31.7.25 Agenda Item 7d

Solar Panel Project Grant Funding – Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre

Background

The Solar Panel project at Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre was funded through a Sports England Grant. However, there is a small shortfall in the total grant funding available due to the following issues:

The grant application process is managed by Shropshire Council. Wem Town Council originally submitted a final claim for £3,103 to them earlier this year. After reviewing the figures, a revised claim for £3,201 was sent in before the deadline. However, due to an administrative mistake by Shropshire Council, the original lower amount was submitted instead. This only became clear when Wem Town Council sent Shropshire Council the invoice for the final payment (£3,201).

Grant Funding Overview:

• Grant Funding Received to Date: £99,960

Expected Total Grant Payment: £103,161

• Available Final Grant Payment: £103,063

• Shortfall: £98 (less than 1% of the total expected payment)

Current Situation

Shropshire Council has not paid the Wem Town Council invoice for £3,201 because it has only received £3,103 from Sports England.

Recommendation

Members are advised to agree to reduce the value of the Town Council's final grant invoice from £3,201 to £3,103 and to fund the outstanding £98 from General Reserves.