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BROUGHTON & BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance and Staffing Committee

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AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Income & Expenditure Report

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

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

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

Income of £69,184 has been received to date; this includes £68,667 which relates to the first two instalments of a three staged payment of the Council's Annual Precept. A further payment of £34,333 will be received via the final precept payment on 31 December 2016.

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

General:

Insurance:

The full amount payable for the year has been made.

Audit:

The external audit fees have not yet been made. The internal audit fee for the 2015/16 end of year audit has been made in full at a cost of £162.00.

Legal Fees/Welsh Language Policy/Elections:

There has been no expenditure to date on any of these items. The provision made for these items is “precautionary”, any underspends on these items go forward in balances to the next year and therefore have no impact on the precept demand. As at 11th October 2016 there has been no call for an election and the procedure for co-option will commence in due course.

Miscellaneous General:

This amount relates to the purchase of new stationary (headed paper and compliment slips) due to the appointment of a new Clerk. Looking ahead the Clerk will be designing electronic templates which will reduce the need for external printing of letter heads and the number of compliment slips should reduce following the introduction of on-line banking.

Website:

Full payment for the year has been made.

Section 137:**Play Schemes:**

The payment request from Flintshire County Council has just been received and is elsewhere on this agenda for approval. The total bill is £900.

Voluntary Organisations:

The Council has made two awards of £550 each to the Deeside Community Hospital League of Friends and Macmillan Cancer Research.

Community Halls:

The 2016-17 grants have been paid.

Community Transport:

The Council's 2016-17 contribution has been paid in full.

Open Spaces:**Football Licences:**

Fees have been requested but are still outstanding.

Repairs/Play Equipment:

The Council has included £10,000 in its budget to fund replacement play equipment as a number of pieces of equipment have been in place for a while and are deteriorating. A bid for match funding will be submitted to Flintshire County Council for £10,000 by the end of December 2016.

Highways and Verges:

To date this section of the budget is 68.1% spent largely due to the sessional payments to the Litter Collector and the payment to Flintshire County Council for the CCTV system.

Public Lighting:

Budgetary provision has been included within this heading for the replacement columns following a review of the Council's lighting stock. It is anticipated that the columns will be replaced by the end of the financial year. Other costs relate to Scottish Power payments for electricity.

Allotments:

The full payment for land rent this year has been paid and an invoice issued for the rents.

Holding Account:

There has been no call on the Council's holding account during the first half of the financial year. However, discussions are on-going about the potential future of the Broughton Community Library and the Council will need to consider the implications and any future financial commitments. This item will be debated elsewhere on this agenda.

Joint Services:

Payments are in line with what should be expected at this stage of the financial year at 51.9%.