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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at the Town Hall on **Tuesday 19th March 2024** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Monday 18th March by email to <u>deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk</u> or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Paul Bone Responsible Finance Officer Date: 13 March 2024

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks:	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence:	
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members	Attach. 1
	in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	
4	Public Participation and Statements received: For Councillor information:	
	Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give	
	evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not	
	exceed15 minutes.	
5	The minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee	Attach. 2
	meeting held on 23 rd January 2024 for approval and signing: Decision required.	
6	Finance: Income & Expenditure figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 29 th February 2024: Information to note.	Attach. 3
7	Recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee:	
	 Annual and Green Grants 2023-24 – Round 3: Decisions required. 	Attach. 4
	2) Annual Grants 2024/25: - Decisions required.	Attach. 5
8	Town Hall Telephone System: Decision required	Attach. 6
9	Deal Town Council HR and Health & Safety support provider: Decision	Attach. 7
	required	
10	CCLA Bank Signatories: Decision required	Attach. 8
	Date of next F&GP Committee meeting: 21st May 2024	
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Members Clirs, TB, DP, BB, SB, DC, MC, SC, ME, & PJ

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024 in Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr D Parks (Chairperson) Cllr M Eddy Cllr S Beer Cllr S Cullen (From 7:20pm) Cllr O Richardson (Ex-Officio) Cllr B Bano Cllr P Jull

Officers in attendance:

Others: None

Responsible Finance Officer: Paul Bone Asst. to the Town Clerk: Joanne Harper

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1.	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2.	Apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr T Bond as he was delayed in London and from Cllr D Cronk & Cllr M Cronk whose car had broken down.	R.F.O
3.	Declarations of interest: None Received.	
4.	Public Participation: None.	
5.	 The minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st November 2023 for approval and signing: RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All Agreed. The Chairperson then duly signed the minutes. 	Chairperson
6.	Finance: Income & Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2023: Members RESOLVED: To note the Income & Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2023. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr P Jull. All Agreed.	
7.	 Free Use Request from the RNLI: Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to allow the free use of the Undercroft on Saturday 9th March 2024 between 09.00-18.00hrs for a charity multi-discipline triathlon event to celebrate 200 years of the RNLI Charity, subject to submission of a satisfactory full risk assessment that includes details of how the flagstones in the Undercroft will be protected from the machines. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Beer. All Agreed. Cllr Cullen joined the meeting 7.20pm 	Facilities Manager
8.	 Recommendations for Braderie 2024: Following discussion Cllr Beer proposed an amendment to offer charities a concession in line with the shopkeepers at £30.00 for their first pitch. Members RESOLVED: To add to the recommendations that charities are charged £30 for their first pitch. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr O Richardson. 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Agreed. Members RESOLVED: To hold the Braderie on Sunday 15th September 2024. To reduce the number of stalls to 81 stalls. To charge a stall price at £40.00 per pitch, Charities to be charged a reduced rate of £30 for their first stall and £40 for any additional stalls. To charge a stall price of £30 per stall for shopkeepers with stalls outside their own shops. To provide an advertising budget of up to £300 funded from Braderie income. 	R.F.O Market Officer Town Clerk
	To have up to 2 Street food and drink van at a charge of £200 each.	

	7. To delegate authority to the R.F.O and Market Officer in liaison with the	
	Town Clerk the selection of suitable providers for road closures, toilet	
	supplier, first aid cover, stewards, and food/drink vendors within the agreed	
	Braderie budget of £2,400.	
	(P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr B Bano. 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention.	
9.	DDC Service Level Agreement for Deal Public Conveniences 2024-25:	R.F.O
	Following discussion Members RESOLVED: The R.F.O to respond to DDC and	
	offer the same level of support funding as in the 2 previous years at £35,000 and	
	as per the agreed draft budget for 2024/25. Also to obtain 3 quotes from local	
	cleaning contractors when exploring options within the Town Plan for the provision	
	of toilets in Deal.	
	(P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.	
	Resolution to exclude the public: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act	
	1960	
	s1(2) – on the grounds that the information to be discussed is of a confidential	
	nature.	
	Cllr Bano proposed that the public are not excluded from the following agenda item	
	as he felt it was not confidential information.	
	Members RESOLVED: Not to exclude the public from agenda item 10.	
10	(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Beer. All agreed.	
10.	Draft Precept Demand 2024:	R.F.O
	The R.F.O. tabled a proposal for funding the 2024/25 budget using existing	
	reserves that are no longer required supported by a 2.5% increase in the Precept.	
	Following debate members RESOLVED: To make the following recommendations to Full Council-	
	 That the Environment Fund, Transport & Infrastructure Fund and Carbon Roadmap Fund Earmarked reserves are returned to the General Revenue 	
	Reserve as the funds are no longer needed for the purpose that the	
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	Earmarked reserves were created.	
	2) To allocate £25,000 from the Coneral Payanue Pasaria to the Project Fund	
	2) To allocate £35,000 from the General Revenue Reserve to the Project Fund	
	Earmarked reserve to allow Full Council to fund approved projects.	
	2) To increase the Breeset by 2.5%	
	3) To increase the Precept by 2.5%.	
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	(P) Cllr S Beer. (S) Cllr B Bano. 5 for,1 against,1 abstention. Agreed.	
	Cllr P Jull requested that his vote against be recorded and Cllr M Eddy requested	
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Attachment 3

		uncil ent as at 29/02/2024 : Combined A/C's	
Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date		Balances
Nat West Current A/C	29/02/2024		100
Nat West Deposit A/C	29/02/2024		194,424.74
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	194,524.74
		0	
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			0 194,524.74
		0	
			0 194,524.74
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	194,524.74
		Difference is :-	0

Deal Town Council Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 29/02/2024 for Cashbook 2 - Nat West Mayors Charity Fund Bank Statement Account Statement							
Name (s)	Date			Balances			
Mayor's Charity A/C	29/02/2024			4.56			
				4.56			
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount					
			0	0			
				4.56			
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)							
			0	0			
		Balance per Casł	Book	4.56			
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				0			
		Differen	ce is :-	0			

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				-55.43
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	0	0 -55.43
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			0	0 -55.43
		Balance per Cash B	ook is :-	-55.43
		Difference	is :-	0

		ouncil ent as at 29/02/2024 Hall Petty Cash	
Name (s) Petty Cash	Date 29/02/2024		Balances 306.25
	20,02,2021		
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount 0	306.25
			0 306.25
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)		0	0
		Delense ner Ceeh Deek	306.25
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	306.25
		Difference is :-	0

Deal Town Council Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 29/02/2024 for Cashbook 5 - Nat West Treasury Account Bank Statement Account Statement Name (s) Date Balances Nat West Treasury Account 29/02/2024 150000

Balance per Cash Book is :-

150000

Difference is :- 0

Deal Town Council Detailed Income & Expenditure Reoprt 29/02/2024

		Actual	Actual Year	Current	Variance	Committed	Funds	% Spent	Transfer
		Current Mth	To Date	Annual Bud	Annual Total	Expenditure	Available		to/from EMR
100	General Income								
1076	Precept	0	475,932	475,262	(670)			100.1%	
1080	Bank Interest	265	6,033	1,200	(4,833)			502.7%	
1999	Misc. Income	0	50,216	0	(50,216)			0.0%	
	General Income :- Income	265	532,181	476,462	(55,719)			111.7%	0
	Net Income	265	532,181	476,462	(55,719)				
	-				(00,110)				
200	Staff Costs								
4000	Salaries Gross	25,941	227,866	300,000	72,134		72,134	76.0%	
4010	Salaries Employers Pension	5,636	52,432	20,000	(32,432)		(32,432)	262.2%	
4020	Salaries Employers NI	2,404	25,758	25,000	(758)		(758)	103.0%	
4055	Travel & Subsistence	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4070	C	0	408	2,000	1,592		1,592	20.4%	
4075	Staff Uniforms	0	983	100	(883)		(883)	982.6%	
4080	HR & HS	0	1,360	1,621	261		261	83.9%	
4085	Payroll Services	0	1,100	0	(1,100)		(1,100)	0.0%	
4090	Staff Recruitment	0	0	750	750		750	0.0%	
	Staff Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	33,981	309,908	349,571	39,663	0	39,663	88.7%	0
	Net Expenditure	(33,981)	(309,908)	(349,571)	(39,663)				
205	Official Car								
4060	Official Car Lease	326	4,721	3,564	(1,157)		(1,157)	132.5%	
4065	Official Car Fuel	0	138	500	362		362	27.6%	
	Official Car :- Indirect Expenditure	326	4,859	4,064	(795)	0	(795)	119.6%	0
	_ Net Expenditure	(326)	(4.850)	(4.064)	795				
		(320)	(4,859)	(4,064)	195				
210	Civic								
4055	Travel & Subsistence	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4070	Training	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4200	Cllr. Allowances	0	(900)	4,800	5,700		5,700	(18.8%)	
4220	Robes & Regalia	0	0	50	50		50	0.0%	
4245	Town Sergeant Expenses	0	130	0	(130)		(130)	0.0%	
4420	Subscriptions	0	10	0	(10)		(10)	0.0%	
	Civic :- Indirect Expenditure	0	(760)	5,950	6,710	0	6,710	(12.8%)	0
	Net Expenditure	0	760	(5,950)	(6,710)				
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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
215	Mayor's Budget								
4210	Hospitality	106	1,372	1,500	128		128	91.5%	
4225	Mayoral Travel & Subsistence	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4230	Mayor Expenses	0	209	500	291		291	41.8%	
4235	Deputy Mayor Expenses	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4240	Mayoress Expenses	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
	 Mayor's Budget :- Indirect Expenditure	106	1,581	2,700	1,119	0	1,119	58.6%	0
	Net Expenditure	(106)	(1,581)	(2,700)	(1,119)				
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220	Administration								
4065	Official Car Fuel	0	6	0	(6)		(6)	0.0%	
4070	Training	625	625	0	(625)		(625)	0.0%	
4080	HR & HS	0	1,360	1,622	262		262	83.9%	
4085	Payroll Services	0	1,022	1,855	833		833	55.1%	
4300	Mobile Phones	83	1,805	500	(1,305)		(1,305)	361.1%	
4305	Stationery	172	1,444	1,500	56		56	96.3%	
4310	Postage	2	653	500	(153)		(153)	130.5%	
4315	Bank Charges	109	(62)	1,500	1,562		1,562	(4.1%)	
4320	General Admin	535	6,710	8,800	2,090		2,090	76.2%	295
4325	Office Equipment	0	1,195	500	(695)		(695)	238.9%	
4330	IT Equipment	0	21,074	3,000	(18,074)		(18,074)	702.5%	20,537
4335	IT Support & Website	4,963	20,660	6,000	(14,660)		(14,660)	344.3%	4,738
4340	Telephone & Broadband	200	2,277	1,500	(777)		(777)	151.8%	
4345	Pat Testing	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4355	Premises (Running Costs)	139	8,685	10,000	1,315		1,315	86.9%	
4360	Insurance	0	5,314	0	(5,314)		(5,314)	0.0%	
4375	Marketing/Communications	90	90	2,000	1,910		1,910	4.5%	
4390	Waste & Recycling	191	2,103	2,500	397		397	84.1%	
4405	Annual Planting	0	4,918	5,000	82		82	98.4%	
4410	Flags	30	871	500	(371)		(371)	174.1%	
4415	Audit Fees	0	2,315	2,300	(15)		(15)	100.7%	
4420	Subscriptions	0	482	2,000	1,518		1,518	24.1%	
4430	Data Protection Officer	0	840	1,000	160		160	84.0%	
4435	General Maintenance	277	4,202	4,000	(202)		(202)	105.0%	1,791
4720	Licences	0	57	0	(57)		(57)	0.0%	
	Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	7,416	88,644	57,077	(31,567)	0	(31,567)	155.3%	27,361
	Net Expenditure	(7,416)	(88,644)	(57,077)	31,567				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	277	27,361						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(7,139)	(61,283)						

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
225	Council								
4365	Legal Advice	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4370	Election Costs	0	13,997	17,000	3,003		3,003	82.3%	
4380	Contingency	0	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
1000				. 0,000			.0,000	0.070	
	Council :- Indirect Expenditure	0	13,997	27,500	13,503	Q	13,503	50.9%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(13,997)	(27,500)	(13,503)				
250	Grants & Donations								
4470	Annual Grants	(1,000)	23,046	20,000	(3,046)		(3,046)	115.2%	8,446
4480	Christmas Light Fund	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4485	Food Poverty Fund	2,892	9,818	0	(9,818)		(9,818)	0.0%	
4490	St Omer Twinning	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
	Grants & Donations :- Indirect Expenditure	1,892	32,864	22,500	(10,364)	0	(10,364)	146.1%	8,446
	Net Expenditure	(1,892)	(32,864)	(22,500)	10,364				
6000	– plus Transfer from EMR	0	8,346						
6001	less Transfer to EMR	0	100						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(1,892)	(24,618)						
	-	(1,092)	(24,010)						
260	Astor Theatre								
4471	DDC Astor Grant	0	5,000	0	(5,000)		(5,000)	0.0%	
4495	Aster Theatre Grant	0	(5,000)	0	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
	Astor Theatre :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	C		0
	Net Expenditure	0	0	0	0				
300	Town Hall								
	Wedding Hire	1,330	9,650	10,000	350			96.5%	
	Chamber Hire	843	9,030 2,036	2,000	(36)			101.8%	
	Committee Room Hire	0-0	2,000	1,000	1,000			0.0%	
	Under Croft Hire	25	575	500	(75)			115.0%	
					(10)				
	Town Hall :- Income	2,198	12,261	13,500	1,239			90.8%	0
4060	Official Car Lease	0	296	0	(296)		(296)	0.0%	
4070	C	0	1,565	0	(1,565)		(1,565)	0.0%	770
4080	HR & HS	0	342	0	(342)		(342)	0.0%	
4310	Postage	2	2	0	(2)		(2)	0.0%	
	Pat Testing	0	94	0	(94)		(94)	0.0%	
4360	Insurance	0	0	8,000	8,000		8,000	0.0%	

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4400	Advertising	0	180	0	(180)		(180)	0.0%	
4420	Subscriptions	0	2,271	0	(2,271)		(2,271)	0.0%	
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	277	13,183	0	(13,183)		(13,183)	0.0%	2,376
4505	Under Croft Cleaning	0	880	1,000	120		120	88.0%	
4510	Furniture & Equipment	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4520	Boiler Service & Maint.	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4525	Window Cleaning	0	460	1,000	540		540	46.0%	
4530	Gas	1,290	8,248	2,650	(5,598)		(5,598)	311.2%	
4535	Electricity	0	2,161	6,360	4,199		4,199	34.0%	
4540	Water	131	353	265	(88)		(88)	133.4%	
4550	TH Events	0	1,696	1,800	104		104	94.2%	
4710	Rates	0	11,190	0	(11,190)		(11,190)	0.0%	
4720	Licences	0	361	500	139		139	72.2%	
	Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	1,700	43,283	23,075	(20,208)	0	(20,208)	187.6%	3,146
	Net Income over Expenditure	498	(31,022)	(9,575)	21,447				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	3,146						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	498	(27,875)						
305	Police Office								
1120	Police Office Rent	0	9,000	0	(9,000)			0.0%	
	Police Office :- Income	0	9,000	0	(9,000)				0
	Net Income	0	9,000	0	(9,000)				
310	-VIC								
1200	VIC Income	0	1	0	(1)			0.0%	
	 VIC :- Income	0	1	0	(1)				0
4605	Terminal Charges	48	545	500	(45)		(45)	108.9%	
	VIC :- Indirect Expenditure	48	545	500	(45)	0	(45)	108.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(48)	(543)	(500)	43				
440	–			. ,					
410	Saturday Market								
1410	Market Traders	2,995	33,595	35,000	1,405			96.0%	
	Saturday Market :- Income	2,995	33,595	35,000	1,405			96.0%	0
4420	Subscriptions	0	60	500	440		440	12.0%	
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	0	11	0	(11)		(11)	0.0%	
4715	Profit Share	0	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4730	Market General Costs	33	3,534	3,000	(534)		(534)	117.8%	
4735	Market Licence/Rates	0	0	1,750	1,750		1,750	0.0%	
4750	Road Closures	1,100	12,650	0	(12,650)		(12,650)	0.0%	
4760	Market Stewards	704	2,961	0	(2,961)		(2,961)	0.0%	
	- Saturday Market :- Indirect Expenditure	1,837	19,216	7,750	(11,466)	0	(11,466)	247.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	1,158	14,379	27,250	12,871				
420	Braderie Market								
1415	Braderie stall holders	0	3,215	4,500	1,285			71.4%	
	Braderie Market :- Income	0	3,215	4,500	1,285			71.4%	0
4400	Advertising	0	270	0	(270)		(270)	0.0%	
4705	Road Closure	0	0	700	700		700	0.0%	
4720	Licences	0	1,300	1,200	(100)		(100)	108.3%	
4725	First Aid	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4730	Market General Costs	0	830	0	(830)		(830)	0.0%	
4740	Toilet Hire	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4750	Road Closures	0	480	0	(480)		(480)	0.0%	
	Braderie Market :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,880	2,400	(480)	0	(480)	120.0%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	0	335	2,100	1,765				
500	Public Conveniences								
4800	Public Conveniences	0	35,000	35,000	0		C	100.0%	
Р	ublic Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	C	35,000	35,000	0	0	0	100.0%	0
	Net Expenditure	C	(35,000)	(35,000)	0				
600	Allotments Golf Road								
1500	Allotment Income	0	1,673	2,000	327			83.7%	
	Allotments Golf Road :- Income	0	1,673	2,000	327			83.7%	0
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	2,577	6,295	2,500	(3,795)		(3,795)	251.8%	2,725
4540	Water	0	82	742	660		660	11.1%	
A	llotments Golf Road :- Indirect Expenditure	2,577	6,377	3,242	(3,135)	0	(3,135)	196.7%	2,725
	- Net Income over Expenditure	(2,577)	(4,703)	(1,242)	3,461				
6000	- plus Transfer from EMR	2,430	2,725						
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	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(147)	(1,978)						

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
610	Allotments Park Ave								
1500	Allotment Income	0	1,363	2,000	637			68.1%	
	Allotments Park Ave :- Income	0	1,363	2,000	637			68.1%	0
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	1,947	4,907	2,500	(2,407)		(2,407)	196.3%	2,095
4540	Water	123	390	700	310		310	55.7%	
A	Allotments Park Ave :- Indirect Expenditure	2,069	5,297	3,200	(2,097)	0	(2,097)	165.5%	2,095
	Net Income over Expenditure	(2,069)	(3,934)	(1,200)	2,734				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	1,800	2,095						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(269)	(1,839)						
620	Allotments Mill Road								
1500	Allotment Income	0	1,398	2,000	602			69.9%	
	 Allotments Mill Road :- Income	C	1,398	2,000	602			69.9%	0
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	2,703	5,442	2,500	(2,942)		(2,942)	217.7%	2,851
4540	Water	0	395	742	347		347	53.2%	
/	Allotments Mill Road :- Indirect Expenditure	2,703	5,837	3,242	(2,595)	0	(2,595)	180.0%	2,851
	Net Income over Expenditure	(2,703)	(4,439)	(1,242)	3,197				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	2,556	2,851						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(147)	(1,588)						
700	Town Events								
5005	Town Hall Promotions	0	500	200	(300)		(300)	250.0%	
5010	Heritage Day	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
5015	Christmas Events	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
5020	Mayoral Ceremonial Event	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
5025	International Woman's Day	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
5030	Charter Day	0	251	500	249		249	50.2%	
5035	Holocaust Memorial Day	0	50	200	150		150	25.0%	
	Town Events :- Indirect Expenditure	C	801	1,700	899	0	899	47.1%	0
	Net Expenditure	C	(801)	(1,700)	(899)				
800	Cycle Friendly								
1450	Cycle hire fee income	0	218	0	(218)			0.0%	
	Cycle Friendly :- Income	C	218	0	(218)				0

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4475	Special Projects	0	3,720	0	(3,720)		(3,720)	0.0%	, ,
5510	CFD Event (Oct)	0	530	0	(530)		(530)	0.0%	530
5515	Container Hire	0	386	0	(386)		(386)	0.0%	236
	Cycle Friendly :- Indirect Expenditure	0	4,636	0	(4,636)	0 _	(4,636)		766
	Net Income over Expenditure	0	(4,418)	0	4,418				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	766	_	_				I
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(3,652)						
900	Projects								
4385	Town Signage	0	6,190	0	(6,190)		(6,190)	0.0%	5,023
4475	Special Projects	0	22,500	0	(22,500)		(22,500)	0.0%	22,500
4500	Repairs & Maintenance	0	2,083	0	(2,083)		(2,083)	0.0%	2,083
	Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	0	30,773	0	(30,773)	0 _	(30,773)		29,606
	Net Expenditure	0	(30,773)	0	30,773				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	29,606						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(1,167)						
	Grand Totals:- Income	5,458	594,905	535,462	(59,443)			111.1%	,
	Expenditure	54,653	605,736	549,471	(56,265)	0	(56,265)	110.2%	,
	Net Income over Expenditure	(49,195)	(10,830)	(14,009)	(3,179)				
	plus Transfer from EMR	7,063	76,895						
	less Transfer to EMR	0	100						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(42,132)	65,965						
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 To: Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members
 From: Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer
 Date: 12 March 2024

Subject: Annual and Green Grants 2023-24 – Round 3

The Grants sub-Committee met on 12th March and considered a total of 12 grant applications that had been submitted and validated.

Applications received:

6 Small Grants (Up to £500) totalling £1,964.43 5 Large Grants (£501 to £1,000) totalling £5,000 1 Green Grant totalling £1,000

Total value £7,964.43

Annual Grant Budget:

The budget for 2023-24 has been set at £20,000. A maximum of 50% of the budget can be allocated to Large Grants (£501 to £1,000) Grants already paid/committed: Small Grants £4,320.16 Large Grants £8,880

Total £13,200.16

Balance £6,799.84 (Under the 50% rule, the maximum value of Large Grants that can be paid in round 3 is £1,120 leaving £5,679.84 for small grants)

Green Grant Budget:

The budget for 2023-24 has been set at £3,340. Grants already paid/committed: £136

Balance £3,204

When considering the grant applications, the subcommittee recommended that 2 of the small grant applications were more appropriate to be Green Grants and scored them using the Green Grant score sheet questions.

Recommendations:

Please see below the recommendations from the Grants Sub-committee to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Large Grant applications:

Bright Sparks: Requested £1,000 to purchase equipment to fit out a new electric minibus.

Members scored the application 21 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £500 is paid. Of this, £450 being to purchase First Aid kit, Fire extinguisher, 2 car seats & 9 seat covers and the remaining £50 being a contribution to other items required to fit out the minibus.

Deal Tiger Gym International (TGI) Tang So Doo: Requested £1,000 to purchase gym equipment for a new club.

Members scored the application 18 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £500 is paid as a contribution to purchase gym equipment.

Deal & Walmer Allotment Holders Association: Requested £1,000 to purchase a new outhouse for their composting toilets.

Members scored the application 17 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £500 is paid as a contribution to purchase a new outhouse for their composting toilets.

Deal Pride: Requested £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of the Deal Pride event.

Members scored the application 18 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £500 is paid as a contribution towards the cost of the Deal Pride event.

Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club: Requested £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of purchasing 4 sets of Sculling blades.

Members scored the application 20 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £500 is paid as a contribution towards the cost of purchasing Sculling blades.

Small Grant applications:

Walmer & Deal Action for Swifts (WALDAS): Requested £443.43 to purchase Swift nest boxes and to produce leaflets.

The Grants subcommittee considered this application as a Green Grant application. Members scored the application 24 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a full Green Grant is paid of £443.43.

Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade: Requested £450 to purchase 800 metres of Union Jack bunting fabric flags for the high street.

Members scored the application 23 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of up to £500 is paid, subject to the specification of the final product to be purchased having been agreed by the R.F.O. in liaison with the Chairperson of the Grants subcommittee.

Dover & District Beekeepers: Requested £100 as a contribution towards equipment required for help in tackling the Asian Hornet problem.

The Grants subcommittee considered this application as a Green Grant application. Members scored the application 25 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a full Green Grant is paid of £100.

The Deal Pirates Community Association: Requested £350 to fund equipment hire and the hire of an accessible toilet for the Sandown Castle Community Garden Picnic.

Members scored the application 19 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of up to ± 250 is paid for toilet hire, subject to it being an accessible toilet.

The Deal Society: Requested £500 as a contribution towards the costs of Heritage Open Days.

Members scored the application 21 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a full grant of £500 is paid.

The Rotary Club of Deal: Requested £121 to hire the Town Hall for a fundraising fashion show. Members scored the application 21 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a full grant of £121 is paid.

Green Grant application:

Walmer Cricket Club: Requested £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of solar panels for the clubhouse roof. Members scored the application 24 out of a possible 33 and RECOMMENDED: That a grant of £1,000 is paid towards the cost of solar panels for the clubhouse roof, subject to the club raising sufficient funds for the project to go ahead within 12 months of the award.

Decisions required:

Members to consider the above recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee.

To: Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members

From: Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer

Date: 12 March 2024

Subject: Annual Grants 2024/25

The Grants sub-Committee met on 12th March and considered the dates for grant applications to be recommended for the 2024/25 annual grants budget. Following debate, members agreed the following recommendation:

To recommend to the Finance and General Purposes committee that the closing dates for 2024/25 grant applications are:

- Round 1: Applications close: 31st May 2024 F&GP Meeting date: 23 July 2024
- Round 2: Applications close: 30th Sept 2024 F&GP Meeting date: 19th Nov 2024
- Round 3: Applications close: 31st Jan 2025 F&GP Meeting date: 18th Mar 2025

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee.

To:Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes
Committee, Committee membersFrom:Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer

Date: 11 March 2024

Subject: Town Hall Telephone System.

Members may be aware that BT has announced that all analogue telephone services will be terminated by 2025.

As part of this many domestic users are having their telephone lines automatically transferred over to digital Broadband connected telephones.

As the Town Hall has an analogue sub-system within the building that not only deals with the telephones but the fire alarm, intruder alarm and lift alarm signaling, this will all need replacing with a fully digital solution during this year.

The current telephone system was installed in 2011 At a cost of around £2,500.

The average monthly bill for lines and calls over the past 3 years has been £156 per month.

The current provider can offer a fully digital solution that would utilise the existing structured network cabling within the Town Hall at £10 per month below the current monthly cost including new handsets, installation, setup, training, and maintenance with fixed prices for 5 years. This system will also be able to deal with the alarm signaling without the cost of changing the signaling equipment within those systems.

Recommendation:

To delegate authority to the R.F.O. in liaison with the Town Clerk to explore further system providers and place a new 5-year contract that meets the foreseeable requirements of the Council for telephone and signaling for a fixed monthly cost not exceeding £147 per month.

Decision Required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.

 To: Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members
 From: Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer
 Date: 11 March 2024
 Subject: Deal Town Council HR and Health & Safety support provider.

The Current 5-year Contract for combined HR and Health & Safety support is about to end.

The R.F.O. has explored possible alternative providers, this included making enquiries with KALC and the Council's auditors regarding alternative companies used by local councils.

The representative from KALC advised that they were only aware of the company we used and one other company who provided these services to Local Councils.

The R.F.O. found a third company who also deal with Local Councils.

The R.F.O. and/or Town Clerk have had meetings with the three possible providers identified and obtained quotations from each.

None of the companies identified are local and all provide a national service. However, no local companies have been identified that have expertise in Local Council HR.

Budget:

The agreed budget for 2024/25 for these services is £3,243.

Please see quotations in your Pink Papers.

Company A (existing supplier)

£3,500 per Annum (Was £2,720.80 for 2023/24) This represents an increase of 38%

Note: This price will increase annually in line with inflation.

Support is provided by a small team assigned to the Council's account.

This price includes 5 unlimited 'eLearning' training licences for named staff.

The additional licence required for the remaining staff is £657 per annum that would be charged to the staff training budget.

Company B

£4,082.64 per Annum

Note: This price will increase periodically in line with inflation.

Support is provided by trained personnel but not assigned to the Council's account.

This price includes unlimited 'eLearning' training licences for all staff.

Company C

£3,300 per Annum

Note: This price is fixed for the full 5-year term.

Support is provided by a dedicated contact for HR services and a dedicated contact for H&S services who are supported by small teams assigned to the Council's account.

This price does not include unlimited 'eLearning'.

The cost of the unlimited 'eLearning' training licenses for all staff and Cllrs is £360 per annum that would be charged to the appropriate training budgets.

Officer Recommendation:

That a 5-year contract is placed with Company 'C' including the unlimited 'eLearning' training licenses.

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.

To: Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members

From: Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer

Date: 11 March 2024

Subject: CCLA Bank Signatories.

At the November meeting of this committee, it was RESOLVED: To invest £100,000 in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund that has instant access.

Before the set up of the fund can be completed, the application requires confirmation of the bank signatories who will be able to authorise movements on this account as requested by Council.

As Council have already agreed the bank signatories for the Nat West bank accounts, the R.F.O. recommends that members use the same for the CCLA account.

The NatWest signatory mandate requires two of the approved bank signatories to authorise any manual transaction on the account. The current approved signatories are: Cllr T Bond, Cllr S Beer, Cllr D Cronk & Paul Bone (R.F.O.)

Recommendation:

That the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund is set up to require two of the approved bank signatories to authorise any manual transaction on the account and that the approved signatories are: Cllr T Bond, Cllr S Beer, Cllr D Cronk & Paul Bone (R.F.O.)

Decision Required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.