

Agenda Item: 6B

Report to: Amenities Committee

Date: 2nd September 2026

Subject: Budget Report 2026-2027

Summary: The Committee is asked to note the report on the budget for 2026-2027 as of 21st August 2026.

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 This report supports the Amenities Income and Expenditure report including the Ear Marked Reserves (EMR).

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to support the income and expenditure report including EMR balances which relate to the Amenities Committee.
- 2.2 It will provide details of income and expenditure variances.

3. Income and Expenditure – Variances

Allotment Rent – 90.7% - Allotment fees - all received.

Water – 52.6% - Water company allocated wrong reading, now the account is in credit after correct reading clarified.

Additional Verge Cutting – 100% - Yearly fee paid in full.

Bexhill in Bloom Project – 100% - Yearly amount paid in full.

Town Rangers – 73.1% - Motor Vehicle – insurance for the year paid in full.

Town Rangers – 70.5% - Summer uniform provided. May need to reallocate some of the tool budget to Uniform at half year FAC meeting.

Future Projects – 612.1% - Pebsham Play area equipment deposit paid - fully funded from EMR £61,213.

Public Toilets -

When the budget for the toilet sites was set out, I based it on the cleaning operations being in-house in time for April 2026. However, this was not the case, and Wettons provided the cleaning from 1st April – 7th May 2026, the cost of this expenditure totalled £10,080.36 for all sites.

As mentioned below, this first year of budgeting for the toilet sites is a try, review and adjust if necessary, using the virement process at the half year point. (which again will be a separate report to the Finance and Audit Committee in October 2026 for review and consideration).

All insurance for the year has been allocated to each public toilet site.

So, taking this unplanned expenditure out of the current figures. The % spent of budget as of 21.8.26 is as follows:

Devonshire Square – 12.1%
Little Common Roundabout – 12.3%
Sidley – 26% -
East Parade – 16.5%
Little Common Recreation Ground – 53.6%
Normans Bay 60.1%
West Parade – 12%
Channel View East – 5.1%

I have no concerns at this time in relation to spend on the public toilets. However, we are experiencing high levels of toilet roll theft, hence the social media post this week. We are taking actions on this matter.

Toilet Cleaning Vehicles – 63.8% - Annual Insurance & initial lease payment.

4. Amenities Ear Marked Reserves (EMR).

4.1 To note the following items of Ear Marked reserves balances.

- a) Noticeboards - £5,000
- Bus Shelters - £1,005.43 – being used for Wave Arts shelters
- Accessibility Projects - £5,000
- Public Toilets - £2,910.80 – this the residue of 2025-2026 funds.
- Town Planter maintenance - £2,141.45

4.2 To note the information provided in the report by the RFO.