

Item 13 – Appendix 4 – additional information

Additional information from TIC following Town Clerk enquiry Town Clerk comment re TIC Accounts

TTC awarded TIC a grant for 2020/21 of £19,000

Because of covid this was curtailed and an amount of £14,981 was made

The intention is for the grant to meet a substantial element of staff costs and is based on no other funds being available to cover these off.

In practice in 2021 TIC received covid related govt funding totalling £26,399 whilst actual centre manager cost was £15,072

Given salary costs were not as originally anticipated proportionately our support possibly could have been reduced and no need to call on this from TTRC.

Given that the net result of covid was a profit of £23,341 (2020- £930) arguably our grant has not been spent on staffing but these cost covered off by Govt related schemes.

No offer has been made to carry forward this surplus into less of call for 2020/21 when Resources Committee awarded a further £23,535 in April 2021 the apprehension that Covid had an adverse effect on the finances and that they needed more support may have been misplaced.

No reference has been made of this now in seeking C£25km for 2022/23.

Cash balances held as at Feb 2021 were £54,437 now stand at £59,207

Note from TIC

Staff Costs

2020/1

TTC awarded TIC a grant of £19,000

Because of covid and the furlough scheme this was curtailed to £14,981

The TIC received furlough money of £4,895

Sub-total £19,876

During the period, the TIC had staff costs of -£17,433

There was an underspend of the grant of £2,443

The costs were less than anticipated due to no staff sickness, and due to closure because of covid reducing the need for holiday cover, staff sickness and training.

Due to the time of the year end for our accounts we were not aware of the underspend at the time of the grant application.

2021/2

TTC awarded TIC a grant of £23,535

During this period, the TIC has anticipated staff costs of -£19,500

This shows a projected under spend of £4,035

This again is due to no staff sickness and covid reducing the need for casual staff as the centre has had reduced opening times due to covid.

Due to the uncertainty over covid and the government furlough scheme the TIC has underspent on the Council Grant for staff funding by **£6,478**

Other funding received.

In addition, the TIC has received a business support grant from Leeds City Region of £1,648, this has been for equipment to allow online trading and sales to allow the TIC to continue to trade. The grant did not include VAT which the centre funded itself.

Business Support Grants

The TIC has received Business Support Grants to offset the lack of sales during the period and allow the organisation to remain viable. £21,504

During the period, the TIC suffered a loss of sales and theatre bookings of -£30,294

During the first year of Covid the centre has had its income through sales reduced by -£8,790

Loss of sales in 2021/2 has not yet been determined, though sales are again lower than in the past. The other grants received were to assist with general running costs rather than staff costs. Based on current trading the deficit is anticipated to be greater than **-£8,790**

Addressing the underspend on TTC grant money for staff costs

The Council grants for the previous two years have been underspent by £6,478 due to furlough payments and as closure due to covid reduced the need for casual staff to provide cover.

We appreciate the Council's assistance may be affected in future years due to a reduction in Calderdale's funding. We would ask that the underspend be carried forward and spread over future years to provide a buffer for this and would welcome your thoughts.