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## *BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL*

## FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

## 20 OCTOBER 2020

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2020/21

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

1.1 The purpose of this report and attached summary is to apprise the Council of the income and expenditure position of the Council during the first half of the financial year.

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

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

1.4 Income of £76,598 has been received to date £76,525 of which relates to the first two instalments of a three staged payment of the Council's Annual Precept. In the second half of the year a further £38,262 will be received via the final precept payment on 31 December 2019.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND:

2.1 The following identifies the reasons for any significant variances from anticipated expenditure incurred in the first half of this financial year i.e. 1st April to 30th September 2020.

2.2 **General:**

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

**Members Expenses/Allowances**: Members will recall that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales introduced mandatory allowances for Members in 2017. Two of the Council's members are not entitled to this allowance. Nine of the Council's 14 members had elected to forgo this payment, and via council resolution, have agreed to donate this money towards the Broughton Play Group as a "one off" gesture for special reasons due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to measures implemented at Broughton Primary School in response to the pandemic, the play group had to find alternative accommodation. They had been able to use the Scout Hut but have recently had to move out of this building and the Community Centre has been able to accommodate them until January 2021. The virement of these funds will therefore benefit two community organisations. The balance remaining is £1,350.

The pre-school play group have also applied to the council for grants which appear as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting and will need to be taken into consideration.

**Legal Fees/Welsh Language Policy/Elections**: There has not been any financial cost to the community council for recent elections, welsh language or legal fees.

2.3 **Community Funding:**

**Play Schemes**: The payment request from Flintshire County Council has just been received and is on the list of payments elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

**Voluntary Organisations**: The Council has not yet considered any grant applications due to the Covid pandemic in March. There are grant applications elsewhere on this agenda for consideration this evening.

**Community Halls**: The 2020-21 grants have been issued. No payment has yet been made to the Community Library.

2.4 **Open Spaces/Highways/Verges**:

**Football Licences:** The football licences have been issued and payments received.

**Allotments**: Allotment rents have been received in full.

2.5 **Holding Account:** The Council recently employed its own Litter Collector on 1st September and for the remainder of the financial year it was agreed that additional costs be met from reserves.

**Earmarked Reserves**: At its meeting in June 2020 the council agreed to hold £20,000 in earmarked reserves for the provision and/or replacement of play equipment.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:**

3.1 Members are asked to:

i. note and approve the contents of this report;
ii. consider the virement of the balance of mandatory member allowances to some other community project and/or earmarked reserves for 2021 member allowances;
iii. to authorise a payment (amount to be agreed) to assist the Broughton Play Group and the Broughton and Bretton Community Centre; and
iv. note that the costs for the Litter Collector will be met from reserves and that £20,000 ear marked reserves will be set aside for play equipment.