

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.

For the last two years, FCGC has chosen to hold an additional meeting for this purpose, rather than setting up a working group.

Details

1. Staffing, Administration and Councillor Expenses Budgets

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.

2. Amenity Budgets

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

Recommendations

As this way of working has been successful previously, it is recommended that Members resolve to meet every December to consider the amenity budgets for recommendation to Full Council the following January.