

# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

## Finance Committee

Agenda for the meeting to be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003 at 7.15 pm at the CVS Building, Hope Street.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APPROVAL**
3. **CASH PROJECTION FOR APPROVAL**
4. **CONFIRM STATEMENT OF 'EAR MARKED' RESERVES**
5. **BUDGET FOR 2004/3**

The draft budget is attached.

### **5.1 Sandbach in Bloom**

At the Finance Committee meeting of 17 April 2003 it was noted that the Sandbach in Bloom bank balance was very healthy and it was resolved that the accounts are considered when setting the budget at the meeting on 6 November 2003.

### **5.2 Cheshire Constabulary**

The latest information from the Cheshire Constabulary is that the Council should budget for three months in 2003/4, 12 months in 2004/5 and 9 months in 2005/6.

## **6. EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Mainly because of the Council's contribution to the refurbishment of the Sandbach Town Hall the expenditure in 2002/3 was greater than £100,000. Consequently the external auditor has sent the attached letter stating that they will be carrying out an intermediate audit. They require that the attached Intermediate Audit Supplementary Information and Request Assurance is approved by the Council.

## **7. REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON THE SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE**

At the Finance Committee meeting of 29 May 2003 it was agreed that the site is formally reviewed in 6 months time.

## **8. LETTERS OF THANKS FOR DONATIONS**

### **8.1 The North West Army Cadet Force**

Their letter is attached.

### **8.2 Sandbach Voices**

Their letter is attached.

## **9. APPLICATIONS FOR DONATIONS**

### **9.1 Open Minds application to fund event on 11 October**

Application form sent out 18 August but not yet returned.

## **9.2 Sandbach Festival of Transport**

They have been given an application form but it has not yet been returned.

## **9.3 Sandbach Talking Newspaper**

They are seeking a grant of £1,000 towards the equipment of a proposed new studio. Their application form is attached.

## **9.4 Sandbach Christmas Lights Festival**

They initially sought a sum of £270. They have returned the attached application form requesting a grant of upto £600.

## **9.5 CAD Councils against Dumping**

Middlewich TC, Holmes Chapel PC and Sproston PC seek support for their campaign against a waste disposal site at Kinderton Lodge, Sproston.

## **9.6 Cheshire Community Council – Local Network Fund**

They ask whether we know of any voluntary groups working with children and young people, up to the age of 19 who could benefit from a grant of between £250 and £7,000. The information has been forwarded to Sandbach Youth Project.

## **9.7 Sandbach County Primary School**

Cllr B Moran has provided the attached information further to the application form submitted previously.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 NatWest Bank**

The application form for the New Bonus Saver account has been received.

### **10.2 Joint Highways – Cobbles**

Letter from Roy Spicer is attached.

## **11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 22 January 2004 to be held at the CVS Building, Hope Street.