**Finance Report**

**6 months to Sept 21**

It is halfway through the year but we have received all the precept income from RBWM. One would expect expenditure to be 75% of budget at this stage. However, the level of leisure capital spend is still low, even after the payments for Cheapside have been made and as a result in this six-month period there is excess income compared to expenditure and as a result reserves have increased by £22k K.



Expenses are forecast in the full year, by the clerk, to be in line with budget with the exception of additional staffing costs and the agreed library contribution (contained within Civic Activities). Regarding income, there are expected shortfalls in the area of hanging baskets income and burial fees. As a result, expenditure is expected to be in excess of income by £62K which will be funded from reserves, compared to a budgeted utilisation of £47K. As can be seen below there are sufficient reserves remaining to cover the shortfall.



The reduction in the General Free Reserve is due to forecast expenditure for Q4 and minimal income as precept has been received already

In addition, the separate CIL reserve stands at £887k but at the end of December.

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