

Chairs report, October 2021

Finance & Performance Committee

Welcome to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting for October 2021.

Discussion has taken place around the level of content in our Council and Committee agendas. Our last Finance and Performance Committee meeting proved to be challenging to deal with all agenda items. More consideration will be given to the number of items on the agenda as well as the amount of time we can spend deliberating/ discussing these. As chair of this committee, I will endeavour to keep discussions “on point” and get the best out of our time in these meetings.

You will see in today’s order paper, an item relating to carry over budgets. These reports are to identify areas of work that have not been fully progressed during the previous financial period and identify remaining commitments to be progressed in the current year. There are a number of budget lines identified and it is up to this committee to agree with the figures being carried forward to this year.

A number of committee members signalled their need for a Grant Assessment workshop to be able to better understand the requirements and rules when assessing the applications. A workshop has been scheduled for November 11th where everyone will be able to get a refresher/ training on the use of Smarty Grants, as well as have the opportunity to ask any specific questions around the criteria and guidelines of each respective fund (Events Sponsorship Scheme and Community Initiatives Grants).

Looking forward to everyone’s input into today’s meeting.

Nigel Belsham

Finance & Performance Committee Chair