.

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5. RECOMMENDATION

It is **recommended** that: -

- 5.1 The draft budget outturn position is noted.
- 5.2 Members consider whether to fund the deficit on Ringwood Events from the Events Reserve
- 5.3 Members consider whether, in the absence of alternative funding, the overspend on the grants budget be met from the Covid grant received from NFDC.

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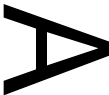
Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/20 and 31/03/21 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/20

Includes commitments with an order date in the current financial year.

		Revised	Actual Net	Commitments	Balance
INCOME					
Policy & Finance					
200	Revenue Income	£156,056.00	£138,316.60	£23,231.42	£5,492.02
280	Carvers Club House Income	£2,950.00	£3,494.25	£0.00	£544.25
999	Suspense	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Policy & Finance		£159,006.00	£141,810.85	£23,231.42	£6,036.27
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces					
300	Revenue Income (RLOS)	£27,498.00	£23,760.45	£8,607.56	£4,870.01
320	Cemetery Income	£41,932.00	£36,307.78	£90.00	-£5,534.22
330	Allotment Income	£5,300.00	£5,373.70	£0.00	£73.70
350	Capital Income	£4,000.00	£3,820.00	£0.00	-£180.00
Total Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces		£78,730.00	£69,261.93	£8,697.56	-£770.51
Planning, Town & Environment					
400	Income	£4,525.00	£9,225.00	£0.00	£4,700.00
Total Planning, Town & Environment		£4,525.00	£9,225.00	£0.00	£4,700.00
Council					
100	Precept	£519,907.00	£519,907.00	£0.00	£0.00
102	Interest Business A/c	£0.00	£4.70	£0.00	£4.70
110	Client Deposits	£0.00	£108.53	£0.00	£108.53
Total Council		£519,907.00	£520,020.23	£0.00	£113.23
Total Income		£762,168.00	£740,318.01	£31,928.98	£10,078.99



Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/20 and 31/03/21 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/20

Includes commitments with an order date in the current financial year.

		Revised	Actual Net	Commitments	Balance
EXPENDITURE					
Policy & Finance					
2000	Establishment	£109,720.00	£100,093.73	£267.93	£9,358.34
2100	Maintenance	£34,408.00	£3,495.77	£320.00	£30,592.23
2200	Democratic Process (members Costs)	£8,860.00	£8,520.53	£0.00	£339.47
2210	Grants	£8,040.00	£9,077.95	£0.00	-£1,037.95
2300	Employee Costs- Allocated Office Staff	£106,750.00	£107,648.10	£0.00	-£898.10
2310	Employee overhead Costs	£4,940.00	£4,318.25	£400.00	£221.75
2400	Other	£34,020.00	£37,195.35	£35.00	-£3,210.35
2500	Capital Financing	£31,546.00	£31,545.90	£0.00	£0.10
2501	Capital	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2600	Wages Control Account	£0.00	-£11,850.69	£0.00	£11,850.69
2801	Carvers Employee Costs	£40,000.00	£41,944.07	£0.00	-£1,944.07
2802	Carvers Club House- Expenditure	£15,220.00	£15,428.88	£1,447.62	-£1,656.50
9999	Suspense	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Policy & Finance		£393,504.00	£347,417.84	£2,470.55	
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces					
3000	Recreation & Leisure (Other)	£73,545.00	£62,598.36	£14,569.43	-£3,622.79
3001	RL&OS -Employee Costs	£139,035.00	£139,044.67	£0.00	-£9.67
3002	Employee Costs	£1,750.00	£980.00	£0.00	£770.00
3200	Cemetery	£8,797.00	£7,359.05	£241.16	£1,196.79
3201	Cemetery -Employee Costs	£35,620.00	£35,704.10	£0.00	-£84.10
3300	Allotments	£3,180.00	£2,623.23	£49.85	£506.92
3301	Allotments -Employee Costs	£8,980.00	£9,101.28	£0.00	-£121.28
3350	Capital Expenditure	£10,150.00	£9,247.88	£5,502.60	-£4,600.48

Financial Budget Comparison

APPENDIX 1

Comparison between 01/04/20 and 31/03/21 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/20

Includes commitments with an order date in the current financial year.

	Revised	Actual Net	Commitments	Balance
Total Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	£281,057.00	£266,658.57	£20,363.04	
Planning, Town & Environment				
4000 Planning, Town & Environment	£6,270.00	£7,437.00	£0.00	-£1,167.00
4001 Employee Costs	£14,629.00	£15,090.69	£0.00	-£461.69
4050 Capital Expenditure	£5,334.00	£97.50	£5,334.00	-£97.50
Total Planning, Town & Environment	£26,233.00	£22,625.19	£5,334.00	
Council				
10000 Petty Cash - Office	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10001 Petty Cash - Youth	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10002 Petty Cash - Visitor Information Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10003 Petty Cash - Information Desk	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10110 Deposit Refunds	£0.00	£92.00	£0.00	-£92.00
10111 Bank Charges	£0.00	£98.00	£0.00	-£98.00
Total Council	£0.00	£190.00	£0.00	
Total Expenditure	<u>£700,794.00</u>	<u>£636,891.60</u>	<u>£28,167.59</u>	<u>£35,734.81</u>
Total Income	£762,168.00	£740,318.01		-£21,849.99
Total Expenditure	£700,794.00	£636,891.60		£63,902.40
Total Net Balance	<u>£61,374.00</u>	<u>£103,426.41</u>		

RESERVES AND PROVISIONS - MOVEMENT & ESTIMATED BALANCES

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2022

Appendix B

	Actual Balance 01/04/20 £	Actual Transfers 2020/21 :				Actual Balance 01/04/21 £
		from Revenue £	to Revenue £	Cash Receipts £	between provisions £	
<u>EARMARKED PROVISIONS</u>						
I.T. & Equipment	9,400	4,500				13,900
Gateway	32,567	0			-7,567	25,000
Cemetery	14,000	4,000				18,000
Buildings Reserve	16,000	5,000			7,567	28,567
Election	9,774	1,500				11,274
Vehicle & Machinery	8,809	11,000	-3,444			16,365
Play Equipment	14,358	6,900	-6,000			15,258
Memorials	3,000					3,000
Christmas Lights	10,397				-10,397	0
Carvers Clubhouse	26,551	2,500	-2,026			27,025
Ringwood Events	13,357		-1,000			12,357
Memorial Lantern	1,852		-498			1,354
Carvers Grounds	11,300					11,300
Infrastructure & Open Spaces	5,946	3,000			10,397	19,343
Neighbourhood Plan	0				3,000	3,000
Total Provisions	177,311	38,400	-12,967	0	3,000	205,744
<u>RESERVES</u>						
Earmarked Reserves:						
Dev Contribs	4,783		-1,120			3,663
Cem Maint	1,440		-230			1,210
Dev Cons(CIL)	19,301		-5,210	31,544		45,635
Capital Receipts	13,125					13,125
Grants Unapplied	0			8,106		8,106
Loans Unapplied	0					0
Total Earmarked Reserves and Provisions	215,960	38,400	-19,527	39,650	3,000	277,483
General Reserve	279,923	12,884	0		-3,000	289,807
Total Reserves	495,883	51,284	-19,527	39,650	0	567,290

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POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

21st April 2021

Detached youth work

1. Introduction and reason why decision required

- 1.1 Officers reported to the meeting of the Recreation Leisure & Open Spaces Committee on 7th April that the approved budget for the proposed detached youth outreach work was likely to prove insufficient. That committee resolved that a written report be prepared in respect of the project and referred to this meeting of this committee for consideration.

2. Background information, options, impact assessment and risks

- 2.1 The Carvers Working Party received a report commissioned from an independent youth worker at its meeting on 14th February 2020. In response to her key recommendation that the Council consider providing youth intervention services on a detached basis, officers were requested to investigate options for doing so.
- 2.2 Subsequent meetings of the working party and the research by officers were rather disrupted by the pandemic but the sum of £5,500 was included in the payroll budget for 2020-21 to fund such provision. By February this year it had become apparent to officers that the service could be provided more efficiently under contract by a specialist outside agency than by directly employing youth workers. Accordingly, at its meeting on 17th February 2021, this committee approved the virement of this amount to the supplies and services budget (see minute ref. F/5879 item 7.)
- 2.3 Three organisations responded to an invitation for expressions of interest in the following brief:

“In early 2020 (pre-covid) we (RTC) concluded a research project which looked at the current provision of youth services in Ringwood, identified any gaps and provide suggestions to the Council for addressing any of those gaps.

One of the recommendations of the project was that the Council should look at options for engaging the services of detached youth workers with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour and supporting those young people who are not engaged in other formal activities in the town. We are now looking for an organisation to operate this service on our behalf.”
- 2.4 In meetings with each, they were asked to quote for providing two youth workers for two nights a week for three hours over six months (which officers judged the minimum necessary to enable an adequate assessment afterward of the ongoing need for and effectiveness of the service provision).
- 2.5 Organisation A quoted £9,329.40. Organisation B quoted £12,600. Organisation C quoted £23,091 (or £45,000 for a more comprehensive intervention).
- 2.6 In light of these responses, officers judge that there is no realistic prospect of providing the proposed service within the budget transferred but that if it is to be provided in 2021, a commitment needs to be entered into as soon as practicable. If members wish to proceed this year, officers therefore recommend that Organisation A be engaged and a further £4,000 be added to the relevant budget.

3. Issues for decision and any recommendations

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Do members wish officers to engage Organisation A to provide the service described and to add £4,000 to the budget to cover the cost?

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POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

21st April 2021

Energy Supply Contracts

1. Introduction and reason why decision required

- 1.1 The Council is party to a number of contracts for the supply of gas and electricity. This report is intended to provide further information about these to members and seek direction as to possible re-procurement.

2. Background information, options, impact assessment and risks

- 2.1 Some of the electricity supply contracts relate to unmetered supplies. These include power for the footway lighting in Carvers Recreation Ground and the festive display in the High Street and adjoining areas. The charges for these are calculated by reference to the estimated power consumption. The present supplier is SSE. It is not clear that there is any choice of supplier for these but the costs are relatively modest. Of greater significance are the metered supplies and the rest of this report is concerned exclusively with these.
- 2.2 The principal metered energy supplies for which the Council is directly responsible are:
 - 2.2.1 The mains gas supply to its former office building Greenways, 71 Christchurch Road (the present supplier is British Gas and the cost is fully re-charged to the two tenants of the building)
 - 2.2.2 The mains electricity supply to Carvers Clubhouse (the present supplier is Utility Warehouse)
 - 2.2.3 The mains electricity supply to the sports pavilion and grounds department buildings at Carvers Recreation Ground (the present supplier is Utility Warehouse)
 - 2.2.4 The mains electricity supply to the grounds department office and other buildings at the Cemetery (the present supplier is Utility Warehouse)
 - 2.2.5 The mains electricity supply to the box in the Market Place (the present supplier is SSE)
- 2.3 The supply contracts listed in paragraph 2.2 above have mostly been in place for five years or more. It is good practice to review such commitments periodically to ensure they meet current Council objectives and provide value for money. Utility Warehouse has recently given notice of a 9.6% increase in unit costs with effect from 1st April.
- 2.4 Officers recommend that enquiries be made with a view, potentially, to switching suppliers but seek direction from members on the priority of selection criteria to apply. The following factors may be thought relevant:
 - 2.4.1 The proportion of the supplier's sources that are renewable (ideally 100%?);
 - 2.4.2 The lowest cost overall (taking account of the effect of both standing charges and unit charges based on current usage data);
 - 2.4.3 The period for which any charges are fixed (the longer the better?); and
 - 2.4.4 Any penalty for terminating the contract or switching to a different supplier (often linked to any period during which the prices are fixed).(Members may think relevant other factors not listed here and are invited to specify these.)

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2.5 The Council also incurs energy costs in connection with its offices at Ringwood Gateway but it bears only a share; the contracts being negotiated and administered by New Forest District Council. The periodic re-procurement of these is not, therefore, a matter for this Council.

3. Issues for decision and any recommendations

3.1 Should officers take steps to re-procure the supply contracts listed in paragraph 2.2 above?

3.2 If so, in what order of priority should they apply the selection criteria listed in paragraph 2.5 above (and any others that members wish them to apply)?

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Ringwood Town Council



Council and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies

(Correct as at: 9th April 2021)

Body	Description	Type	Cost ¹	Renewal date
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	Provides guidance on policy and best practice to burial authorities and access to specialist training and materials for staff.	Council	£95.00	1 April
HALC & NALC	The county and national associations for our local government sector providing advice, materials and training for councillors and staff.	Council	£1,875.64	1 April
Local Councils Review	Sector magazine	Council	£17.00	1 April
Hampshire Playing Fields Association	[Previously included but subscription has lapsed following dissolution of the Association.]			
Community First New Forest	Charity supporting local volunteer and community groups	Council	£8.33	1 April
The Institute of Groundsmanship	Provides guidance and training on provision of sports surfaces	Council	£126.78	2 April
Information Commissioner's Office	Registration (legal requirement)	Council	£55.00	1 Aug.
Ringwood & District Community Association	Affiliation to the charity which runs Greyfriars Community Centre	Council	£25.00	1 Sep.
Gonewforest	Online/digital media tourism and visitor promotion service	Council	£210.00	1 Jan.

¹ Annual cost at last renewal excluding VAT.

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Society of Local Council Clerks	Provides support, advice and training for town and parish clerks. (Trade union is now separate.)	Staff (Town Clerk & Deputy)	£580.00	1 Jan.
Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy	Provides support, advice and training for public finance officers	Staff (Finance Manager)	£155.00 ²	1 Jan.

Notes

1. This list should be reviewed by members once a year. At the last annual meeting of the Council this task was delegated to the Policy & Finance Committee. Officers propose to include the review as a standing item in Committee's April meeting agenda.
2. A motion requiring that a subscription be reconsidered, not renewed or terminated may be made at any time as a written motion requiring notice in accordance with standing orders.
3. Subscriptions will automatically continue unless and until terminated in accordance with a resolution to that effect and whatever termination process the subscription includes.
4. Officers will renew current subscriptions upon their expiry unless directed by a resolution not to do so.

² Reduced rate for part-time working

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The complaints procedure is for all complaints to the Council, whether these are minor, serious, informal or formal and apply to all services provided by the Council.
- 1.2 Separate arrangements as prescribed by law are in place in respect of Councillors. (These arrangements are referred to at paragraph 7 below)
- 1.3 The Council believes that complaints can provide useful information and feedback on the quality of our services, procedures and practices. The effective handling of complaints will help us to improve the services provided on behalf of residents, visitors and those working within the town.

2. Aim

- 2.1 The aim is to swiftly investigate all complaints in an impartial manner and to find a solution locally, whenever possible, to the satisfaction of both the complainant and the Council.

3. Definition of Complaints

- 3.1 People's perceptions differ widely. It is therefore very difficult to give a precise definition of a complaint. However, for our purposes, a complaint is

'an expression of dissatisfaction about a service undertaken by Ringwood Town Council or any of its employees'

- 3.2 More specifically, a complaint is where an allegation is made:-

- That the Council has not done something it has a duty to do or normally does;
- That the Council has done something it has no right to do or does not normally do as a matter of established practice;
- That the conduct or behaviour of an employee is unsatisfactory;
- That the established levels of service delivery are not reached;
- That a person does not understand or is not informed of why or how a situation arose or exists;
- That an adopted and known procedure is not followed;
- That maladministration has occurred.

4. What To Do If You Have A Complaint

- 4.1 The first priority is to raise the issue with the Town Council. To do this, please contact the Town Clerk, who is the officer responsible for dealing with these matters, as quickly as possible.
- 4.2 Your complaint should be made by telephone, email, in person or in writing, giving names and addresses and relevant dates with as much information as possible. The appropriate details for contacting the Town Clerk are by telephone on 01425 484720;

by email chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk; in person; or by letter to Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood, BH24 1AT.

- 4.3 In many cases, it will be possible for an issue to be dealt with straight away and the source of the complaint resolved immediately.
- 4.4 For more complex issues, it is much better to put these in writing so that a thorough investigation can be undertaken. Investigations will be dealt with as quickly as possible and under normal circumstances you should get a written response within 15 working days.
- 4.5 The Town Council maintains a register of complaints showing dates, details of the complaint, complainant and the action taken to resolve the issue. This is available for all members of the Council to inspect. Serious complaints will be reported to Councillors.
- 4.6 If the complaint involves the Town Clerk personally, the complainant should address the complaint direct to the Town Mayor. His personal contact details can be found on the Council's website at www.ringwood.gov.uk or he can be contacted via the Council office at Ringwood Gateway.

5. Putting Things Right

- 5.1 If following the investigation into the complaint the Council is found to be at fault, every effort will be made to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the complainant.
- 5.2 Where subsequent actions or simply the passage of time prevents restitution, other actions may be appropriate which may include a local settlement. A local settlement is defined as action taken to restore a complainant to a situation he or she would have been in if the fault had not occurred.
- 5.3 When considering a local settlement, the remedy will need to be appropriate to the injustice and may be reduced where a complainant has contributed to the injustice suffered.

6. What If You Are Not Satisfied

- 6.1 Unlike for District or County Councils, there is currently no external agency or government body which can investigate a complaint if you are not satisfied with the initial consideration of your complaint. However, if you are not satisfied with action taken by the Town Clerk, you should write to the Town Mayor at our address. He will review the complaint, and all of the paperwork relating thereto, and if he believes it appropriate will submit the complaint to a Committee of the Council for consideration.
- 6.2 In order to preserve any confidentiality issues, the Committee of the Council will normally deal with your complaint in private session and your details will not therefore be released publicly.

7. What If I Have a Complaint About the Behaviour of a Particular Councillor (or Councillors)

- 7.1 Councillors are required to observe a 'Code of Conduct'. If you feel a Councillor has broken any of the rules in the Code of Conduct, you can complain to the Town Clerk, who is required to refer it to the Monitoring Officer at New Forest District Council and

report it to the Council. The Monitoring Officer will consider your complaint and may carry out an investigation (or arrange for someone to do so).

8. What Type Of Behaviour Is Covered By The Code Of Conduct

8.1 Broadly, the Code requires Councillors:-

- Not to discriminate unlawfully;
- Not to bully anyone;
- Not to do anything to compromise the impartiality of Council employees;
- Not to disclose confidential information;
- Not to stop anyone gaining access to information they are entitled to;
- Not to use their position to improperly secure an advantage, or disadvantage, for anyone;
- Not to use the Council's resources for unauthorised political purposes;
- To declare any personal or pecuniary interest in any matter that comes before the Council and, if appropriate, not to take part in the decision. Where the interest declared is pecuniary, Councillors are not permitted to take part in the decision on that matter;
- To register certain financial and other interests (a copy of the register is available for public inspection).

8.2 A full copy of the Code of Conduct is available on the Council's website at: www.ringwood.gov.uk or from the Council's office at Ringwood Gateway.

9. Assistance or Advice relating to procedures or a complaint

9.1 If you need any specific help or general guidance about the Council's procedures or about any specific complaint, contact the Town Clerk at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood, BH24 1AT, or telephone 01425 484720 or email chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk.

Current Projects Update

No.	Name	Status	Recent developments	Description and notes	Lead Officer/Member	Financing
Full Council						
FC1	Long Lane Football Facilities Development	In progress	Ground survey completed. Pre-application planning advice received. VAT consultant's initial advice on business arrangements received. Discussions on the detail of business and legal arrangements commenced.	A joint venture with Ringwood Town Football Club and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust to improve the football facilities for shared use by them and the community.	Town Clerk	No financial commitment yet
FC2	Strategic Plan	On hold - awaiting officer availability		Exploring ideas for medium term planning	Town Clerk	N/A
Planning Town & Environment Committee						
PTE1	Neighbourhood Plan	In progress	Steering Group Terms of Reference updated. Action Plan agreed by Steering Group. Press release issued seeking residents to join working groups (Housing; Environment; Design & Heritage; Town Centre).	To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the civil parish of Ringwood but limited in scope to a few specified themes.	Deputy Clerk	Budget of £21,500 (£3,800 in 2021/22 budget, £3,000 in General Reserve and £14,700 to be funded by Locality grant)
PTE2	Human Sundial	In progress	HCC has appointed contractors and confirmed works will be carried out in August 2021, following completion of the works in West Street.	Replacement of damaged sundial and surrounding paviers; installation of removable benches to protect it for the future - working with HCC (Principal Designer and Contractor)	Deputy Clerk	£5,295.15 spent from budget of £10,657 to be funded from CIL and contribution of £5,249.15 from Carnival
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks due end March to treat Water Drop Wort	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding	Deputy Clerk	£1,120 spent to be funded by transfer from earmarked reserve
Projects being delivered by others which are monitored by the Deputy Clerk and reported to this committee:						
	A31 widening scheme	In progress	West Street junction with A31 closed and traffic flow reversed in Meeting House Lane. Works in West Street ongoing to end July 2021. Works to divert water main to commence May 2021. Works on A31 to commence October 2021 and due for completion by November 2022.	Widening of A31 westbound carriageway between Ringwood and Verwood off slip to improve traffic flow; associated town centre improvements utilising HE Designated Funds	Highways England (HE)	HE funded
	Pedestrian crossings Christchurch Road	Completed		Informal pedestrian crossings to the north and south of roundabout at junction of Christchurch Road with Wellworthy Way (Lidl)	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Moortown drainage improvements	In progress		HCC considering a controlled opening of the system in Moortown Lane to alleviate highway flooding	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Pedestrian crossing Castleman Way	On hold	Site does not meet HCC criteria for toucan crossing. Agreed to revisit following promotion of cycle path through Forest Gate Business Park.	Toucan crossing in Castleman Way to improve pedestrian and cycle route between town centre and Moortown	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Cycleway signage and improvements	Completed		New signage and minor improvements to cycleway between Forest Gate Business Park and Hightown Road	Hampshire CC	HE Designated Funds
	Carvers footpath/cycle-way improvement	Completed		Creation of shared use path across Carvers between Southampton Road and Mansfield Road	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Crow Lane Footpath	In progress		New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
Policy & Finance Committee						
PF1	Website renewal	In progress	The basic structure and layout of the new site has been agreed and created. Work on filling in the content (both new and by transfer from the existing site) is continuing.	Arranging a new website that is more responsive, directly editable by Council staff and compliant with accessibility regulations.	Town Clerk	Funded from agreed budget.
PF2	Greenways planning permission renewal	Cancelled	Committee decided on 17 Feb 2021 not to seek renewal	Preparing a planning application to renew the lapsed permission for a detached bungalow	Town Clerk	
PF3	Youth Detached Outreach work	In progress	Officers hope to present as soon as possible the report to this committee that was requested at the Recreation Committee meeting on 7th April.	To provide youth workers for detached outreach work	Carvers Manager	
PF4	Review of governance documents	On hold - awaiting officer availability		Periodic review of standing orders, financial regulations, committee terms of reference, delegated powers, etc. to maintain suitability and fitness	Town Clerk	
PF5	Poulner Lakes Lease	On hold - awaiting track maintenance solution	A site meeting to assess technical options for future track maintenance was held on 9th March. A specification has been prepared and estimates based on this are being obtained.	Negotiating a lease from Ringwood & District Anglers' Association of the part of the site not owned by the Council	Town Clerk	



Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

RLOS1	War Memorial repair	In progress	The repair has been completed. An inspection and maintenance regime is being devised and a re-dedication ceremony is being planned, with a provisional date of 15th August 2021.	Repair by conservation specialists with Listed Building Consent with a re-dedication ceremony to follow.	Town Clerk	£8,596 spent. Grant award leaves £4,776 to be funded from donations and general reserve.
RLOS2	Bickerley tracks	In progress	Officers hope to present a detailed report at the next committee meeting.	Enhanced repair of tracks to address erosion and potholes (resurfacing is ruled out by town green status) and measures to control parking.	Town Clerk	Nothing yet committed or agreed
RLOS3	Public open spaces security	In progress	The Open Spaces Working Party presented it's final report and recommendations at the last committee meeting. The recommendation will be considered by the P&F Committee on 21st April.	Review of public open spaces managed by the Council and measures to protect them from unauthorised encampments and incursions by vehicles	Town Clerk	Budget of £5,000 for emergency measures agreed. £933.60 remains uncommitted.
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement	In progress	Cllr Briers met grounds staff to define needs and the project scope in order to prepare an outline specification.	A feasibility study into replacing the grounds maintenance team's temporary, dispersed & sub-standard workshop, garaging and storage facilities. Combined with a possible new car park for use by hirers of and visitors to the club-house.	Town Clerk	Capital budget of £10,000
RLOS5	Cemetery development	In progress	Contact has been re-established with the firm previously consulted about building a columbarium	Planning best use of remaining space, columbarium, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital budget of £25,000 (but unlikely to finish in 2021-22 and therefore to be carried into an earmarked reserve)
RLOS6	Community Allotment	Concluded by adapting to ongoing processes	Agreed to treat as an informal joint venture between the Council and the tenants' association.	Special arrangement needed for community growing area at Southampton Road	Town Clerk	
RLOS7	Bowling Club lease	On hold during pandemic restrictions		Request by Ringwood Bowling Club for lease to be extended in space and term for a replacement club-house.	Town Clerk	
RLOS8	Ringwood Youth Club	On hold awaiting officer availability		Winding up the redundant CIO to terminate filing requirements	Town Clerk	
RLOS9	Aerator repair	Completed	The attachment has been returned and is back in service following the overhaul.	Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used attachment	Grounds Foreman	
RLOS10	Waste bin replacement programme	In progress	Order placed for first 17 bins.	Three-year programme to replace worn-out litter and dog-waste bins	Grounds Foreman	
RLOS11	Ash Grove Fence repair	Completed	The grounds foreman has inspected the completed fence and signed off the final payment to the contractor.	Replacing the worn-out fence around the play area	Grounds Foreman	
RLOS12	Van replacement	On hold awaiting officer availability		Replacing the grounds foreman's diesel van with an electric vehicle	Grounds Foreman	
RLOS13	Bickerley compensation claim	In progress	Officers will present a report at the next meeting.	Statutory compensation claim for access and damage caused by drainage works	Deputy Clerk	
RLOS14	Poulner Lakes waste licence	On hold awaiting officer availability		Arranging to surrender our redundant waste licence to avoid annual renewal fees	Town Clerk	
RLOS15	Acorn bench at Friday's Cross	On hold - until suitable season	Preliminary discussion with Men's Shed	Arranging the re-painting of this bespoke art-work	Town Clerk	
RLOS16	Town Safe	In progress	Preliminary contacts with PCC and Conservation Officer	Possible re-paint of this important survival, part of a listed structure	Town Clerk	
RLOS17	New allotments site	In progress	Practical Completion of site agreed following inspection. Decision to proceed agreed at February meeting. Legal work in progress.	The transfer to this Council (pursuant to a s.106 agreement) of a site for new allotments off Crow Arch Lane	Town Clerk	
RLOS18	Cemetery map and registers digitisation	In progress	Registers have been scanned. Digital map is being prepared.	Digitisation of cemetery records to facilitate remote working, greater efficiency and, eventually, direct public access	Town Clerk	Capital budget of £5,000
RLOS19	Carvers Strategic Development	In progress	A working party led by Cllr Frederick is developing a visualization for approval by the Carvers Working Party as a basis for public consultation	Devising a strategic vision and plan for the future of Carvers Recreation Ground pulling together proposals for additional play equipment and other features	Carvers Manager	

Staffing Committee

S1	HR support contract renewal	On hold	Will commence in March 2021		Town Clerk	
S2	Finance Staffing review	In progress	Agreed changes (both temporary and permanent) are being implemented.	Reassessing staffing requirements and capacity for finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms	Town Clerk	

Proposed/Emerging Projects Update

No.	Name	Description	Lead	Recent developments	Progress / Status Stage reached	Estimated cost	Funding sources
Full Council							
	None						
Planning Town & Environment Committee							
	Climate emergency	Minor funding to support local initiatives	Cllr DeBoos	REAL WP debating vision and plans for 2021	Budget bid to undertake in 2021-22 approved	£1,000	
	Roundabout under A31	Planting and other environmental enhancements		Area being used by Highways England for storage of materials during works to widen the A31.	Floated as possible future project		
	Lynes Lane re-paving Rear of Southampton Road	Ringwood Society proposal Proposal by Ringwood Society to improve appearance from The Furlong Car Park and approaches			Floated as possible future project Floated as possible future project		
	Dewey's Lane wall	Repair of historic wall		Re-build/repair options and costs are being investigated	Floated as possible future project		
	Signage Review	Review of signs requiring attention - e.g. Castleman Trailway, Pocket Park, Gateway Square	Cllr Day		Floated as possible future project		
Policy & Finance Committee							
	Paperless office	Increasing efficiency of office space use	Cllr. Heron	Discussions with Town Clerk and Finance Manager			
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee							
	Poulner Lakes	Developing and improving facilities	Cllr Heron		Floated as possible future project		
	Brockey Sands	Environmental enhancements to this area between the Bickerley and the Millstream	Cllr Day		Floated as possible future project		
	Land at Folly Farm	Developing and improving this woodland site	Cllrs Heron & Ring		Floated as possible future project		
Staffing Committee							
	None						

