



Andover Town Council

To **receive, review** and **make** amendments where necessary to the DRAFT proposed budget for **recommendation** to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Item
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Last year, this Committee approved a 5% increase to the budget, including the creation of a dedicated budget line for Allotment Maintenance Reserve Fund. This was intended to support essential fencing works across the older allotment sites.

TVBC has been approached regarding the potential release of Section 106 (s106) funds to contribute towards the cost of these fencing works. A response on the feasibility of this request is still pending. As s106 funding cannot be applied retrospectively, the Allotment Maintenance Reserve Fund remains unspent.

Committee members should note that the quotation for fencing at Old Winton Road is approximately £70,000. The current Allotment Earmarked Reserves stand at £18,500, meaning that the combined Maintenance Reserve Fund and EMRs are insufficient to cover the cost for this site alone—let alone the remaining three sites still requiring similar works.

Additionally, there have been unforeseen maintenance costs at Admirals Way, Barlow's Lane, and Vigo Road, which should be taken into account during the budget review process.

The proposed budget for the coming year has been prepared with a 5% increase.

Recommendations

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(to note that this is a first pass at the budget and it will return to the Allotment Committee in November for further comment)