



# Didcot Town Council Annual Report 2023/2024



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# Mayor's Report



Cllr Axel Macdonald

Dear residents of Didcot

The first year of the “new” council has proved a cooperative and mainly consensual time resulting in a positive experience to chair council meetings. There have been fewer formal civic events this year across the county, likely due to the continued effects of COVID but smaller less formal events have been run.

In Didcot, the Christmas Santa fun run and children’s Christmas disco were both hits as was the coffee morning providing a valued contribution to my chosen charities, the Didcot Food Bank and Felix Foundation. It was with a heavy heart that I cancelled the annual civic dinner but rock night went ahead with much energy and enjoyment – many thanks to those who organised this and Lovebeer who provided a very palatable and delicious brew (I may have had the last pint...)!

And with reference to the above, the events in town could not proceed without the help of the town’s officers and willing volunteers. EdFest may have been a wash out but the beer tent still sold out and food vendor (one came) also did well which bodes well for future events.

Talking about future events, we have a new venue – the Edmonds Park Community Pavilion. A large hall with break out rooms, kitchen and of course changing rooms. I have noted in recent years, booking a room in Didcot for a meeting/ event is difficult so this new addition should help and I look forward to its use as a focus for events in Edmonds Park in coming years.

Aspirations? I aspire that Didcot becomes more of a destination for entertainment as well as commerce and more events are run throughout the year (beer and art festivals, music events and fun runs).

And finally, I hope I covered my year as Mayor in line with the town’s motto – “Faith in Service”.

**Councillor Axel Macdonald**  
**Mayor of Didcot Town Council**  
**March 2024**

## A few photos from some events the Mayor has attended



# Leader's Report



Cllr Chris Jennings

First, I would like to thank all those Didcot residents who gave us the opportunity to represent Didcot last May. It's been a big learning curve for us all and we hope that we can repay this support by driving Didcot forward, our vision is to grow Didcot into the number one place to live in South Oxfordshire.

We are so lucky to live in such a vibrant town, with such beautiful surroundings to bring up our young people.

As a new Councillor myself, being leader has been an uphill battle at times, learning the procedures and the requirements needed. Not many people appreciate that we are all volunteers, attending meetings etc in our own time, and I can only express my gratitude to all my fellow Councillors, for their hard work, many of whom have full time jobs as well as serving as Town Councillors. We do however have an amazing team headed up by the Town Clerk without which the role would not be possible. Thank you everyone across the Council team; Councillors and staff; for all your hard work this year.

Diversity and sensible politics have been the watch words this year for me. Town Councillors need to work together to provide the best services for the town. At times difficult decisions need to be made, when discussions and debate needs to be had, so that a consensus can be agreed. This will not please everyone but the Town needs a boost, a vision for the next 25 years and beyond. I hope that our Team can provide this vision given the constraints and the current world we live in.

So where has the time been spent in our first year? Young people are the future of our Town. They deserve the best start in life. We on the Town Council will do all we can to promote this good start and include young people in the process as much as possible. Plans are currently in the initial stages of being discussed to start a youth council taken from the local schools and youth organisations. To succeed the Youth Council needs to be inclusive and have a real voice for the future of our Town. We will work together to ensure this project succeeds.

The Pavilion at Edmonds Park has finally been completed and I thank our colleagues for the work they have done to get this building finished. We hope the next stage being the Splash Park can be provided before the summer holidays.

We have set up a new Ladygrove Management Committee along with other interested parties and agencies so that this area can be improved and better services provided for this huge and growing part of our town.

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Personally, I have been working with the Garden Town project looking at the projects that they have been working on for some time. New Arts facilities and collections across the town. The Gateway project providing a safe pedestrian and cycle led transport hub along with new homes and workplaces right at the heart of the Town. Wayfaring improvements providing state of the art information boards and finally the autonomous bus travel project which was a huge success providing data for future transport links for the Town.

The Garden Town project has also worked with the schools and health groups providing advice on nutrition and well being along with collating data about the requirements of our young people and their families.

Finally, the most disappointing news this year has been the lack of progress with the HIF infrastructure programme. We were all shocked last summer with the decision by OCC to delay the project further. The Council agreed unanimously to press OCC to reverse the decisions made and provide this much needed infrastructure for our Town. We have waited far too long for a proper solution. The developments that are currently being built and planned are all dependent on this project and we shall continue to push hard for this infrastructure to be provided as our Town is groaning under the weight of traffic and the casualties will be our environment, our residents and our workplaces.

Once again, thank you for the support shown last May and we hope that this support can be returned over the next few years.

**Councillor Chris Jennings**  
**Leader of Didcot Town Council**  
**March 2024**

# Report from the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee



Cllr Tony Worgan

*The elections in May 2023 brought a swathe of fresh blood to the Council. None of the members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were members of the previous Council. At the very start of this report, I would like to place on record my thanks to all the members of the Committee for their support and hard work since we all joined the Council together.*

Although the pandemic changed some behaviours, and accelerated some societal changes which were already in train, 2023 – 2024 should probably now be considered the norm in terms of how Officers and

Councillors work to deliver services for local residents, to maximise the use of those services and to monitor how your money is spent. Bookings across our estate continue to rise which reflects well on the facilities available. Maintaining and improving our facilities is a vital part of the Council's duties. **Didcot residents deserve great facilities and will use them if they meet their needs.**

There is a climate emergency. Now. The previous and current administrations recognise our responsibility to take action. Now.

The Council has taken measures already to reduce our carbon footprint (and reduce energy costs) and will continue to do so. This includes the installation of solar panels on the Civic Hall, on the outside services depot at Edmonds Park, and at Willowbrook Leisure Centre. The installation of LED lighting, better building management systems, and additional insulation.

Construction of the new pavilion at Edmonds Park is pretty much complete now – this facility will be available for use this year. Plus full Council recently approved the contract for construction and operation of a Splash Park which will take place this year.

## **Didcot Town Council Grants Scheme**

One of the most pleasant activities that the committee undertakes is being able to support the award of grants to local voluntary groups, charities, and other organisations. These all have to justify their requests to spend our money. The people who talk to us are ardent, passionate, and committed to improving our community in various ways. Unsurprisingly in these hard times, requests exceeded the funds available, and some awards had to be scaled back. Funding for next year

has been prudently increased – though members expect a further increase in requests for next year. There is always a desire to do more. Details of how to apply are on the Town Council's website – and Officers / Councillors are available to discuss matters.

Since April 2023, the groups which we have been able to support include the following:

- Didcot Citizens Advice
- Didcot Library
- Didcot Baptist Church
- Ridgeway Educational Trust
- Christmas Day Dinner Project
- Thames Valley Play Association
- Restore Mental Health charity
- Abingdon Bridge mental health charity
- Home Start
- Be Free Young Carers
- Whispering Jungle Show
- Didcot Baby Monday

These grants support those in severe financial need, those with mental health needs, and anyone with a cardiac emergency. It also includes support for musical learning, theatre experiences, a summer activity day for local military and other families, and those who would otherwise be at home alone on Christmas Day. And more.

Exercise and activity is a vital part of all of our mental health. There are many groups in the town which support and nurture our young people especially. The biggest in terms of numbers participating is football. Following representations made to the Town Council back in May 2023 regarding their costs, and the pressures on local families, the Council has reached three-year agreements with Didcot Town Youth and Didcot Casuals Youth fixing their costs at current levels. Fun is also vital. The Council has reached a three-year agreement with Hatwells Funfair regarding the summer fair in Edmonds Park. Plus Council recently approved a special grant of £10,000 towards the cost of running the Edfest event in the summer.

### **2024-25 Council Tax Summary**

The Council Tax is collected by South Oxfordshire District Council. It includes money collected on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police, as well as Didcot Town Council. Didcot continues to grow strongly as a Town and there are 2.5% more households this year. This means more households pay the council tax, but this generates an increased demand for services. Didcot Town Council will receive £133.25 from each Band D household – which is an increase of less than £10 across the whole year. Overall, the precept has increased by 7.7% which is 5.2% per



household (and compares to an average of 10.9% for Towns and Parishes across South Oxfordshire).

See table below for breakdown of finances:

<b>Budget Summary for 2024/2025</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Finance and General Purposes Committee	528,026
Grant Aid	47,000
Didcot Civic Hall and Willowbrook Leisure Centre	228,417
Environment & Climate Committee	524,121
Projects and PWLB repayments	451,919
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,779,483</b>
Less General Income expected	(309,050)
Less expected grant income – S106/CIL	(0)
Equals: total expenditure to be collected via Council Tax (the precept)	<b>1,470.433</b>

Detailed numbers are available in Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting minutes and in Full Council Meeting minutes – all of which are displayed on the DTC website.

The big numbers for the Town Council’s budget are that Didcot Town Council will now spend £295,419 in repayments to the Public Works Loan Board to cover the costs of the new pavilion in Edmonds Park as well as historic costs from the refurbishment and extension of the Civic Hall and Town Council offices. The remainder is spent on the staff, equipment, and buildings required to provide local services.

The 2024/25 budget includes topping up reserves slightly which starts to address concerns raised by the auditors in their commentary on 2022-23 accounts.

Capital Expenditure required to construct the Splash Park is already earmarked in Town Council reserves and from monies paid by developers when they receive planning permission for large developments (the Community Infrastructure Levy).

In summary, income and expenditure for 2024/25 is proposed to balance at £1.765m.



Grant to Ridgeway Education Trust (music room)



Grant to Baptist Church Toddler Group (new gate)



Grant to Christmas Dinner Event



Grant for Defib Machine installed at Didcot Baptist Church

**Councillor Tony Worgan  
Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
March 2024**

# Report from the Chair of the Planning & Development Committee



Cllr David Rouane

Planning decisions are made by the District Councils, which are the Local Planning Authorities, but Didcot Town Council is consulted about all planning applications in and around the town. The Planning & Development Committee meets about once every 3 weeks (there are 18 meetings scheduled for this year) and sends its responses to the relevant planning authority, which is usually South Oxfordshire but is sometimes the Vale of White Horse.

Planning applications can range from a small extension at the rear of a house to a large development of several hundred houses. Larger developments often come to the committee several times, first in outline and then to agree the details of a particular aspect of the development. There is a presumption in law that an application will be accepted unless there is a particular reason why it shouldn't be. Good reasons why an application may be rejected are: it overlooks a neighbour's house, the proposal is too big for the site (over development), traffic considerations, or it is out of character with the area. Things which **cannot** be taken into consideration include: it will affect the value of neighbouring properties, who owns the land, or that a neighbour would lose the view from their property. We definitely cannot reject an application simply because we don't like it!

The committee will consider the documents submitted, and sometimes hear objections from a member of the public attending the meeting, before reaching their decision. Often the committee will decide that it has 'no objection' but will sometimes add comments, drawing the attention of the planning officer to something which members of the committee feel is important, often based on local knowledge which the planning officer would not have been aware of. Sometimes the committee will 'object' to an application and then we have to set out our reasons for objecting. This will mean that the application will need to be considered in more detail by the district council which may or may not agree.

I made a presentation, representing the views of the residents of Didcot, to the Planning Inquiry into the HIF1 road proposal which the council had supported unanimously, .

## **Licensing**

The committee also considers licensing applications such as whether a business can operate on the pavement outside or extend its opening hours. The committee recently objected to an application from MacDonald's to operate 24 hours a day from its site in the Orchard Centre because of the affect of noise on the residents of the Broadway nearby. A member of the committee attended the Licensing Panel and was successful in limiting the license so that the business had to close at midnight.

## **Traffic**

The committee oversees the work of the Traffic Advisory Group which is a meeting of councillors, the police, highways officers and members of the public who bring their concerns about specific traffic issues to the group. Planning & Development Committee looks at the notes of these meetings to see whether any recommendations need to be made to the council to deal with the issues raised. Issues such as speed limits and parking restrictions will often come up.

## **Planning Policy**

The committee will also respond to policy consultations from the district or county council. At a recent meeting the committee went through the consultation on the Joint Local Plan, making comments on areas of particular importance to the town. We will soon be considering whether to embark on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. Many communities in the area, such as East Hagbourne for example, have produced one which sets out particular planning policies for their community and the committee will consider the arguments for and against Didcot producing such a plan before making a recommendation to the council.

I would like to thank members for their commitment to the work of the committee, which often involves reading a mountain of documents which make up a major application, and the many members of the public who have come to a meeting to give their views on a planning application which affects them.

**Councillor David Rouane**  
**Chair of the Planning and Development Committee**  
**March 2024**

# Report from the Chair of the Environment & Climate Committee



Cllr Gavin Roberts

The committee is made up of a group of cross-party councillors. The agenda is put together for each meeting by the Deputy Town Clerk and the Outdoor Services Manager, who both do an excellent job of explaining items clearly and openly. As a newly elected councillor in May 2023, and new Chair of the Environment & Climate Committee, there has been a lot to learn past 6 months or so. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all members for their support and commitment.

## Scope of the Environment & Climate Committee

The diagram below shows where services fit into the remit of the County, District and Town councils and which council is responsible for which service:



The following matters are delegated to the Environment and Climate Committee:

- (a) Administration of the Town Council Environment budget.
- (b) The organisation of the management of the Council's Parks, Allotments, Cemeteries, Millennium Wood and any other open and green spaces under the jurisdiction of the Council.
- (c) General environmental issues in and affecting the Town such as litter, grass verges, pavements, roads, recycling and footpaths and other similar matters.
- (d) The Town's Christmas tree, lights and decorations.

## **Environment and Climate Emergency**

As the council declared its support for the environment and climate emergency in 2019, this committee considers the impacts of climate change within its remit. This could be when decisions are taken to upgrade or purchase new equipment, or encouraging wildflower meadows for example. These decisions are not always straightforward, and we need to consider the costs and benefits of each decision on merit, whilst keeping in mind the carbon reduction commitments made by Didcot Town Council.

## **Finance / Budget**

We expect to spend in the region of £524,121 servicing the outdoor facilities throughout the town in the next financial year. This is everyday work and will not include capital projects such as new items in the play areas; new planting and fencing works. The outside team also look after the allotment sites throughout the town.

## **Outdoor Services Team**

The Outdoor Services Team is managed by Mike Blake and Dan Furby. The team work diligently on behalf of the council, they have a varied and challenging job ensuring the council amenities are maintained to a high standard. Much of the items we see raised on the agenda are linked to supporting this work. The main responsibilities covered by the team are set out below:

- Maintaining the Millennium Wood
- Tree care and new annual planting
- Allotment maintenance
- Litter clearance
- Cutting of grass and hedges
- Maintaining flower/shrub beds
- Play equipment inspection and repairs
- Marking out and providing sports pitches,
- Vehicle and machinery maintenance
- Provision of notice boards

Sadly, Ian MacFadyen who worked for the council as a groundsman passed away last year. This was a huge shock to all at the council and he will be greatly missed.

## **Highlights of the Year**

### **Edmonds Park**

The new pavilion is close to completion and will soon be open to local residents to take advantage of the facilities. Alongside this the contract for the splash park has now been awarded. We are hopeful the splash park should be up and running later this summer.

Also, in Edmonds Park the committee recently approved officers to advertise teen play provision at Edmonds Park on the Government's Contracts Finder website. There is £33,221.00 in S106 monies reserved by South Oxfordshire District Council specifically for this project.

### **'Sow & Grow' – Community Planting project at New Road allotments**

This project was to purchase two 10ft x 12ft polytunnels and situate them on spare land on the New Road allotment site. This site is ideal for growing and hosting community planting events. Not only will having our own polytunnels allow the outdoor team to interact more with the community, but it will allow the Council to grow their own plants from seed, cutting down the cost of planting each year.

### **Working with External Groups**

The Allotment Liaison Group and Ladygrove Management Working Group feed into the committee, much progress has been made with these groups through the year. The rising popularity of allotments means there is a thriving community of growers across the town. The Ladygrove Management Working Group look at a variety of issues that impact local residents, including maintenance of the lakes and the mounds. The group work very effectively and engage with all interested parties. We aim to continue to nurture these relationships in 2024.

### **Millennium Woods**

Millennium Woods is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts and the Outdoors Services Team have been working hard to keep the woodland maintained throughout the year. Last year new signs were installed showing visitors what they might experience whilst enjoying a walk around the woods. Why not take a trip to the woods as we head towards spring and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of being in nature?



New Millenium Wood Sign



New Polytunnel New Road Allotments

**Councillor Gavin Roberts**  
**Chair of the Environment and Climate Committee**  
**March 2024**



# Report from the Chair of the Property & Facilities Committee



Cllr Kelly Morrison

The Property and Facilities Committee replaced the Civic Hall Committee a couple of years ago. The primary purpose of this Committee is to oversee all buildings owned and managed by Didcot Town Council. The main buildings run by DTC include the Civic Hall and Town Council offices; the Outdoor Services Depot; Loyd Pavilion; Willowbrook Leisure Centre and the newly completed Edmonds Park Community Pavilion. In addition, DTC manage the Fleet Meadow Pavilion as the sole Trustee under a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Didcot Town Council will further add to its portfolio next April when the Northbrook Community Centre will be transferred by the developers working in the Ladygrove North area.

The Civic Hall and the Willowbrook Leisure Centre have both exceeded their budgeted expected income for hire bookings this year. The Civic Hall hosts a wide range of events and activities including the Food Festival; craft fairs; public consultations; conferences; parties; dance clubs; Christmas Grotto and Children's disco. The Civic Hall is used by DTC for all their public Council and Committee meetings and by SODC for their public meetings until they transfer to their new home at Didcot Gateway. The licensed bar sells drinks and snacks which further add to the income generated by this popular facility.

DTC Officers and casual staff work hard to welcome people and ensure the success of their events – big and small.

Willowbrook Leisure Centre has continued to be a challenge to keep staffed but the hard work of the Estates Team led by Stuart Mundy has helped this facility increase its budgeted income. Regular users include St John's Ambulance and The Bounce at weekends. Drop-in badminton for residents of any ability is also popular and there is interest to increase the number of sports available at Willowbrook in the coming year.

## **Maintenance and repairs**

DTC have a duty and responsibility to ensure that all Council-run buildings are safe to open to the public. This means that ongoing maintenance and repairs are both costly

but essential. The recent bad weather highlighted further roof repairs needed at the Civic Hall recently along with clearance of guttering to cope with the flow of storm waters. Aging boilers at Willowbrook will also need to be replaced soon as parts are proving to be expensive and in short supply. Insulation has been installed above the reception and function room at Willowbrook to improve energy performance.

Loyd Pavilion was fully refurbished last year and is now up to standard for sports and community clubs to use at Loyd Park. The asbestos roof was replaced with insulated roof panels; new security entrance door; showers and kitchen units.

I look forward to seeing further improvements at all our buildings and to see the residents of Didcot make the most of these facilities.



Opening of renovated Loyd Pavilion



New Edmonds Park Pavilion

**Councillor Kelly Morrison**  
**Chair of the Property & Facilities Committee**  
**March 2024**

# Report from the Chair of the Personnel & Administration Committee



Cllr Chris Jennings

This is a small Committee of just five elected members with a remit to work with the Town Clerk to look after all matters relating to DTC as an employer. The other important job is to review administrative policies and procedures which assist the smooth running of the Town Council.

Over the year there has been a lot of staff movement which has resulted in promotions for key staff to the senior team. The Outdoor Services Manager completed his probation period and was made permanent. There was another promotion into a key role as Estate Manager to look after DTC's growing portfolio of public properties. The Estate Manager is assisted by two Estate Officers – one a promotion and one a new position. Finally, the Town Clerk now has a Deputy! Another important internal promotion means that the Town Clerk has a qualified Deputy Town Clerk to share the workload and help run the Council.

The newly elected Councillors took the decision to appoint a Horticultural Apprentice. We now have a young person with an opportunity to gain practical skills with the outdoor team along with classroom work for horticultural qualifications.

Policies that have gone through the Committee include: Drug & Alcohol; Driving Council Vehicles; Needles sticks and sharps; Health & Safety statement; Equality & Diversity; Annual Leave and TOIL and the Volunteer Policy amongst others.

Training is very important especially if it means work can be carried out in-house to save money. The Outdoor team have received training on repairing small tools; welding; machine maintenance; chainsaw operation; felling and topple testing in the Cemetery. GDPR training is being rolled out to all staff.

Didcot Town Council is proud to employ staff who in the main are local. Our team of casual workers help us man the Civic Hall buildings in the evenings and weekends – and help us to run Willowbrook. All staff help with events such as the parade for Remembrance Sunday. The staff are our biggest asset.

**Councillor Chris Jennings**  
**Chair of the Personnel & Administration Committee**  
**March 2024**

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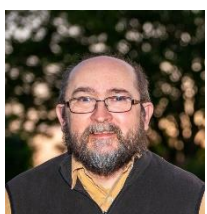
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# Voting Committee Members

## Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr Tony Worgan (Chair)  
Cllr Gavin Roberts (Vice Chair)  
Cllr David Aragao  
Cllr Jim Loder  
Cllr Nick Hards  
Cllr James Broadbent  
Cllr George Ryall

## Environment & Climate Committee

Cllr Gavin Roberts (Chair)  
Cllr Kelly Morrison (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Stephen Cole  
Cllr Andrew Jones  
Cllr Tony Hudson  
Cllr James Broadbent  
Cllr Luke Hislop

## Property & Facilities Committee

Cllr Kelly Morrison (Chair)  
Cllr Hugh Macdonald (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Andrew Jones  
Cllr Mocky Khan  
Cllr Zia Mohammed  
Cllr Tony Hudson  
Cllr Luke Hislop

## Planning & Development Committee

Cllr David Rouane (Chair)  
Cllr Hugh Macdonald (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Stephen Cole  
Cllr Chris Jennings  
Cllr Nick Hards  
Cllr Luke Hislop  
Cllr Tony Hudson

## Personnel & Administration Committee

Cllr Chris Jennings (Chair)  
Cllr Jim Loder (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Hugh Macdonald  
Cllr George Ryall  
Cllr Denise Macdonald



# Staff

- Janet Wheeler ~ Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
- Lucy Blake ~ Deputy Town Clerk
- Mike Blake ~ Outdoor Services Manager
- Stuart Mundy ~ Estate Manager
- Arek Guzinski ~ Planning & Estate Officer
- Simon Hunt ~ Estate Officer
- Chelsey Lordan ~ Events & Communications Officer
- Teresa Tye ~ Mayor's Secretary & Administration Assistant (p/t)
- Jacqueline Scott ~ Customer Services Officer
- Kate Buckle ~ Civic Hall Evening Leader (p/t)
- Steph Frankum ~ Civic Hall Evening Leader (p/t)
- Louise Dearlove ~ Civic Hall Assistant (p/t)
- Dan Furby ~ Grounds Supervisor
- Steve Andrews ~ Grounds
- Brian McAloon ~ Grounds
- Tom Hendy ~ Grounds
- Sam Mallett ~ Grounds (Community Officer)
- Owen Blake ~ Grounds
- Leon Rawlings ~ Apprentice
- Neressa Copley ~ Pavilion Cleaner
- Plus a number of casual helpers for buildings and outdoor support.

# Balance Sheet

Unaudited accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

31 January 2023		31 January 2024
<b>£</b>	<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>£</b>
5,917	Debtors	18,441
1,223,040	Cash at Bank and In-hand	1,895,861
<b><u>1,228,957</u></b>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>1,914,302</u></b>
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
148,556	Creditors and accrued expenses (repayable within one year)	455,032
	<b>Net Current Assets</b> (Total assets less Current Liabilities)	<b><u>1,459,270</u></b>
	<b>Capital and Reserves</b>	
111,116	Current Year Fund	757,130
228,374	General Reserve	77,938
NIL	EMR CIL Splash Park	121,000
118,717	Building Repair Fund	52,616
2,245	Cemetery Fund	2,245
13,616	Skatepark Refurbishment	13,616
5,246	Ladygrove Lakes	1,918
5,537	Ladygrove Park	5,537
20,000	Ladygrove Lakes Staging Fund	18,200
34,260	Building Project Fees Fund	NIL
104,137	CIL	111,439
1,336	Election Fund	NIL
3,464	Planting	3,464
8,989	Arboriculture	8,989
11,001	Sports Pitches	11,001
200,000	Splash Park	200,000
12,084	EMR Community Projects	1,726
5,094	EMR Bus Shelters/Street Furniture	5,094
500	GDPR	500
1,935	EMR Play Areas	688
120,972	VAT Contingency	NIL
NIL	Summer Fayre – Edfest	12,550
13,405	CCTV	13,405
34,700	Pavilions	32,747
9,808	EMR Groundskeeping Equipment	7,466
13,866	Rolling Budgets	NIL
<b><u>£1,080,402</u></b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>£1,459,270</u></b>

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