



**18/05/2023**

## **Full Council Meeting**

### **Clerk's Report – Appendix 23/013**

1. Services Charges for 2023/24: these commenced as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.
2. CIL Payments 01/10/22 – 31/03/23: West Berkshire Council (WBC) have confirmed CIL payments for the period 01/10/22 – 31/03/23 as:
  - 21/02347/RESMAJ (2 - 2A) Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire £26,898.08
  - 22/01422/RESMAJ (2 - 2B) Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire £27,508.24
3. Invoice for Rent Arrears: WBC have issued an invoice for £14,932.19 to SMPC for rent arrears for use of the conservatory at Mortimer Library from April 2018 to August 2022. This is believed to be incorrect as all rent payments have been paid on receipt of previous invoices. This is being followed up with WBC.
4. Precept: The first instalment of the Precept of £74,659.50 was received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.
5. Councillor Vacancies: Notice of the two vacancies has been given with a deadline for applications to be submitted on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Co-option is scheduled to take place at the Council meeting on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.
6. Cemetery issue: Due to the wet ground conditions, whilst undertaking grounds maintenance, the contractor's mower sunk into a plot which had recently been dug and refilled to allow for a second burial. The contractor shall be undertaking remedial works and the next of kin has been informed.
7. The Public Sector Deposit Fund Return of Investment: As noted at the Finance and General Purposes meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, the return on investment as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 was 4.1223%. The rate as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 was 3.5292%.
8. Fairground CCTV: The planning application will be submitted shortly. By law, a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) needs to be undertaken.
9. Friends of Mortimer Library: An initial meeting took place on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May between interested parties, WBC officers and Mortimer Library staff. The interested parties will be organising a further meeting to consider the next steps in how to support and promote the library services.