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## REPORT TO RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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<b>Date</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>“Welcome Back Fund- Grant Application”</b>

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Members that following discussions with Calderdale MBC regarding any balance of unspent funds from the Accelerator Fund, an opportunity arose to meet with CMBC Officers regarding potential unspent funds in connection with Government Welcome Back fund for high streets, which has to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
2. To inform Members following this meeting, the Town Clerk has considered the criteria behind this fund and has submitted a bid for £30,000 in total to cover:-
  - a. Ten additional festive light displays and power supplies - £11,000
  - b. Patmos Garden upgrade of lighting. - £5,000
  - c. Patmos Garden picnic tables and miscellaneous benches - £10,000
  - d. New planters for town centre - £4,000
3. To advise Members that this will be considered by CMBC officers urgently to enable delivery for such projects to be achieved.
4. To advise Members that at this stage we have no idea whether this will be agreed, the full sum will be awarded, or some pro rata award given.
5. To advise Members that in this case expenditure will need to be met and then reimbursed.

### BACKGROUND

6. We are aware of approaches regarding extending the Festive lights scheme to core town centre retailers.
7. In looking to increase our collection of displays there will be additional storage and maintenance costs of circa £350 per annum and additional circa £600 for installation/take down.
8. For purposes of this Fund, either work carried out or equipment purchased and held qualify for the 31<sup>st</sup> March deadline.

9. CMBC have committed to install the lamppost power supplies before the deadline date and conversations with our existing light providers indicate displays could be sourced and delivered in time., whilst all other items are likely to be in stock for delivery.
10. There is inevitably some procurement rules to comply with and post project delivery returns to complete.

## **FINANCIAL**

11. Should an award be made there will be a need to establish expenditure budgets and a compensating income budget to match.
12. As an when expenditure is incurred claims would be submitted for reimbursement.
13. There is a revenue cost asociated with increasing our supply of Festive Lights from 63 to 73 of circa £950per annum.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

14. That Members confirm whether they wish to accept an award if made.
15. That if an Award is accepted, Expenditure and Income budgets are established to match the amount of award given.
16. That given the deadline and need to order goods and services, this is left to the Town Clerk to expedite.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

17. Full Council approval is needed to establish new budgets that increase the existing overall budget.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

20. None arising from this report

## **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

21. None arising from this report.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

22. For Benches Picnic Tables and Planters environmentally friendly products will be sourced, and for Patmos lighting and Festive displays low energy lighting used.

## **IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT**

20. None arising from this report.

## **SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

21. None.

**FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill**