



13/04/2023

Full Council Meeting

Clerk's Report – Appendix 22/141

1. Electricity Supply Review:

Electricity is currently supplied to the Fairground by Ovo (formerly SSE). A review of the tariff was undertaken in May 2022 by Utility Aid (an energy broker for the not-for-profit sector) and at that time the advice was to remain with SSE. Due to the changes in this market over the past year and that notification of a slight price rise has been received, Utility Aid are undertaking a further review. Once the review has been concluded, a decision will be taken regarding the Council's electricity supplier as per Financial Regulation 11.1 a. i.

2. Willink Leisure Centre Contribution 2022/23:

An invoice for £12,294.82 from WBC is yet to be received. The payment will be treated as an accrual in the accounts to the 31st of March 2023.

3. Brewery Common Tree Work:

West Berkshire Council (WBC) have been informed of the decision taken at March's meeting to contribute £15,454.00 towards the cost of the works. The funds shall be held in an earmarked reserve for that purpose.

4. Community Grants/St Mary's Churchyard Grant:

The Grants agreed at March's meeting have been distributed. Thanks were received from all recipients.

5. SMPC Charges:

The agreed charging structure for 2023/24 commenced on 01/04/2023.

6. Local Council People and Development:

SMPC is now a member of this service provided by HALC.

7. Community Award:

The Community Award Committee comprising Cllrs Dennett, Lewis, and Lock (the latter substituting for Cllr Morsley) met on 22nd March to consider the ten nominations received for five nominees. The committee agreed unanimously to make two awards for 2023. These were to Rebecca Barker and to Anne Haines. The committee also agreed that letters thanking for them their contributions to the community be sent to two unsuccessful nominees: Rachel and Gavin Loubser and Doris Monger.