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25 July 2023

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023** at **7:05pm**, or on the rising of the Council meeting, if later.

> Les Trigg Town Clerk

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, and to consider the approval of any reasons given for absence under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Requests for Dispensations Received
- 4. To receive a report from County Councillors representing Stone Town
 - County Councillor Mrs J. Hood
 - County Councillor I. Parry
- 5. To receive a report from Borough Councillors representing Stone Town

6. Representations from Members of the Public

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 4 July 2023, Minute No's GP24/034 – GP24/056 (attached).

8. Minutes of Sub-Committees

There are no sub-committee minutes for consideration.

9. Grants to Local Organisations

To consider the following request for a grant application in light of additional information:

a. Organisation: Futures2gether

Amount Requested: £470

Reason: To support the costs of offering clients the opportunity to take part in multi sports sessions provided by Coaches from Stoke City Football Club.

This grant application did not meet the Council's criteria due to the level of reserves but was agreed for discussion at the last meeting of this Committee. The decision was deferred pending the receipt of additional information. See Minute reference GP24/043, 4 July 2023.

10. Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant

To seek approval for the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, to submit a bid to the Rural England Prosperity Fund to support work at the Heritage Centre.

Please see Stafford Borough Council's Rural England Prosperity Fund Policy and Grant Application form attached.

Please also see: <u>Rural England Prosperity Fund | Stafford Borough Council (staffordbc.gov.uk)</u>

11. Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

To consider a Stafford Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation.

An email from the Borough Council is enclosed together with a copy of the current Public Spaces Protection Order and Consultation form.

Please also see: <u>Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation | Stafford Borough</u> <u>Council (staffordbc.gov.uk)</u>

12. Budget Monitoring Report – June 2023

To receive the report of the Town Clerk (attached).

13. Heritage Centre

To consider an update on the Heritage Centre.

14. Frank Jordan Centre

To consider an update from the Town Clerk.

15. 50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council

To consider membership of 50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council Working Group.

16. Town Council Payments

To receive a list of payments made by the Council during the period 1 to 30 June 2023 (attached).

17. Update from Working Groups:

- a) Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group
- b) Engagement with Young People Working Group

18. To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group – J. Davies
Stone ATC – Town Mayor & one vacancy – J. Davies
Age Concern Stone & District – ClIrs J. Davies and C. Thornicroft
Stafford & Stone Access Group – ClIr T. Kelt
Stone Common Plot Trustees – ClIrs: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and
R. Townsend
Stone Community Hub Liaison Group – ClIrs: J. Battrick, J. Hood and J. Powell
SPCA Executive Committee – M. Green
Stone Traders' Group Directors Meeting – ClIrs: A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood and T. Kelt (Councillors attend on a rotating basis)

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 4 July 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J. Davies in the Chair, and Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, K. Dawson, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

At the start of the meeting the Town Mayor, Councillor J Davies, was elected to take the chair (for the meeting) as neither the Committee Chairman nor Vice-Chairman were able to be present.

GP24/034 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GP24/035 Declarations of Interests

None

GP24/036 Requests for Dispensations

None

GP24/037 To receive the report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Jill Hood

Councillor Hood was not available on this occasion to give her report.

County Councillor I. Parry

Councillor Parry was not in attendance at the meeting.

GP24/038 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

Councillor Leason advised the Committee that he had nothing to report at this time.

GP24/039 Representations from Members of the Public

None

GP24/040 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023 (Minute Numbers GP24/020 – GP24/033) be approved as a correct record.

GP24/041 Minutes of Sub-Committees

 a) Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on 20 June 2023 (Minute Numbers TTP24/001 – TTP24/008), that the draft minutes be noted, and the recommendations of the Sub-Committee contained in Minute Number TTP24/005 be adopted.

The recommendation contained in Minute Number TTP24/005 was considered as part of Minute Number GP24/052 (agenda item 19).

- Environment Sub-Committee held on 20 June 2023 (Minutes Numbers ENV24/001 – ENV24/011), that the draft minutes be noted, and the recommendations of the Sub-Committee contained in Minute Number ENV24/009 be adopted.
- c) Estates Sub-Committee held on 20 June 2023 (Minutes Numbers EST24/001 EST24/007), that the draft minutes be noted.
- d) Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee held on 20 June 2023 (Minutes Numbers MC24/001 MC24/006), that the draft minutes be noted.

GP24/042 Grants to Local Organisations

The Committee considered requests for grant aid from local organisations.

The following organisations met the eligibility criteria within the Council's grants policy:

a. Organisation: St Michael's Community Hall Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To contribute towards the costs of replacing the roof. This is a long-term project, and any grant will be ring fenced for this specific project. The project is in its very early stages, as guidance is needed from the Conservation office at Stafford Borough Council.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to St Michael's Community Hall, earmarked to be used towards the replacement of the hall roof, and to be returned to the Council if not used for this purpose.

The following organisations did not meet the eligibility criteria within the Council's grants policy for the reasons stated, but a proposer and seconder came forward in each case to instigate a discussion about making an award of a grant.

a. Organisation: Stone Community First Responders Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To contribute toward the purchase of a new compact multifunction patient monitor.

i. Level of reserves. (Note: The reserves are expected to be needed to replace the First Responders' vehicle)

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to Stone Community First Responders.

b. Organisation: Stone Community Speed Watch Group Amount Requested: £1,350

Reason: To purchase and install small, permanent, metal Community Speed Watch signs on existing signs on every road into Stone to educate drivers that the town is a Community Speed Watch area, that volunteers may be present and that speed limits should be adhered to.

- i. Request over £500
- ii. No accounts available due to nature of organisation

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to Stone Community Speed Watch, to be paid when total funding for the project has been secured and an order for the Speed Watch signs is ready to be placed.

c. Organisation: Stone Dominoes Football Club Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To support the funding of the revived Stone Dominoes men's first team which has been set up and will be running from this season. This will include items such as new home kit, new away kit, training kits, matchday t-shirts, jackets and coats, league fees and referee fees etc.

i. No accounts are available as the proposal relates to a new team.

RESOLVED: To award £500 to Stone Dominoes Football Club.

d. Organisation: Futures2gether

Amount Requested: £470

Reason: To support the costs of offering clients the opportunity to take part in multi sports sessions provided by Coaches from Stoke City Football Club.

i. Level of reserves

RESOLVED: To defer consideration of the grant application from Futures2gether pending further information on whether the project will be able to go ahead if the Town Council's support is not forthcoming.

GP24/043 Complaints Procedure

The Committee considered the updated complaints procedure* which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that the only changes to the policy were those reflecting the abolition of the Management Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: To approve the Town Council's updated Complaints Procedure.

GP24/044 Grievance Procedure

The Committee considered the updated Grievance Procedure* which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that the only changes to the policy were those reflecting the abolition of the Management Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: To approve the Town Council's updated Grievance Procedure.

GP24/045 Disciplinary Procedure

The Committee considered the updated Disciplinary Procedure* which had been attached to the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that the only changes to the policy were those reflecting the abolition of the Management Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: To approve the Town Council's updated Disciplinary Procedure.

GP24/046 Past Consort Badges

The Committee considered potential new designs for 'Past Consort' and 'Past Deputy Consort' badges, brought forward from the Committee Meeting on 7 February 2023 (Minute Reference: GP23/163).

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that prior to the current arrangements where the Mayor Making Ceremony formed part of Civic Sunday, the Town Council used to purchase gifts in recognition of the work done by the Consorts in accompanying/supporting the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. As this no longer took place the suggestion was made by the former Town Mayor that the Council give a commemorative badge annually to the outgoing consorts as a thank you for their work and a reminder of their year in office. This was agreed by the Committee in February but alternative designs, considered more suitable for wearing by both ladies and men, were requested be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that he had undertaken additional research into the options available. He had found it difficult to find reasonable alternatives at around the same price as the one previously presented, and that there seemed to be no middle ground between badges in this price range and the current Past Mayor's badges which were around £250 each. He said that he had given a target budget of £150 to the Town Council's current supplier of 'Past Mayor' badges but they were unable to provide a quality item that represented good value for that figure.

The Town Clerk outlined the possible options which included not introducing Consorts badges, choosing one of the badges circulated when the item was discussed in February, or purchasing badges to the value of the current Mayors and Deputy Mayors badges. The latter option would require additional money to be earmarked in the budget.

* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

The Town Clerk circulated the sample Past Consort badge designs (previously circulated) for Councillors to view and consider again which had been costed at around £80 when purchasing a minimum quantity of five of each design.

He said that if supported, an additional budget of £800 would be needed in the current year for the purchase of an initial stock of badges, which had been provided for in the budget recommendations to Council considered earlier in the year.

The Committee considered the round/circular (St Ives sample) badge, made with the Council's crest and colours with pin fastener, to be the most appropriate design (and much better than the traditional bouquet of flowers).

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk purchases the St Ives sample, customised to Stone Town Council's requirements as 'Past Mayor's Consort' and 'Past Deputy Mayor's Consort' badges.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's award of Past Consort badges would be implemented from last year's mayoralty.

GP24/047 <u>Heritage Centre</u>

The Committee considered an update on the Heritage Centre.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the building works were now close to completion and a meeting of the Heritage Centre Steering Group had been arranged to take place on Monday 10 July. The meeting involved a visit to the Heritage Centre to view the work that had been done.

GP24/048 Covid-19 Reflection Orchard

The Committee considered the plaque for the Covid-19 Reflection Orchard which had been referred from Environment Sub-Committee on 20 June 2023 (Minute Number ENV24/005).

A picture image* of the proposed plaque was issued to Town Councillors at the meeting.

Councillor Townsend provided details of the plaque's specification which was made of bronze and designed/made by a British manufacturer to be durable, weather resistant and priced within budget.

The plaque would be mounted on a wooden plinth to be made free of charge by the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contractor. The plinth will sit on the floor rather than on a post.

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the proposal included a corresponding plaque on the bench that would say how the orchard came about.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved in the project for their work in bringing it to fruition.

RESOLVED: That the proposed plaque, as illustrated, be approved for purchase.

RESOLVED: That authority be given for the words for the bench plaque to be agreed by the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor Townsend.

GP24/049 Town Mayor's Charity

The Committee considered possible uses for a long-standing unallocated sum of money in the Town Mayor's Charity account totalling £1,161.68.

This item had been referred to the Committee from the Town Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee on 20 June 2023 (Minute Number MC24/005).

The Committee considered that as the sum had originally been raised for charitable purposes, it should still be used in that way. It concluded that a suitable organisation in need of financial support was Crown Wharf Theatre.

RESOLVED: That two theatre seats be purchased at Crown Wharf Theatre (at a cost of £500 each) with the surplus sum being awarded to the Theatre as a donation.

GP24/050 Sex Establishment Policy

The Committee considered a Stafford Borough Council consultation on Sex Establishment Policy. A letter from the Licensing Manager had been attached to the agenda for the meeting along with a copy of the draft Sex Establishment Venue Licensing Policy 2023 (attached to the electronic version of the agenda).

RESOLVED: That Town Councillors individually send any comments they wish to make on the Sex Establishment Venue Licensing Policy 2023 to the Town Clerk within a week of the consultation deadline (of 26 July 2023) and that the Town Clerk drafts a response for circulation to Councillors before submission to Stafford Borough Council.

GP24/051 Town Council Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 to 31 May 2023.

GP24/052 50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council

The Committee considered the setting up of a working group to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council on 1 April 2024, referred from the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee on 20 June 2023 (Minute Number TTP24/005).

RESOLVED: That a 50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council Working Group be set up and that the Town Clerk invites Councillors to express an interest in becoming a member, before confirmation at the next meeting of the Committee.

GP24/053 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

The Chairman advised the Committee that a meeting of the Steering Group would take place on Monday 10 July 2023.

Engagement with Young People

Councillor Dawson advised the Committee that a meeting of the Working Group had taken place on 3 July 2023 with an in-depth discussion about the role of the Student Advisor. She said that she would be arranging to meet with the Town Clerk in the next few weeks with a view to compiling a report for consideration by the General Purposes Committee.

GP24/054 <u>To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local</u> organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that a meeting would be arranged to take place at the end of the month.

Stone ATC

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that he had no report but would endeavour to give an update at the next meeting of the Committee.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft was not available to give a report.

Stafford & Stone Access Group

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a regular meeting of Stafford & Stone Access Group had taken place as well as the Annual General Meeting. He said that most of the discussion was around the financial situation which appeared reasonably stable.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Townsend and Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that they had not been able to attend the most recent meeting held on Sunday 2 July 2023.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Battrick advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

SPCA Executive Committee

Mr M. Green was not available to give a report.

Stone Traders Group Directors' Meeting

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that Councillor Hood had attended the last meeting of Stone Traders Group Directors.

The meeting was suspended and then reconvened after the Planning Consultative Committee meeting had taken place.

GP24/055 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

GP24/056 Confidential Minutes and recommendations of Sub-Committees:

a) Estates Sub-Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2023, Minute Numbers: EST24/001, EST24/006 and EST24/007.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the Sub-Committee.

CHAIRMAN

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Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation: Futures2gether			
Purpose of organisation: To provide support and opportunities for Adults with learning difficulties and Autism.			
Amount of grant requested: £470	Total cost of project (if appropriate):		
Reason for grant request: We would like to be able to offer our clients the sessions provided by Coaches from Stoke Ci The sessions are specifically aimed at individe impairments and help to build skills such as he strength and gross motor skills. The sessions also provide opprotunites for cl develop firendships and social skills. The cost for 6 sessions at £45 per session = We would also like to request some funding the clients in ordert for them to produce items for work throughout the week on various craft pre small pop up shop during our community cafe workshop would allow clients to expand their expanding the items we have on offer at the st Glass making work shop inc. materials and fi	ity Football Club. Juals with learning difficulties and physical hand/eye coordination, balance and core ients to play sports as part of a team and £270.00 to offer a gless making workshop to our their community enterprise shop. Clients ojects to produce items that they sell in their e. By participating in a glass making craft skills and finer motor skills as well as shop.		

Benefits to Stone residents:

The Clients who attend our services would benefit greatly from the activities above. Both in terms of inproving their skill base but also improving their social skills and confidence.

In terms of the glass making workshop the clients would benefit from a great sense of achievement that the items they had created were being sold to local residents and supporters.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception: Although the turnover of Futures2gether is over £100,000 a year the majority of our expenditure goes on providing the staff to support clients to access the activities we offer. Our clients need significant support to access activities and to support them with their social and emotional needs. This can mean that there isn't enough money to provide quality activities espcially ones that may cost more.

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding: None

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Mrs. K Morton Mrs. A Lloyd
Company number	11663503
Registered office	17 Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA
Accountants	Plant & Co Limited 17 Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA
Business address	The Crossings Centre Station Approach Stone ST15 8ER

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mrs. K Morton Mrs. A Lloyd

Small companies exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board

Mrs. K Morton Director

Mrs. A Lloyd **Director**

Date:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Futures2Gether C.I.C for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the statement of financial position and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance.

It is your duty to ensure that Futures2Gether C.I.C has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of Futures2Gether C.I.C. You consider that Futures2Gether C.I.C is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Futures2Gether C.I.C. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Plant & Co Limited

Chartered Accountants

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17 Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross surplus Administrative expenses	217,998 (203,652)	148,977 (146,379)
Surplus before taxation	14,346	2,598
Tax on surplus	(2,606)	(508)
Surplus for the financial year	11,740	2,090

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		869		75
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		28,305		14,841	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year		(13,171)		(10,653)	
Net current assets			15,134		4,188
Net assets			16,003		4,263
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account			16,003		4,263
Members' funds			16,003		4,263

In accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006 all of the members of the company have consented to the preparation of abridged financial statements pursuant to paragraph 1A of Schedule 1 to the Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations (S.I. 2008/409)(b).

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on its behalf by:

Mrs. K Morton Director Mrs. A Lloyd Director

Company Registration No. 11663503

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Futures2Gether C.I.C is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 17 Lichfield Street, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8NA. The principal place of business is The Crossings Centre, Station Approach, Stone, ST15 8ER.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest \pounds .

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the fair value of the consideration is the present value of the future receipts. The difference between the fair value of the consideration and the nominal amount received is recognised as interest income.

Revenue from contracts for the provision of professional services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion when the stage of completion, costs incurred and costs to complete can be estimated reliably. The stage of completion is calculated by comparing costs incurred, mainly in relation to contractual hourly staff rates and materials, as a proportion of total costs. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that it is probable will be recovered.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers

3 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.8 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.11 Operating Surplus

The company made an post-tax operating surplus of £14,346 during the period. This surplus is carried forward to be used in the future provision of the social services that it was incorporated to provide.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	15	12

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Total £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	223
Additions	1,229
At 31 December 2021	1,452
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	148
Depreciation charged in the year	435
At 31 December 2021	583
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	869
At 31 December 2020	75

5 Members' liability

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding $\pounds 1$.

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DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Fundraising receipts		3,013		5,385
Day opportunities		68,368		62,675
Performing arts		2,245		855
Supported living		135,617		78,342
Residential income		2,960		249
Mileage, refreshments and other		1,684		961
		213,887		148,467
Cost of sales		213,007		140,407
	0 777		0.400	
Purchases	3,777		2,492	
Total cost of sales		(3,777)		(2,492)
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Gross surplus		210,110		145,975
Other operating income				
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	1,814		2,002	
PPE Fund	6,074		1,000	
	0,074		1,000	
		7,888		3,002

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021			2020	
	£	£	£	£	
Administrative expenses					
Wages and salaries	126,685		83,504		
Staff recruitment costs	675		-		
Staff training	1,302		625		
Directors' remuneration	47,492		39,836		
Directors' pension costs - defined contribution	,				
scheme	2,528		1,581		
Rent	7,760		6,920		
Insurance	2,990		2,504		
Motor running expenses	1,075		603		
Accommodation and subsistence	2,604		-		
Accountancy	3,162		4,404		
Bank charges	-		(25)		
Printing and stationery	403		258		
Christmas expenses and party	315		158		
Website costs	88		-		
Other office supplies	215		180		
Sundry expenses	1,371		1,120		
Groceries and food contribution	1,495		1,228		
Cash for client activities(paid by bacs)	153		75		
Refunds	-		26		
Activity equipment or Resources	531		282		
Savings Transfer	265		1,879		
Staff reward and recognition	917		328		
Celebration client event	198		15		
Office Expenses	993		804		
Depreciation	435		74		
		(203,652)		(146,379)	
Operating surplus		14,346		2,598	

Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant Policy

June 2023



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1 Introduction

In April 2022, the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) published the <u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus -</u> <u>GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>.

The UKSPF is a central pillar of the UK government's levelling up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025.

In September 2022, the government launched the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) prospectus <u>www.gov.uk/government/news/110m-fund-to-level-up-rural-communities-unveiled</u> as an addition to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Stafford Borough Council was provisionally allocated £487,936 to spend between 2023 and 2025 on capital interventions in our rural communities as part of the REPF. 25% of the funding allocation must be spent in 2023/24 and 75% in 2023/25. To claim the monies the Council had to submit a proposal as to how the allocation would be spent:

Our proposal sets out that we will allocate:

- £121,984 to support Rural Communities
- £365,952 to support Rural Businesses

2 Rural Funding

Rural Locations

Projects must be based in a rural area. For fund purposes, rural areas are:

- towns, villages and hamlets with populations below 10,000 and the wider countryside
- market or 'hub towns' with populations of up to 30,000 that serve their surrounding rural areas as centres of employment and in providing services

Eligibility

The following bodies are eligible to apply to access the funding:

- local authorities
- public sector organisations
- higher and further education institutions
- private sector companies
- voluntary organisations
- registered charities

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Amount of grant

Grants of a minimum of £5,000 up to £65,000 are available to eligible organisations. A match fund of 20% will be required.

We cannot support projects that have received funding from other Defra schemes. This includes:

- The Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme
- The Farming Investment Fund
- The Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Improvement Grant Fund

We also cannot support projects or costs where there is a statutory duty to provide them.

Example projects

Grants for the following will be considered for funding amongst others:

Rural Communities

- Capital grants for sustainable kitchens in community hubs which can support food and drink entrepreneurs to get accreditation for food production, whilst adopting low carbon technology.
- Capital grants to establish or enhance community gardens and green spaces
- Capital grants to develop, restore or refurbish local natural, cultural and heritage assets and sites
- Improving visitor experience and accessibility such as providing all terrain wheelchairs
- Capital grants to enable the provision of venues to host creative events
- Creation of new footpaths and cycle paths
- Capital grants to set up community led cafes or workshops including tools and equipment
- Capital grants to purchase equipment for local volunteering groups
- Installing EV charging points for the local community
- Retrofitting community buildings to reduce energy consumption and emissions e.g., installing insulation, double glazing, or solar panels

Local Business

- Creation of event venues or farm tourism facilities such as accommodation, wedding venues and leisure facilities including pet and equine facilities
- Purchase of equipment for food processing for non-farmed own businesses such as brewery equipment, modernising existing kitchen equipment, onsite vending machines
- Capital grants for equipment to support showcasing of local food and drink products
- Capital grants to equip development kitchens or modernise existing kitchen equipment for increased energy efficiency or increased productivity through automation
- Capital grants to develop local tourist attractions such as information boards and visitor centres
- Provision of premises for community owned shops
- Electric vehicle charging points
- Conversion of farm buildings to other business uses

3 Application Process

Organisations will be invited to complete an Expression of Interest form.

- Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt
- A business advisor will make contact to discuss the project further and how the grant will help with developing the objectives
- Outputs and outcomes will be agreed to ensure that the project funded will deliver the required investment priorities

Those that meet the criteria will be invited to submit a full application.

Supporting evidence required at full application stage include:

- Organisation details including any relevant registration or reference numbers i.e., companies house, social enterprise or charity registration
- Contact details for two key people within the organisation
- Bank account details including current bank statement
- 2 years certified accounts or management accounts
- Snapshot business plan to include:
- ✓ a short project summary
- ✓ project objectives
- ✓ predicted impacts
- ✓ a cost break down
- ✓ project timescales
- ✓ monitoring reports including risk assessment

Full applications will be assessed by a panel made up of experienced Officers from Stafford Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council

and the portfolio holder for Economic Development and Planning. Decisions will be based on schemes delivering a high number of outputs and outcomes, providing value for money, supporting green/innovative elements, encouraging increased private sector investment, boosting community cohesion.

Timeline for applications

The timescale will be published following receipt of funding from government. Notification and requests for projects will be announced in the press and on SBC social media channels and websites.

4 Appeals Process

Grants are paid at the discretion of the Council with awards being determined by the panel. No formal right of appeal exists, but an applicant who is dissatisfied with a grant determination may request that it be reviewed by the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

5 How we use your personal information:

The information provided will be used by Stafford Borough Council, as the data controller, to allow us to administer grant applications. We will only share your information, when necessary, with agencies involved in the processing of grants or where the law requires or allows us to. For further information, please see <u>www.staffordbc.gov.uk/business-grant-applications-privacy-notice</u>





Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant Expression of Interest

Name of Organisation

Address

Contact Name

Title of Position Held

Telephone

Email

Website address

Nature of the Organisation

Charity Number

Company Registration Number

For Sole Traders/Partnerships Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR)

Number of Employees (Full time equivalent)

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Amount of funding received in the last three years

Annual Turnover / Income 2022-2023

Projected Annual Turnover / Income 2023-2024

What will you purchase with the grant?

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Amount of grant requested?

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What will the organisation achieve from this grant funding? Maximum 400 words

Brief description of project

Who will it benefit?

How will the impact of the funding be measured?

What would happen if this funding was not available?

How we use your personal information

The information that you have provided will be used by Stafford Borough Council, as the data controller, to allow us to administer your Grant Application. We will only share your information, when necessary, with agencies involved in the processing of this grant or where the law requires or allows us to.

For further information, please see <u>www.staffordbc.gov.uk/privacynotice</u>.



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Good afternoon

The current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is due to expire in December 2023.

Following feedback from residents and businesses the council is now considering the behaviours included in the PSPO and would like to hear your views.

All the information you require, including the consultation document can be found on the council website.

The consultation will run until 29 August 2023

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-order-pspoconsultation

Many thanks for your time.

Community Safety



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STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

THE BOROUGH OF STAFFORD

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020

The Stafford Borough Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), hereby makes the following Order:-

- 1. This Order shall come into operation on the 7th day of December 2020 and shall have effect for a period of three years from the date thereof (unless it is extended pursuant to Section 60 of the Act).
- 2. This Order applies to the areas within the Borough of Stafford as specified in the Schedule to this Order and shown marked on the attached plans at Appendices 1 and 2, being public spaces in the Council's area to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Areas").

BY THIS ORDER

3. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Areas at all times:-

(a) Alcohol

- Any person is prohibited from having an open alcohol container in his/her possession;
- Any person is required to surrender any open alcohol container in his/her possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council.

(b) Dog Fouling

 Any person is required to remove the faeces of a dog he/she is in control of, immediately after the dog has defecated;

(c) Dogs on Leads

 Any person who is in control of a dog in a "no dogs off lead" restricted area is required to keep the dog on a lead at all times, and such lead must not exceed a length of two metres.

(d) Dogs on Leads by Direction

• Any person who is in control of a dog is required to put and keep the dog on a lead, if given a direction to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council.

(e) Dog Exclusion Areas

• Any person is prohibited from allowing a dog he/she is in control of to enter the designated play areas as specified in the Schedule to this Order and indicated in the attached plans at Appendix 2.

(f) Dog Walking

• Any person is prohibited from walking more than 4 dogs at any one time.

(g) Motor Vehicles

 All motor vehicles are prohibited from travelling or parking along the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated in the attached plans at Appendix 1), save for those vehicles that are exempt by virtue of paragraph 4(iv) of this Order.

(h) Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards and Roller Skates

• Any person is prohibited from riding on a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or roller skates (including roller blades) along the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(i) Loitering

• Any person is prohibited from loitering or otherwise gathering in groups of five or more within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(j) Tents

• Any person is prohibited from erecting, sleeping in, or otherwise being in a tent (or like structure) within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(k) Canvassing

 Any person is prohibited from canvassing for the sale of services by means of direct debit, or for the purpose of obtaining an individual's bank account details, or for the purpose of face-to-face fund raising, within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(For the purposes of 3 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above, a person who habitually has a dog in his/her possession shall be taken to be in control of the dog at any particular time, unless at that time some other person is in control of the dog).

- 4. Exemptions
- (i) Nothing in Paragraph 3(a) of this Order shall apply to a person who is in possession of an open alcohol container within the curtilage of any licensed premises located within a restricted area, or any premises licensed under s.11 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the supply of alcohol or premises permitting the sale of alcohol by s.100 of said Act (Temporary Event Notice), or by s.115E of the Highways Act 1980.
- (ii) Nothing in Paragraph 3(b) to 3(f) of this Order shall apply to a person with a disability who is accompanied by an assistance dog. A person with a disability is defined under s.6(1) Equality Act 2010 (as amended) as a person with -
 - (a) A physical or mental impairment, and
 - (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- (iii) An assistance dog is defined under s.173(1) of the Equality Act 2010 (as amended) as
 - (a) A dog which has been trained to guide a blind person;
 - (b) A dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person;
 - (c) A dog which has been trained by a prescribed charity to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects his/her mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects; or
 - (d) A dog of a prescribed category which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability (other than one falling within paragraph (c) of a prescribed kind).
- (iv) Nothing in Paragraph 3(g) of this Order shall apply to emergency, cash-intransit or Royal Mail vehicles, or to vehicles of any kind being used solely for the purposes of loading and unloading on any day between the hours of 4:00pm and 10:00am only.
- 5. An "Authorised Officer of the Council" means an employee of Stafford Borough Council, a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer, or any other person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.
- 6. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59, 64 and 72 of the Act have been satisfied, and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas. The Council makes the Order because anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect or likely effect of this is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed in this Order.

7. Offences

- i. It is an offence for any person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- ii. A person commits an offence if he fails to give his name and address when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council, or gives a false or inaccurate name or address when an Authorised Officer proposes to give a person a Fixed Penalty Notice for engaging in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- iii. Any person who is found to be in breach of any provisions of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of Level 3 on the Standard Scale, or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a financial penalty of up to £100.00.

8. Revocation

This Order hereby revokes the Borough of Stafford Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 made on 30th November 2017.

DATED this 25th day of November 2020

The Common Seal of **STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

SIMON WILLIAM TURNER Authorised Officer



SCHEDULE OF THE RESTRICTED AREAS

Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
The whole of the Borough of Stafford (any place to which the public have access)	 The removal of dog faeces immediately after the dog has defecated. Dogs on leads by direction. Dog walking – maximum of 4 dogs at any one time. (see 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 3(e) & 3(f) of this Order). 	N/A
Stone Town Centre &	Restrictions in relation to the use of motor	Appendix 1
Stafford Town Centre (pedestrianised areas)	vehicles, bicycles, scooters, skateboards and roller skates (see 3(g) and 3(h) of this Order).	Maps 40a & 43a
Stone Town Centre, Greyfriars, Stafford, Stafford Town Centre, Stafford Train Station, St. Georges Mansions,	Restrictions in relation to alcohol, loitering, tents and canvassing (see 3(a), 3(i), 3(j), & 3(k) of this Order).	Maps 40a, 41a, 43a, 44a & 45a
		Appendix 2
Victoria Park North & Play Area	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 1a
Victoria Park & <mark>Bowling</mark> Green	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 1b
Rowley Park, Stafford	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 2a
Stonefield Park, Stone	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 3a
Littleworth Park	Dog Exclusion	Map 4a
Lancing Avenue, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 5a
Meadow View, Adbaston	Dog Exclusion	Map 6a
All Ways Close, Milwich	Dog Exclusion	Map 7a
Bell Close, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Мар 8а

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Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
Beton Way, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Мар 9а
Danta Way, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 10a
Ferndown Drive South	Dog Exclusion	Map 11a
Fernwood, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 12a
Heathfield Avenue, Walton, Stone	Dog Exclusion	Map 13a
Holmcroft Road, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 14a
Lawnsfield Walk, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 15a
Melbourne Crescent, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 16a
New Street, Norton Bridge	Dog Exclusion	Map 17a
St. Georges Road, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 18a
The Lindens, Stone	Dog Exclusion	Map 19a
Wayfield Drive, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 20a
Whitemill Lane, Walton, Stone	Dog Exclusion	Map 21a
Wootton Drive, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 22a
The Green, Yarnfield	Dog Exclusion	Map 23a
Christ Church, Stone	No dogs off lead	Map 24a
Stafford Crematorium, Eccleshall Road	No dogs off lead	Map 25a
Stafford Crematorium, Tixall Road	No dogs off lead	Map 26a
St. Chads Church, Stafford	No dogs off lead	Map 27a
St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall	No dogs off lead	Map 28a

Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
St. Mary's Church, Stafford	No dogs off lead	Map 29a
St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Colwich	No dogs off lead	Map 30a
St. Michael's Church, Stone	No dogs off lead	Map 31a
Stone Cemetery	No dogs off lead	Map 32a
Two Waters Way, Stafford	No dogs off lead	Map 33a
Riverway Bowlin <mark>g G</mark> reen, Stafford	Dog Exclusion	Map 34a
Wildwood Park	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 35a
Castle Church (St. Mary's), Stafford	No dogs off lead	Мар 36а
Stowe-by-Chartley Playing Field	Dog Exclusion	Map 37a
Charnley Road Play Area	Dog Exclusion & no dogs off lead	Map 42a

Appendix 1



Image: Alcohol, Groups Loitering, Tents, Charities/ Businesses Canvassing or Collecting Image: Cyclists and Vehicles



Alcohol, Groups Loitering, Tents, Charities/ Businesses Canvassing or Collecting



🔲 Alcohol, Groups Loitering, Tents, Charities/ Businesses Canvassing or Collecting 📃 Cyclists and Vehicles



Alcohol, Groups Loitering, Tents, Charities/ Businesses Canvassing or Collecting



Alcohol, Groups Loitering, Tents, Charities/ Busingsses Canvassing or Collecting

Appendix 2





Dogs on Leads 🛄 Dog Exclusion



Dogs on Leads 🛄 Dog Exclusion



Dogs on Leads 🛄 Dog Exclusion

























Dog




















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37a	Stowe by Chartley Ward(s) Stowe by Chartley Parish Playing Field	Stafford BOROUGH COUNCIL
94.8m		
Earl Ferrers Schoolyard House		
The Lodge		
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Dogs on Leads 🛄 Dog Exclusion



Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation

In December 2020 a PSPO was implemented covering Stafford and Stone Town Centres.

We are looking to renew the order when it expires in December 2023 and in addition, we would like to introduce some new requirements which will help us to deal with unwanted anti-social behavoiur that has an impact on residents and visitors.

As part of this process we need to consult so it would be helpful if you would please answer the following questions

The consultation will run from 19 July to midnight on 29 August 2023.

Do you think the restrictions in the current PSPO need to be renewed and be included in the new order?

	Yes
\Box	No

Don't know

Comments:

The council is looking at additional restrictions in the new order, do you think the following should be restricted?

Busking in Stafford and Stone Town Centre?

- Yes
- Don't know

Busking with amplifiers in Stafford and Stone Town Centre?

Yes

- 🗌 No
- Don't know

Feeding birds in public open spaces?

- 🗌 Yes
- 🗌 No
- 📃 Don't know

Using BBQ's or equivalents on Public Open Spaces?

- 🗌 Yes
- 🗌 No
- Don't know

Comments

The council is looking to extend the restrictions relating to dogs to cover all the parks in Stafford Borough

Do you think these should be included?

	Yes
	No 🛛
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Don't know

Comments

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Do you think we should continue	to exclude dogs from children's play areas in Stafford Borough?	
Yes		
No		
Don't know		
Comments		
Are you answering as		//
Are you answering as		
Representative from a business	A resident	
	 A resident Dog owner 	
Representative from a business	Dog owner	
Representative from a business Other	Dog owner	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey



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Meeting: General Purposes Committee Date: 1st August 2023 Report of: Town Clerk Budget Monitoring – June 2023

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of the Council's current financial position compared with its budget for the year, and to recommend action in any areas of concern.

Background

- 2. The Council's budget was approved in February 2023. Good financial management requires the Council to:
 - a. Keep the amount of the budget that it requires under review,
 - b. Monitor spending and income against budget projections, and,
 - c. Take appropriate action to ensure that the Council's financial stability is maintained.
- 3. This one of a series of regular reports which are presented to the General Purposes Committee on a broadly quarterly basis. The reports consider the Council's financial position at the end of the most recent month available at the time the report is written. On this occasion, the report considers the position as at the end of June 2023.
- 4. The report will first look at any adjustments proposed to the budget for 2023-24. It will then highlight any areas where net spending differs from that planned in the budget and focus on the income received from the Council's major income generating activities.

Adjustments to 2022-23 Budget

- 5. The meeting of the Council on 6th June 2023 considered the final accounts for 2022-23 and approved a number of unspent budgets to be rolled over into the current year. These rollovers have now been added to the approved budget of the Council.
- 6. Appendix A sets out the agreed budget adjustments and the consequent changes to the current approved budget.

Comparison of Budget with Actual Spending and Income

7. Appendix B sets out a comparison of the budget to date with spending up to the end of June 2023. The budget to date has been estimated with reference to spending patterns in previous years and other available information, but is a fairly broad estimate with a significant margin for error in most areas of the budget. Nevertheless it is a good starting point for identification of potential problems.

- 8. Committee members should note that positive numbers in the table reflect expenditure or an adverse variance (overspend), whereas negative numbers represent income or a favourable variance (underspend).
- 9. Overall, at the end of June 2023, net spending was £164,465 compared with a budget up to that time of £193,142 a net underspending to date of £28,677. Significant variations are identified below.
- 10. The only significant adverse variances is:
 - Accommodation (£1,120): This relates to the increased cost of the Council's 2022-23 office rental from Stafford Borough, which was not notified to the Council until after the year-end creditor had already been estimated and included in the accounts for 2022-23. On the basis of the charge for last year, this budget will need to be increased further when reviewed in early 2024.
- 11. Significant favourable variances are:
 - a. Frank Jordan Centre (£10,897): This favourable variance is partly due to a large payment in advance by a Centre user, but also reflects increased usage.
 - b. Town Markets (£2,167): Although a significant favourable variance appears to have occurred for this period, it is largely due to a delay in the submission of bills for the erection of marquees. These bills have now been received.
 - c. Grounds Maintenance (£6,153): Similarly to Town Markets above, this is an apparent underspending due to expected invoices not being submitted. Again, these bills have now been received.
 - d. Tourism and Town Promotion (£2,302): This underspending is mainly due to a number of the payments for the Coronation event being made in 2022-23, thus reducing the amount to be paid in the current year.
 - e. Heritage Centre (Capital) (£5,890): The budget can only make an approximation of when stage payments are due to be made under the building contract. Despite this reported underspending to the end of June, the project budget is currently on target.
- 12. It can thus be seen at this stage that costs are generally under control, though actual net spending varies from the estimated approved budget to date in some areas. In particular, though a significant underspending is showing in the accounts to the end of June 2023, much of this is due to the timing of the receipt of invoices, rather than an underlying trend of underspending.

Income from Major Income Generating Activities

13. Income from the Frank Jordan Centre, Stone Station and the Town Market together represents almost 10% of the Council's total income. Virtually all of the remaining income is fixed in advance of the year (Precept/Concurrent Functions Allowance), but this 10% can vary within the year in accordance with the Council's success with letting its community centres and market stalls.

- 14. With this in mind, Members need to closely monitor these income items to ensure that its budget remains in balance.
- 15. Attached at Appendix C are a set of graphs showing a comparison of income received to date with the level anticipated for each month. Whilst it must be remembered that the way the income has been profiled is still quite crude, the graphs are showing a position where income is a above target for the Frank Jordan Centre, Stone Station and the Town Market.

Recommendations

- 16. The Committee is recommended to:
 - a. Note the approved adjustments to the Council's budget set out at Appendix A.
 - b. Note the Council's performance against budget at the end of June 2023.
 - c. Consider any action it wishes to take in the light of the information within this report.

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Budget Adjustments 2023-24

	Contribution to (from) Reserves £	Stone Station £	Grounds Mainten'ce £	Crown Meadow Imp'ments £	Env'mentl Initiatives £	Admin £	Stone Heritage Centre (Capital) £
Council 6th June 2023							
Rollover re Stone Station	-30,000	30,000					
Rollover re Grounds Maintenance	-2,600		2,600	505			
Rollover re Crown Meadow Improvements	-525			525	2 750		
Rollover re Environmental Initiatives	-2,750				2,750		
Rollover re Administration	4,000					-4,000	
Rollover re Stone Heritage Centre (Capital)	-273,689						273,689
TOTAL	-305,564	30,000	2,600	525	2,750	-4,000	273,689
	505,504	30,000	2,000	525	2,750	4,000	273,005
Original Budget	-59,315	11,320	24,610	0	0	38,250	0
Current Budget	-364,879	41,320	27,210	525	2,750	34,250	273,689

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Budget Monitoring Statement 2023-24

Revenue Account to End of Period 3 Jun-23

	Original Budget	Current Budget	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Budget Remaining
Major Income Generating Activities	£	£	£	£	£	£
Frank Jordan Centre						
Income	-18,050	-18,050	-4,513	-13,066	-8,554	-4,984
Expenditure	18,600	18,600	4,650	2,306	-2,343	16,294
Net	550	550	137	-10,760	-10,897	11,310
Stone Station						
Income	-7,120	-7,120	-1,780	-2,050	-270	-5,070
Expenditure	18,440	48,440	4,610	4,665	55	43,775
Net	11,320	41,320	2,830	2,615	-215	38,705
Town Market						
Income	-17,740	-17,740	-4,435	-5,342	-907	-12,398
Expenditure	11,110	11,110	2,777	1,517	-1,260	9,593
Net	-6,630	-6,630	-1,658	-3,825	-2,167	-2,805
Other Activities						
Stone Heritage Centre	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Bus Shelters & Street Furniture	3,960	3,960	990	457	-533	3,503
Street Lighting	960	960	0	0	0	960
Dog & Litter Bins	760	760	190	210	20	550
Joules Clock	0	0	0	0	0	0
Town Electricity Supply	790	790	197	99	-98	691
Building Maintenance	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Grounds Maintenance	24,610	27,210	6,153	0	-6,153	27,210
Crown Meadow Improvements	0	525	525	0	-525	525
Allotments	230	230	-54	-277	-223	507
Environmental Initiatives	0	2,750	0	0	0	2,750
Christmas Lights	21,660	21,660	1,660	1,345	-315	20,315
Tourism & Town Promotion	26,750	26,750	11,000	8,698	-2,302	18,052
Grants to Outside Bodies	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
Salaries & Employment Costs	198,700	198,700	44,950	45,837	887	152,863
Accommodation	5,470	5,470	150	1,270	1,120	4,200
Insurances	7,000	7,000	8,167	8,049	-118	-1,049
Administration	38,250	34,250	20,750	20,445	-305	13,805
Audit & Legal Fees	1,550	1,550	-1,000	-1,117	-117	2,667
Town Council Elections	30,000	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
Allowances - Mayor & Deputy Mayor Regalia & Presentations	3,190 230	3,190 230	797 58	807 42	10 -16	2,383 188
Civic Activities	2,000	2,000	500	206	-10 -294	1,794
Remembrance Sunday & War Memorials	2,000 1,800	2,000 1,800	0	200	-294	1,794
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	500	935	435	1,065
Interest	-1,500	-1,500	-700	-1,681	-981	181
Neighbourhood Plan	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0
Stone Heritage Centre (Capital)	0	273,689	97,000	91,110	-5,890	182,579
Inflation Contingency	48,880	48,880	0	0	0	48,880
Total	461,530	767,094	193,142	164,465	-28,677	602,629
Precept & Financing	402,215	402,215	201,108	201,088	-20	
Contribution from (to) Reserves	59,315	364,879	-7,966	-36,623	-28,657	
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Stone Town Council - Payments

The table below lists payments made by the Council in the period identified, for the Committee's information.

The table includes payments by cheque, direct debit, PayPal, payment card, telephone banking and online banking. It excludes salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity, and transfers between the Council's bank accounts. All amounts exclude VAT.

Payment Date From : 01/06/2023 Payment Date To : 30/06/2023

Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
01/06/2023	wp-INVO2187391	Water Plus	Water Usage STN 16/04/23 to 16/05/23	162.61
01/06/2023	178058	Prism Solutions	Leased Line Rental Apr 2023	45.69
01/06/2023	178058	Prism Solutions	Leased Line Rental Apr 2023	46.69
02/06/2023	201615202332856	Pozitive Energy	Estimated Gas Usage March 2023 credit note due	862.19
02/06/2023	201615202334528	Pozitive Energy	Gas Standing Charge - May 2023	15.78
02/06/2023	01/8b819981	Peter Plant Jewellers	Clean and polish Mayoral badge	20.83
02/06/2023		Trudy Williams	TW Expense Claim - badge cleaning and polishing	20.83
02/06/2023	444008-017	Virgin Media Business	Telephone Rental / Calls Apr-May 2023	87.59
05/06/2023	4771730	British Gas	Amphi Elec Supply - standing charge Apr and May 23	23.60
05/06/2023	040655	MEB Total Ltd	PA Testing - FJC	51.79
05/06/2023	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates Mkt Sq May 2023	21.00
05/06/2023	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC May 2023	279.00
05/06/2023	040656	MEB Total Ltd	PA Testing - Station	51.79
05/06/2023	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates STN May 2023	180.00
06/06/2023	26052023	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning May 2023	65.00
06/06/2023	V02112876531	EE	EE phone	13.72
06/06/2023	V02112876531	EE	EE phone	13.72
06/06/2023	26052023	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning May 2023	25.00

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Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
06/06/2023	040544	MEB Total Ltd	Qtr Fire Alarm Testing FJC	62.25
06/06/2023	5561	Byatt Oliver Associates	Site supervision of main contract	4,139.16
07/06/2023	743014903/001/06	Virgin Media Business	Broadband Usage 06/06/23 to 05/07/23	50.00
07/06/2023		Staffordshire County Council	Digital Services - Annual Web Hosting Cost	150.00
08/06/2023	TV Licence	TV Licensing	TV Licence Station Road Office 2023/24	159.00
08/06/2023	28756	G Evans Services Ltd	Refurb Works - interim payment 2	80,010.59
12/06/2023	4818840	British Gas	Elec Usage 61 High Street May 2023	23.31
12/06/2023	4818841	British Gas	Elec Usage Pillar 1 30 High St Apr/May 23	56.51
14/06/2023	INV206393464	Zoom Video Comm Inc	ZOOM Subscription June / July 23	25.98
19/06/2023	14377	All Print Equipment Ltd	Photocopier Usage - May 2023	27.31
21/06/2023	CD-223684477	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental June 2023	19.05
22/06/2023	INV-GB-122074261	Amazon	Ceiling tile replacement for FJC. Water damage	36.67
23/06/2023	3773051	Signs4Less	Private parking sign FJC	40.59
26/06/2023	180058	Prism Solutions	Re-configure device for L Fleetwood	107.00
26/06/2023	178723	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service June 2023	929.31
26/06/2023	5813476/CE/41628	The Arch Rent Collectors	STN Rent 24/06/23 to 28/09/23	1,184.25
26/06/2023	713382023354923	Pozitive Energy	FJC Elec Usage May 2023	125.42
26/06/2023	wp-INVO24O9872	Water Plus	Water Usage FJC 08/05/23 to 08/06/23	81.10
26/06/2023	713402023354993	Pozitive Energy	FJC Gas Usage May 2023	96.82
26/06/2023	713392023355085	Pozitive Energy	STN Elec Usage May 2023	160.07
26/06/2023	025469	R Mountfords	2 x keys for the FJC boiler room	7.09
26/06/2023	713412023354993	Pozitive Energy	STN Gas Usage May 23	225.17
27/06/2023	7070292695	Stafford Borough Council	Amphi Litter Bin 01/04/23 to 30/06/23	52.73
27/06/2023	7070292697	Stafford Borough Council	Bollard install / remove 01/04/23 to 30/06/23	456.72
27/06/2023	7070292696	Stafford Borough Council	Bins T&M Canal / WBridge Lane 01/04/23-30/06/23	156.97

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Supplier Stafford Borough Council Origin Studios (SOT) Ltd Wash Tub Stamps Direct Ltd Veolia ES (UK) Ltd Veolia ES (UK) Ltd British Gas W T Lynn Ltd

Description	Amount (£)
Temp Events Notice - Stonefield Park	21.00
Update events calendar artwork for 2023	95.00
Cash Withdrawal - wash 34 x tablecloths Civic Sunday	100.00
Town Council Ink Stamp	25.09
Waste Collection - May 2023	68.87
Waste Collection May 2023	82.67
Elec Usage Heritage Centre May / June 2023	27.96
The Hub 5 x keys for the Christchurch Suite	34.50

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