

BUDGET REPORT

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 19TH AUGUST 2025

Time has marched on and we are nearly at the end of the first half of the financial year (30th September). During the Spring/Summer we have completed a number of substantial projects so I thought it would be a good time to review the current budget and earmarked reserves ahead of the budget setting process.

In April we were very fortunate to receive the sum of £53,261.78 CIL payment in respect of development at Cockroad Lane. This money has enabled the Council to complete the projects in the Memorial Playing Field without the need to utilise the earmarked reserve.

Public Toilet - The facility was officially handed over to the Council on Monday 28th July.

The cost of the project as at 19th August 2025 stands at £52,446.68, there are a small number of outstanding invoices expected to come in due course.

Automated barrier - The barrier installation is complete and operational.

The cost of the project as at 19th August 2025 stands at £9,704.95 with an additional invoice outstanding.

The Council were fortunate to receive two grants to assist with the overall cost of the projects:

National Lottery Awards for All towards the public toilet in the sum of £10,000

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner's Safer Community in the sum of £5,000

Earmarked reserves

RESERVE TITLE	BALANCE @ 1.4.25	PROJECT	PROJECT COST	BALANCE @ 31.8.25
Leisure & Amenities	56,132	Public toilet (Grant) Auto barrier (Grant) Purchase container	10,000 5,000 2,170.00	38,962
Public Hall	10,981	Town clerk's office	1,840.76	9,141
Cemetery	1,000			1,000
Allotment	1,000			1,000
Staff	2,550			2,550
Community Development	9,070			9,070
CIL	15,935	Prout Bridge railings Portaloo hire	520.60 96.60	15,317
Balance of CIL				6,110
	96,668		19,628	83,150

Budget considerations:

Play area path repairs – quotations received to resurface the path that has been eroded away over time
The budget currently stands at £2,500. The works are anticipated to come in under the budget.

Football pitch drainage – quotation received to spike the football pitch in an attempt to improve drainage issues. There is currently no budget for these works.

Replacement of fire door – Public hall – a quotation has been received to replace the fire door at the top of the side fire escape, this work to be funded from the Public Hall general maintenance budget.

Electrical Installation Condition report/PAT testing – Public Hall – our insurers require these documents to be updated, a quotation has been received and will be funded from the Public Hall general maintenance budget.

CCTV – the budget included provision to upgrade the CCTV in the Playing Field however the decision was taken not to go ahead with the project this financial year therefore there is the sum of £15,774 available to vire to other budget headings should the need arise

The 2025/2026 projected budget as it currently stands indicates a deficit of £37,451 at year end.

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12.8.25