

Background

Amenity budgets cover cemetery, bus shelters, toilets, streetlights, recreation (including WSSA contribution), floral displays, allotments and CCTV. When the Amenities Committee was disbanded, the Finance & Corporate Governance Committee (FCGC) became responsible for recommending these budgets to Full Council.

In 2023 FCGC chose to hold an additional meeting for this purpose, rather than setting up a working group.

Details

1. Staffing, Administration and Councillor Expenses Budgets

In October 2023 FCGC resolved to continue considering these budgets at its January meeting and to make income and expenditure recommendations for consideration by Full Council at the Annual Budget Meeting in January 2024.

2. Amenity Budgets

In October 2023 GCGC resolved to hold an additional meeting in December 2023 to consider the amenity budgets and make recommendations for consideration at the January 2024 Annual Budget Meeting.

Considerations

Members are asked to consider if the above approach was the most effective way to agree recommendations for the annual budget and to resolve either to continue working this way or to set up a working group to consider and recommend amenity budgets from this year onwards.