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Item 6. Grant request from Chiseldon & Wroughton netball club

I am writing to formally request some additional funding for our Netball group for the consideration of the PC. We are at that time of year when we need to return to the indoor courts at Ridgeway and the current hourly rate is £52 per hour. This combined with our coaching fees means that we need a very high number of people to reach our break-even point. Therefore I'm asking for a contribution towards this hourly rate to cover the 19 weeks of winter hire until we get back onto the outdoor courts. This equates to a request of **£485**. *(This would be a £25.50 contribution per week over the winter period – Clerk)*

We continue to have a well-attended session with approximately 14-17 players each week. We have a new coach who is both a secondary school teacher and an England Netball affiliated coach so the sessions are challenging and fun and they are enjoyed by all. Some of the juniors are now playing for the school team which is excellent as they started with us whilst at a Chiseldon Primary. We have discussed getting in touch with Wroughton Council too for support and we are in the process of doing so.

The majority of the kids seem to come from the Chiseldon Parish and the majority of the adults from Wroughton.

Item 14. Councillors and Chairman's allowances

Information from SBC:

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 state that:

- Parish councils may choose to pay their members an allowance, known as 'parish basic allowance', to recognise the time and effort they put in to their parish duties.
- Each parish council may make an allowance available to its Chair only, or to each of its members.
- Where all members receive an allowance, the amount payable to the chair may be different to that paid to other members, but otherwise the amount paid to each member must be the same.
- Parish basic allowance is a discretionary allowance. It may be paid in a lump sum, or at intervals throughout the year.

A parish or town council may also pay its members allowances in respect of travel and subsistence. They may be paid in respect of travel and subsistence both inside and outside the boundary of the parish. Allowances for travel may include allowances for travel by non-motorised transport, such as a bicycle.

There is no obligation on parish and town councils to pay such allowances. However, if a parish or town council wishes to pay such allowances, it should have regard to the recommendations from the Parish Remuneration Panel. In respect of the parish basic allowance, a remuneration panel may make a single recommendation applying to all the parishes within that area, or it can make individual recommendations for each parish or town council.

The Panel has determined that it will use a formula (based on a percentage of the Borough Council's Basic Allowance and electorate populations) to create a single recommendation in the form of a scale of allowances that can be applied to all parish and town councils in the Borough. This scale is linked to any increase in Borough Council allowances which avoids the necessity of undertaking a review of parish allowances when the Borough Council's levels of remuneration change.

Basic and Chairs Allowances

In creating the formula used for determining parish allowances, the Panel agreed that there is a relationship between the size of the parish electorate and the remuneration that would be justified. This is because a larger authority has the potential to operate more services, which in turn leads to a greater work load for those parish councillors.

The Panel also agreed that the size of the parish electorates should be banded within categories (rather than using the exact size of each parish) and that the parish basic allowance and any chair's allowance should be related to the current values of Borough Council allowances for its members and Special Responsibility post holders.

The Panel has determined that:

- A separate allowance should be recommended for the Chairs of parish and town councils, but that no recommendation be made regarding payments to Vice-Chairs or Chairs of parish committees.
- Each category banding of parish electorates will have a % of the Borough Council's Basic Allowance assigned to it to calculate the recommendation for the parish councillor allowance.
- Each category banding of parish electorates will have a % of the Borough Council's Special Responsibility Allowance paid to the Leader of Swindon Borough Council / Chair of Cabinet assigned to it to calculate the recommendation for the parish chair allowance.
- All allowances being recommended to parish and town councils be linked to the current Scheme of Councillor Allowances adopted by Swindon Borough Council.

Recommendations for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year

The following recommendations have been calculated using the Swindon Borough Council Scheme of Councillors Allowances for 2020-2021 as follows:

- Basic Allowance = £8,552
- Leader of Council / Chair of Cabinet Special Responsibility Allowance = £25,656 (3 x Basic Allowance)

Parish	Electors (August 2019)	Parish Electorate Band	% of SBC Allowance per band	Parish Cllr Allowance	Parish Chair Allowance
Chiseldon	1,963	0 – 2,500	2.5%	£214	£641

Item 16. Additional work and fees to Sanders Webworks for improvements/changes to website.

Create a link on the website homepage that links directly to “trending” items that people have searched the most for on our website. This would change monthly.

“What we could do is add in a section just under the banner on the homepage , which would sit to the right of the current introduction text. This could contain a set of 4 or 5 links to popular or "Trending" pages (not sure if that's an appropriate title, but it's certainly one that many people may be familiar with).

Each month we can send you the report and you can let us know which 5 pages you'd like listed in that box. It wouldn't have to be 5 from the list, it could be any 5, but it may be that the stats give you an indication as to what topics people are most interested in.

In terms of costs we would need to charge for the initial setup of the box, and then extra time each month to cover producing the report and changing the links:

- *Design and coding of the new box: 1.5 hours - £52.50*
- *Producing the monthly report & updating the homepage: an extra £10 per month”*

Item 17. Possible part funding of tree work currently dealt with by SBC. Discussion only

From the Swindon Area Committee Secretary:

Dear members,

At the Meeting the representatives from Swindon Area Committee held with Susie Kemp (CEO, Swindon Borough Council) on 23rd October 2019, one subject raised was trees and the lack of maintenance. The answer was as expected with regards to budget and that the current situation could not be changed. Susie asked if we had any suggestions as she was aware that lots of Parishes had issues with trees.

Susie asked about the possibility of the Parish Councils contributing to enable the Tree team to be extended, similar to what is currently happening with Highways? We pointed out that it would probably not be possible for each parish to pay the same amount given the vast range in the size of precepts. And, of course, size of precept would not necessarily reflect the comparative need for tree maintenance in each parish. However, a scale of charges per parish might work if it would help deliver additional capacity, and if larger parishes were willing to pay.

We have been tasked with sounding out the Parish Councils for their comments and views and taking a proposal to the next Chairs/Clerks Engagement meeting on 3rd December and we need your help please. Has anyone got any suggestions? Would Parishes be prepared to contribute into the costs of extending the team? All comments will be gratefully received.

(Further information will be forthcoming after the meeting on 3rd December)

Item 18. New Tender Document

See attached document on this email