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To: All Members of the Finance and Administration Committee – Councillors S Abbott, P Anstey, J Fraser, Mrs R Hopkinson, M Jackson, D Jarman, D Jones, P Pearson, M Simpkins, R Taylor.

All other Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee will be held on Wednesday 10 August 2016 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2016 - *for information only*.
5. Grant Applications (Third Round) – The grants scheme for 2016/17 is being publicised and three grant applications have been received for consideration. The applications can be viewed in the Town Hall during office hours and will also be available half-an-hour prior to the meeting.

The balances of the grants budgets for 2016/17 are as follows: Grants General (budget heading 102/1260) £2,307; Methuen Hall (budget heading 102/1261) £11,000; Arts

Centre (budget heading 102/1265) £2,000; Community/Village Halls (budget heading 102/1271) £1,000; Tourism/CADT (budget heading 102/1272) £2,500. There is also an earmarked Grant Reserve Fund (budget heading EMR 347) £9,800.

Details of the grant applications are as follows:

Awarded 2015/16 £0	Requested 2016/17 £500	Applicant & Purpose
		Corsham Bowls Club – Towards a defibrillator which can be used within the vicinity of the Club.
£100	£150	Corsham 60 Plus Club – Towards a free Christmas party for members and speakers for monthly meetings.
£0	£500	Corsham Rugby Football Club – Towards new floodlights.

- *for consideration and decision.*

6. Consultation on 100% Business Rates Retention, Needs and Redistribution, DCLG - The consultation seeks views on the government's commitment to allow local government to retain 100% of the business rates that they raise locally (for Wiltshire this would be Wiltshire Council). Specifically, this consultation seeks to identify some of the issues that should be kept in mind when designing the reforms. The government has announced it will undertake a fair funding review of what the needs assessment formula should be following the implementation of 100% business rates retention. As a first step, alongside this consultation, the government has issued a call for evidence which sets out the key questions that will need to be addressed as part of this review. Details of the consultation and call for evidence can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/self-sufficient-local-government-100-business-rates-retention> and there is a copy in the Town Hall. Previously, the Town Council has commented that Town and Parish Councils should receive a share of the local Business Rates – *for consideration.*
7. Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts (including the Town Hall) – To consider the financial report – *for review.*
8. Strategic Plan Monitoring and Evaluation (*Minute F&A 09/16 and others*) – The attached Monitoring and Evaluation sheet provides details of all the actions within the Strategic Plan themes covered by the Finance and Administration Committee (along with related actions which are monitored by other Committees/Council for information) – *for information and comment.*