

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Jane Costello, F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood, M Stockwood, S Hull, R Bird, G Williams, Jim Costello, J Best, A Shelton, P Moskwa and K Vallance.

Officers: S Pyke (Town Clerk) and J Riddle (Deputy Town Clerk)

Also in attendance: 6 Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor G Davidson due to illness and from Councillor S Orr due to a prior commitment.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Hull declared an interest in item 6 with reference to the allotments.

Councillor K Vallance declared an interest in item 8, Planning Application for Cherry Street.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Town Clerk updated the Council that Rushcliffe Borough Council had reported a breach in the Code of Conduct, so it had been included on the agenda. After the agenda was released, Rushcliffe Borough Council requested that the item be withdrawn.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 January 2019 (Folios 9158 to 9170), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

6. BUDGET (As agreed for 2019/2020 Year Folio 9183 to 9195)

Councillor J Stockwood moved the proposed budget as presented with a precept of £283,414 resulting in an increase of 3.99%. Councillor F Purdue-Horan seconded the proposed budget.

A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED: that a precept of £283,414 be agreed.

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7. PRECEPT DEMAND

It was proposed by Councillor F Purdue-Horan and was seconded by Councillor J Stockwood that the corresponding precept demand be signed.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk sign precept paperwork for £283,414.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION

Councillor K Vallance left the room for this item.

18/02494/FUL – 8 Cherry Street, Bingham, New 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new access gate.

RESOLVED: that the Council continues to object to the plans until the matters raised by the Conservation Officer and other consultees are resolved.

9. BANK MANDATE

RESOLVED: that the bank mandate forms for Councillor S Hull and Councillor F Purdue-Horan be re-signed as signatories on the bank.

10. POLICE PRIORITY MEETING

Councillor Bird updated that at the Police Priority Setting meeting on 24 January, the priorities were noted as traffic issues around schools and the security of sheds and outbuildings. A low level of incidents was noted in the area, there had been drive offs from East Bridgford garages and four burglaries in one night in Radcliffe on Trent. The cash machine theft was also noted. It was requested to add to the website, warnings to keep sheds and outbuildings locked and to empty vans at night.

Councillor Bird had been invited to a meeting with Inspector Berry on 4 February 2019 about neighbourhood policing. If Councillors wished for anything specific to be discussed, they were asked to notify Councillor Bird.

11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw”

The following matters were discussed:-

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- Confidential notes and recommendations from the Full Council meeting held on 15 January 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

Meeting Closed at: 8.13pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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NON-PRECEPT INCOME					
1 Xmas & Summer Fairs	6000	0	0	6000	
20 Allotment Rents	1000	0	0	1000	
31 Cemetery Memorials & Fees	8000	0	0	16000	8,000
38 Sport Facilities Rents	1960	0	0	1100	-860
39 Sports Pitch Maintenance	3067	0	0	0	-3,067
40 Wayleaves	200	0	0	200	
68 Investment Income	0	0	0	0	
93 Old Court House Tenants	6000	0	0	1500	-4,500
94 Old Court House Room Hire	4000	0	0	4000	
Income	30227	0	0	29800	-427

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COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT					
1 Xmas & Summer Fairs	9000	9100	9000	9000	
2 Christmas Lights/Tree	6500	6500	7000	7000	500
3 Christmas Tree	500	0	0	0	-500
4 Other Promotions/Events	2000	0	2000	2000	
5 Town News/Leaflets	2000	1200	2000	2000	
6 Town Guide/promo	0	0	3250	3250	3,250
7 Civic Events & Expenses	3000	1500	1500	1500	-1,500
Community & Events	23000	18300	24750	24750	1,750
12 CCTV Maintenance	425	775	500	500	75
13 General Maintenance	300	0	300	300	
14 Town Floral Displays	3000	3085	3200	3200	200
15 Litter & Dog Bins	900	1300	1000	1000	100
16 T/fer to Env & CCTV Reserve	500	500	0	0	-500
Environment	5125	5660	5000	5000	-125
RECREATION & AMENITIES					
20 Rent	360	360	360	360	
21 Water Charges	250	4022	500	500	250
22 Maintenance	500	3285	4000	750	250
Allotments	1110	7667	4860	1610	500
26 Rates	650	650	700	700	50
27 Water/Drainage	300	350	350	350	50
28 Grave Preparation	1750	2500	3300	3300	1,550
29 Electricity	100	80	100	100	
30 Maintenance	1000	5400	4000	4000	3,000
31 Memorials & Fees	1000	3500	1000	1000	
Cemetery	4800	12480	9450	9450	4,650
35 Linear Park	1000	1000	2500	1000	
36 T/f to Linear Park Reserve Play Area/Open Space	3000	3000	3000	3000	
37 Maintenance	8000	7000	8000	8000	
38 Rent	300	300	300	300	
39 Sports Pitch Maintenance	8000	15000	4000	0	-8,000
40 Wayleaves	0	7	7	0	
41 Tree/shrub maintenance	4000	2500	2500	2500	-1,500
42 Transfer to Rec Reserve	5000	5000	5000	5000	
Recreation	29300	33807	25307	19800	-9,500
46 Equipment & Maintenance	4500	5500	7500	7500	3,000
47 Mobiles	300	600	600	600	300
48 Vehicle Tax/Insurance	1500	1500	1500	1500	
49 Fuel	2500	1750	1750	1750	-750
50 Transfer to Equip Reserve	5000	5000	5000	5000	
Recreation Equipment	13800	14350	16350	16350	2,550

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POLICY & RESOURCES					
54 Depot Maintenance	325	0	0	0	-325
55 Transfer to Depot Reserve				0	
Depot	325	0	0	0	-325
60 Audit	1000	1065	1100	1100	100
61 Office Expenses	5500	6500	7500	6500	1,000
62 Subscriptions	2000	2000	2000	800	-1,200
63 Travel/Mileage Staff	300	300	300	300	
64 Insurance	3500	3255	3500	3500	
65 Grant Aid	5000	5000	5000	5000	
66 Trans to Risk Management	5000	5000	0	0	-5,000
67 Elections	0	0	4100	0	
68 Investment Income	0	0	0	0	
69 Training	1500	1500	3500	3000	1,500
70 Mileage/Expenses Cllrs	100	100	100	100	
71 Website/IT	2600	2850	3000	3000	400
72 Recruitment	500	0	500	250	-250
73 Bank Fees	300	250	250	250	-50
74 Quality Council	0	0	0	0	
75 Councillors Training	1000	500	3000	1500	500
Finance	28300	28320	33850	25300	-3,000
Master Plan Delivery	0	0	10000	0	
Projects	0	0	10000	0	
80 Grounds Staff	56000	56000	70000	69000	13,000
81 Office	82000	92000	120000	82500	500
82 Caretaker	6500	6500	6500	6900	400
83 Pension Deficit	5500	5500	5704	5704	204
Salaries & On Costs	150000	160000	202204	164104	14,104
86 Alarm	220	220	220	250	30
87 Insurance	400	375	400	400	
88 Water Rates	1200	1200	1200	1200	
89 Non-domestic Rates	6200	6200	6400	6400	200
90 Gas/Elec	4000	4500	4500	4500	500
91 Repairs/Maintenance	4000	21000	10000	5000	1,000
92 Trans to OCH Reserve	0	0	0	0	
93 Tenants Rent	0	0	0	0	
94 Room Hire	0	0	0	0	
Old Court House	16020	33495	22720	17750	1,730
98 HR	1500	1500	1500	1500	
99 Health & Safety	1500	1500	1500	1500	
100 Legal Fees	3000	5000	5000	5000	2,000
Professional Fees	6000	8000	8000	8000	2,000
104 Mayor's Charity	0	0	0	0	
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105 Land & Property Dev Res	5000	5000	0	0	-5,000
Property Dev Reserve	5000	5000	0	0	-5,000
117 General Reserve	17000	17000	17000	21100	4,100
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Projects	0	0	10000	0	0
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Old Court House	16020	40495	22720	17750	1,730
Professional Fees	6000	8000	8000	8000	2,000
Mayor's Charity	0	0	0	0	0
Land & Prop Dev Reserve	5000	5000	0	0	-5,000
General Reserve	17000	17000	17000	21100	4,100
Total Expenditure	299,780	350,479	379,491	313,214	13,434
Income	31,500	33,000	30,000	29,800	-1,700
Net Expenditure	268,280	317,479	349,491	283,414	15,134

PRECEPT

	2018/19	Prior Draft	New	Change from 2018/19
Net Expenditure (A)	£268,280	£349,491	£283,414	15,134
Tax Base (B)	3,491	3,546	3,546	55
Precept Band D (A÷B)	£76.86	£98.56	£79.93	3.07
Precept Increase £		£21.70	£3.07	
Precept Increase %		28.24%	3.99%	

NEW EARMARKED RESERVES 3 year plan

EARMARKED RESERVES 2019/20	Reserve 2018/19	Reserve 2019/20	Reserve 2020/21	Note
Community & Environment				
CCTV upgrade		3000		£3000 and apply for grants
Purchase of Market Stalls	6250			
Neighbourhood Plan development	3750			
Recreation & Amenities				
Allotments - South side		3500		
Butt Field maintenance		20000		Additional year while applying for FF grant
2019/20				
Butt Field Pitch improvement grant		30000		towards FF funded Irrigation & Equipment
Butt Field lease revisions		1500		Access Road, FF charge
Carnarvon Play area refurbishment	64000			
Cogley Lane Play area refurbishment		20000		£80000 grants required
Cogley Lane refurbishment fees		10000		Consultant, Archaeological Watching brief, Historic England application
Cogley Lane lease renewal		1500		
Wychwood Road Play area refurbishment		16000		£64000 grants required
Wychwood Road Land Ownership		6500		Escheat costs
Wynhill Architect and Planning application	3000			£2.5k Architect plus planning applications
Wynhill Drainage works	3000			
Wynhill Site security improvements	3000			Knee high fencing
Wynhill New lease				£1.5k included in 2018/19 overspend
Wynhill Improvement grant			50000	2020/21 timescale mooted by Rugby Club
Linear Park Repair works	585			Emergency repair costs
Linear Park Bridge		5000		
Linear Park additional benches		2000		Only idea from Brilliant Bingham supported
Twinning Sign and Friendship tree	2500			Replacement Tree and £2k Sign plus possible painter
Grounds Maintenance		30000		Previously Depot, Recreation Equipment Reserves
Equipment review				
Outside play equipment for over 12s			20000	grants required

Policy & Resources

Election May 2019	4100	
Staffing Review	4550	
Old Court House repairs		Included in 2018/19 overspend
Clearance of Contaminated land	2960	Works to clear scrub from site
Car Park preparatory works	25000	
Estimated Budget overspend	49199	2018/19 Figure is Clerk's 29th January Draft

Earmarked Reserves	167794	153100	70000
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RESERVE SUMMARY

B/fwd	424,286	296,992	177,992	2018/19 is actual
+Transfers to reserves	40,500	34,100	34,100	2020/21 as previous year
-Use of Earmarked reserves	-167,794	-153,100	-70,000	
Year End Reserves	296,992	177,992	142,092	

Budget Information 2019/20

Overview

The budget for 2019/20 increases the precept by 3.99%, an increase of **£3.07**, setting a Bingham parish Band D council tax of **£79.93**.

The national average parish council tax 2018/19 was **£64.05**.

The Rushcliffe average parish council tax/special expense 2018/19 was **£65.21**.

The West Bridgford special expense 2018/19 was **£48.51**.

The special expense is the equivalent amount required by Rushcliffe Borough Council to perform parish council functions in the unparished area of West Bridgford.

To support the precept request for the parish of Bingham, this document provides additional information about the Annual Budget and Reserves

Bingham Town Council Statement of Activity 2018/19

The Town Council distributed a Statement of Activity document 2018/19 in the Buttercross magazine to each home in Bingham in April 2018.

"In addition to its day to day activities, the Town Council is keen to progress a range of projects such as:

- *The refurbishment of play parks*
- *Exploring the construction of long-term parking provision*
- *Improving maintenance of the Linear Park and open spaces*
- *Enhancements to the Wynhill site to support increased usage*
- *A multi-use community hall*

The Town Council has reserves and will seek grants from other organisations to fund these projects"

The budget information provided supports the stated activities of the Town Council.

Annual Budget

Income

Other than the Council Tax precept, the Council received income from a range of charges and fees.

Cemetery Charges will need to be reviewed in order to reflect the significant increases in Cemetery working practices.

An aspiration to increase Sport Facilities rents has not been pursued. Additionally, the Sports Pitch Maintenance income is removed as the Council seeks to support the Sport Facilities at Wynhill and Butt Field through reserve funded actions rather than annual charges and expenditure.

Old Court House income has dropped due to the Police and Registrar's Office leaving.

Community & Environment

Community & Events

The purchase of the event stalls reduces the costs of the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Instead of renting the stalls each time, there is now the smaller cost of contractors to set up the stalls for each event. The Fair budget is unchanged in 2019/20 and is therefore an increase in the money available for the events because of the saving on stalls.

The Christmas Lights/Tree budgets have been joined. The Christmas Tree was arranged at no cost this year, and if this opportunity is repeated in 2019/20 this allows for the Tree budget to be used as part of the wider decorations budget.

There were no Other Promotions this year, and this and the Town News/Leaflets budget remain unchanged. Further clarity on this proposed spending would enable the setting of more accurate budgets.

The Town Guide/Promo actual expenditure in 2017/18 was £1944.02. The bi-annual Town Guide budget for 2019/20 is £3250.

The Civic Event & Expenses budget 2019/20 is set equal to estimated expenditure 2018/19.

Environment

CCTV Maintenance actual expenditure in 2017/18 was £416.58 and is estimated at £750 in 2018/19. The CCTV Maintenance budget is proposed to be £500 in 2019/20 in conjunction with an action to upgrade the CCTV funded from reserves and grants.

General Maintenance budget has been unspent in 2018/19. In 2019/20, this is set equal to the previous year's budget. Further clarity on this proposed spending would enable the setting of more accurate budgets.

Town Floral Displays are estimated to cost £3085 in 2018/19. The budget for 2019/20 is set to £3200 to provide for the continuation of the current arrangements. Alternative floral display arrangements which allow greater community involvement are being investigated.

Litter and Dog Bins provided by the Town Council have been reviewed in 2018/19. The 2017/18 actual expenditure was £1134.03, estimate for 2018/19 is £950 and the budget for 2019/20 is set at £1000.

Transfer to Environment and CCTV Reserve has been ended in favour of a wider programme of reserve funded actions. Existing reserves can be used for the CCTV upgrade.

Recreation & Amenities

Allotments

The Allotment Rent and Water Charges match the actual costs to the Council. A billing error means the water charge is £4022, however the majority of this was refunded.

For Maintenance in 2018/19, £3,285 was spent to remove fly-tipped soil and asbestos from the site. (Folio 8939/24 1st May 2018).

In 2017/18 the actual expenditure on maintenance was £1,250 as the Council removed a large tree that was in poor health and impacting on allotments.

To improve security at the site, there is a reserve funded action for fencing on the south side.

The Council action to address the fencing and tree issues meets the concerns of the Allotment Association. These issues were listed as problems that negatively impacted on the Allotment Association's ability to proceed to self-management of the site.

The Allotments budget of £1,610 is proportional to Allotment income from Allotment Holders of £1,479 in 2017/18

Cemetery

The Cemetery Rates, Water/Drainage and Electricity budgets match the actual costs to the Council.

The increasing costs of Grave Preparation have not been represented by equivalent increases in Cemetery Charges. The 2017/18 actual expenditure was £1900 and the estimate for 2018/19 is £2,500.

A review of Cemetery Charges to ensure the actual costs of Grave Preparation are met also allows for the Council to review Cemetery Charges to set the Charges for children are zero.

The Memorials purchased by the Council are then sold to residents for installation in the Cemetery. The expenditure in 2018/19 represents the purchase of additional memorials.

The Memorial and Fees budget income contributes to the long-term maintenance of the Cemetery. Income in 2017/18 was £11,230, while actual maintenance expenditure includes employee time and equipment costs represented in other budgets.

Recreation

The Linear Park requires regular maintenance to prevent a decline in biodiversity. The Linear Park budget is new in 2018/19 and is created to fund the annual programme of maintenance works. An updated Management Plan for the site has been prepared by the Friends of Linear Park and this identifies the works required.

In 2018/19 there have been additional costs for protecting wildlife and damage caused by a fallen tree which have been funded from reserves. The 2019/20 is set to estimated expenditure in 2018/19 of £1,000. This provides a budget for annual Management Plan works, the Friends group insurance and a contribution towards tools for the group.

A Transfer to a Linear Park Reserve of £3,000 in 2018/19 is repeated in 2019/20 towards the cost of a reserve funded action to begin a programme of inspections of the Linear Park bridges. It is not known how frequently the inspections will be needed and there are unknown costs of any repair works required as identified by the inspections.

The Play Area/Open Space Maintenance budget is for the cost of maintaining play equipment safely. Annual external safety inspections and regular inspections by Council employees identify the works required. The budget remains the same in 2019/20.

The Council rents the land for the Cogley Lane Play area and the Rent budget reflects the actual value of the rent.

The Sports Pitch Maintenance budget has funded annual works at Butt Field and occasionally works at Wynhill. The Sports Clubs that are tenants at these sites are becoming more successful and better able to manage the pitch maintenance costs associated with the pitch usage.

There is a reserve funded action for continuing the pitch maintenance works in 2019/20 at the same level as in 2018/19 along with reserve funded action for improvements at Butt Field and Wynhill.

The Council receives Rent income from the Sports Clubs at Butt Field and Wynhill along with income from Wayleaves.

There are reserve funded actions for refurbishment of play areas and a Transfer to Recreation Reserve continues in 2019/20 set at the same amount as in 2018/19.

Recreation Equipment

The grounds maintenance equipment used to maintain the Cemetery, Play Areas and open spaces also requires maintenance itself. The Vehicle Tax/Insurance and Fuel budgets are set to pay the costs incurred by the Council. The Equipment & Maintenance and Mobiles budget are increased in 2019/20 for the additional costs associated with employing a further grounds-person.

The adopted Asset Valuation Policy (Folio 8991/5 5th June 2018) states a Fixed Asset Register will be kept. The Council's Asset Register identifies £84,431 Grounds Maintenance Equipment. There is a reserve funded action to review the equipment to meet Council requirements. A Transfer to Equipment Reserve is repeated in 2019/20 set at the same amount as in 2018/19.

Policy and Resources

Depot

Depot Maintenance is an un-used budget remaining from the previous budget structure. No further budget is proposed.

Finance

The Audit budget reflects the cost to the Council.

Office Expenses have increased with additional employees. An increase of £1000 is proposed in 2019/20.

Subscription costs will reduce as the Council does not renew its subscription to NALC. The benefit of NALC membership is not seen as matching the cost of subscription.

The Travel/Mileage Staff budget is for costs as described in the Staff Handbook and Training and Development Policy.

The Insurance budget is for the cost of insurance of the Council's property and activities.

The Grant aid budget is for the provision of small grants to community groups.

The Elections in May 2019 are for both Borough and Parish councils. The Town Council only pays for parish elections. As the May 2019 elections will be sharing facilities and staff with Borough Council elections, the actual cost per parish election to the Council is reduced. The election costs are removed from the annual budget and there is a reserve funded action for the May 2019 election.

The Training budget is doubled to support more staff training in line with the Training and Development Policy.

In addition to the Staff training and travel/mileage budgets there are also budgets for Councillor training and mileage/expenses. These are for costs identified in the Training and Development Policy and Parish Travelling & Subsistence Policy.

An increase in Councillors Training budget to £1500 provides additional funds for training any new councillors after the May 2019 election.

The Council has contracts for Website/IT services and the 2019/20 budget is set to the estimated expenditure in 2018/19

The Recruitment budget for 2019/20 is also set to match the estimated expenditure in 2018/19

The Quality Council scheme has ended. If the Council applies for the new LCAS scheme it will be a one-time cost when the Council is ready to apply. No further budget is set for Quality Council.

The Town Council is not responsible for the costs of the Rushcliffe Borough Council Master Plan. The Town Council's budget is for annual costs to the Town Council and specifically identified reserve funded actions. There is no budget for the Master Plan.

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Salaries & On Costs

All figures for salary and pension costs are based on the Staff Cost forecast for year to 31st March 2020 reported to the Council under confidential business on 7th August 2018.

The Grounds staff budget is increased to support the estimated cost of a new 0.5 FTE employee on NJC SCP 6 to provide additional capacity for completing grounds maintenance works during times of increased demand. The additional capacity could also support any new pitch maintenance requirements at Council owned sites.

The Office and Caretaker budgets are set at £82,500 and £6,900 respectively to meet the costs identified in the forecast.

Old Court House

The Alarm, Insurance, Water Rates, Non-domestic Rates and Gas/Elec budgets are for the costs of operating the administrative offices, grounds-persons room, storage and hireable rooms and meeting room of the Old Court House.

In 2018/19 there has been a single cost for drain repairs. A budget increase to £5,000 represents increased costs of maintaining the building and reflects actual spend of £5020 in 2016, the last year of regular maintenance.

Income from hiring of rooms is reduced by the departure of the Registry Office and Police no longer hiring the beat officer rooms.

Professional Fees

The HR and Health & Safety budgets are for the costs of a three-year contract for professional support for the Council.

The Legal Fees budget is for the costs of Solicitor advice and action to support the Council. This budget is increased in 2019/20.

Mayor's Charity

All income to the Mayor's charity is given to the Mayor's Charity. There is no budget associated with this fundraising.

Property Development Reserve

Specifically identified reserve funded actions improve Council properties. No further budget is set.

General Reserve

The Budget Summary includes a budget for transferring money into the General Reserve. This contributes to the cost of reserve funded actions.

Reserves

Current Reserves

The current reserves match the old budget structure and a series of ringfenced amounts from the General Reserve. This does not name specific reserve funded actions.

New Earmarked Reserves 3 year plan

The new earmarked reserves are specific reserve funded actions grouped by committee requesting the action and associated expenditure.

Community & Environment

Actions to purchase the market stalls, upgrade the CCTV and support the development of a Bingham Neighbourhood Plan.

Recreation & Amenities

Action to improve security at the Allotment site with boundary fencing on the south-side.

Action to support Bingham Town Sports Club do more to maintain the pitches they use.

Action to refurbish the play areas at Carnarvon Place, Cogley Lane and Wychwood Road.

Action to address the immediate drainage and site security issues at Wynhill along with supporting improvements to the site and a new lease for the Rugby Club

Action to maintain and improve the Linear Park with bridge inspections and additional benches.

Action to renovate completely the Twinning Sign and Friendship tree.

Action to review the Grounds maintenance equipment to ensure the Council has the equipment to maintain its responsibilities.

Action to fund outside play equipment for people over 12 years old.

Policy and Resources

The Council reserves will fund the election in May 2019. The feasibility study into a Car Park on the contaminated land North of Moor Lane and costs of the Market Square is estimated to be paid in 2018/19

General Reserve

The General Reserve will fund the 2018/19 budget overspend.

For cashflow management the Council seeks to keep reserves above 50% of net expenditure. As the Council's main source of income is the precept that is received from the collecting authority in half year payments and most of the council's expenditure is paid monthly by direct debit, then further clarity on cashflow forecasting would allow the use of more of the reserves.