

Agenda Item:	7	APPENDIX B
Report to:	Engagement and Communications Committee	
Date:	7th October 2026	
Subject:	Budget Report 2026-2027	
Summary:	The Committee is asked to note the report on the budget for 2026-2027 as of 30 th September 2026.	

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 This report supports the Engagement and Communications 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 Engagement and Communications Committee.
- 2.2 It will provide details of income and expenditure variances.

3. Income and Expenditure – Variances

Print/Publications/Adverting – 101.2% - Yearly fee for Bexhill News paid in full (£3,517.50), the rest of the advertising, printing is done in house by the Communications and the events team. Civic Booklet printing - £525.00
Second photocopier for 44 St Leonards office has been costed to this cost centre, to be reviewed at FAC as part of the half year virement process.

Events – 773% -£2,500 from EMR to Festival of Music (Full Council Meeting 9th April 2025 (minute Ref 00717), £5,000 from EMR to Bexhill Carnival (Year 3 of 3).

18 Hours Contribution – 100% - paid in full year 3 of 3.

VE Day – 0% - No event - £2,000 – does the committee want this reallocated?

Bexhill Day – 64.4% - Event held, some invoices maybe pending.

ATM/Town Meeting – 49.7% - This event is now complete no further costs.

Christmas Lights – L Common – 100% - Yearly amount paid in full.

Christmas Lights – Sidley – 100% - Yearly amount paid in full.

Both are happy with the level of funds provided.

Mayoral Ball – This cost centre has been set up. As per Full Council resolution.

4. Engagement and Communications Ear Marked Reserves (EMR).

4.1 To note the following items of Ear Marked reserves income/expenditure.

- a) Bexhill Carnival - £0.00 – The carnival has received the year 3 of 3
£5,000.
Festival of Music - £5,000.00 – Council agreed a 3 year grant of
£2,500.00
Christmas Event 2026 – £1,960.00 -VE Day underspend
reallocated to Christmas 2026.

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

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 28/09/2026

Month No: 6

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
200 Engagement & Communications								
4520 Notice Boards Maintenance	18	18	0	(18)		(18)	0.0%	18
4550 Print/Publications/Advertising	1,241	6,073	6,000	(73)		(73)	101.2%	
4560 Events	0	7,730	1,000	(6,730)		(6,730)	773.0%	7,500
Engagement & Communications :- Indirect Expenditure	1,259	13,820	7,000	(6,820)	0	(6,820)	197.4%	7,518
Net Expenditure	(1,259)	(13,820)	(7,000)	6,820				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	18	7,518	0	(7,518)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(1,241)	(6,302)	(7,000)	(698)				
202 Events								
4559 18 Hours Contribution	0	3,000	3,000	0		0	100.0%	
4561 Christmas Light Switch on	91	736	5,500	4,764		4,764	13.4%	
4562 Remembrance Day	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4563 Bexhill Day	407	1,288	2,000	712		712	64.4%	
4564 ATM/Town Meeting	(450)	497	1,000	503		503	49.7%	
4565 VE Day	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4566 Wing walk/BB Memorial	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4567 Bexhill Street Market	0	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
4568 Road Closures	0	0	11,000	11,000		11,000	0.0%	
4569 Mayoral Ball	83	83	0	(83)		(83)	0.0%	
Events :- Indirect Expenditure	131	5,605	26,600	20,996	0	20,996	21.1%	0
Net Expenditure	(131)	(5,605)	(26,600)	(20,996)				
205 Christmas Lights								
4575 Christmas Lights - Central	0	200	62,000	61,800		61,800	0.3%	
4580 Christmas Lights - L Common	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%	
4590 Christmas Lights - Sidley	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%	
Christmas Lights :- Indirect Expenditure	0	10,200	72,000	61,800	0	61,800	14.2%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(10,200)	(72,000)	(61,800)				
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0	0			0.0%	
Expenditure	1,390	29,625	105,600	75,975	0	75,975	28.1%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,390)	(29,625)	(105,600)	(75,975)				
plus Transfer from EMR	18	7,518	0	(7,518)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(1,372)	(22,107)	(105,600)	(83,493)				