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Month No: 9

Cost Centre Report

		Actual Las Year	t Actual Yea	ar Current Annual Bud	Variance d Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Availab		Transfer
101	Income - TC						774 Cal D		to/from EMR
1076	Precept	315,502	317,393	04====					
1080	Grants / Donations Received	0	564	,000	•			100.0%	
1090	Bank Interest	2,683	7,871		(564)			0.0%	
	Misc Sales	0	198	-,000	(5,371)			314.8%	
1595	CIL Funds	2,303		V	(198)			0.0%	
			0	2,500	2,500			0.0%	
	Income - TC :- Incon	ne 320,488	326,026	322,393	(3,633)			404.404	
	Net incom	320,488	000 000					101.1%	0
6001	less Transfer to EM		326,026	322,393	(3,633)				
		-,	0						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserv	e 318,185	326,026						
<u>103</u> S	Staff Costs - TC								
4000 S	alaries	76 077							
4001 P	AYE/NI	75,077 21,453	59,388	81,886	22,497		22,497	72.5%	
4010 P	ension	29,769	17,353	23,457	6,104		6,104	74.0%	
	Sh# O		20,945	31,400	10,455		10,455		
	Staff Costs - TC :- Indirect Expenditure	126,298	97,686	136,742	39,056	0	39,056	71.4%	
	Net Expenditure	(126,298)	(97,686)	//00 to 100			,	7 17/0	0
107 Ad	ministration - TC		(81,000)	(136,742)	(39,056)				
	aff Training, Health&Safety								
	uncillor Training	321	1,291	600	(691)		(691)	215.2%	
	eage	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
	airman's Allowance	98	140	150	10		10	93.1%	
	tionery & Supplies	500	500	500	0		0	100.0%	
	tage Costs	1,073	1,084	1,200	116		116	90.3%	
	adding Service	289	173	500	327		327	34.6%	
	ter & Photocopy Costs	433	283	500	217		217	56.7%	
		1,290	1,044	1,400	356		356	74.5%	
	hunue or Ribadband	Wes as							
	phone & Broadband elianeous	728	474	900	426		426	52.7%	
100 Misc	ellaneous	16	33	9 00 50	426 17		426 17	52.7% 65.7%	
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4170	Election Charges	0	0	500		,	- TOURISHE	•	tovirom E
4200	Insurance	3,898	3,944		500		50	0.0%	
4230	Public Relations	200	•	3,800	(144)		(144) 103.8%	
4250	Membership & Subscriptions	1,734	5 4,332	231	226		220	2.3%	
4515	Professional & Legal Fees	1,595		1,858	(2,474)		(2,474	233.2%	
4525	Catering & Refreshments	0	633	1,700	1,067		1,067	37.2%	
	Licence Fee	0	69	0	(69)		(69)	0.0%	
	M. I.A.	U	643	0	(643)		(643)	0.0%	
,	Administration - TC :- Indirect Expenditure	29,126	22,069	33,322	11,253	0	11,253	66.2%	
	Net Expenditure	(29,126)	(22,069)	(33,322)	(11,253)				
114 F	Premises & Maintenance - TC				(11)200/				
	Capital Expenditure	•	4						
	Repairs & Maintenance	0	45,068	0	(45,068)		(45,068)	0.0%	35,00
	ntruder & Fire Alarms	3,987	3,024	5,549	2,525		2,525	54.5%	
4240 R		516	1,719	1,539	(180)		(180)	111.7%	
4260 E	lectricity	2,869	1,784	2,000	216		216	69.2%	
4265 V	-	6,734	6,580	7,700	1,120		1,120	85.5%	
1560 Li	cence Fee	298	236	725	489		489	32.6%	
		0	90	0	(90)		(90)	0.0%	
F	remises & Maintenance - TC :- Indirect Expenditure	14,405	58,502	17,513	(40,989)	0	(40,989)	334.0%	35,00
	Net Expenditure	(14,405)	(58,502)	(47 540)					
000	plus Transfer from EMR	3,208	35,000	(17,513)	40,989				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(11,197)	(23,502)						
21 Oth	er Costs - TC		(==,===,						
25 Mile	eage	0	25						
80 Stat	donery & Supplies	0	85	0	(25)		(25)	0.0%	
81 Pos	tage Costs	0	30	0	(85)		(85)	0.0%	
00 Misc	cellaneous	0		0	(30)		(30)	0.0%	
70 Elec	tion Charges	0	40	0	(40)		(40)	0.0%	
0 Gran	nts	3,999	1,707		(1,707)	(1,707)	0.0%	
5 Neig	hbourhood Plan Costs	0,838	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
	ring & Refreshments	٥	0	85	85		85	0.0%	
			25	. 0	(25)		(25)	0.0%	
Uih	er Costs - TC :- Indirect Expenditure	3,999	1,911	4,085	2,174	0	2,174	6.8%	0
	Net Expenditure								-

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	Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMF
Grand Totals:- Income	320,488	326,026	322,393	(3,633)			101.1%	
Expenditure	173,828	180,168	191,662	11,494	0	11,494	94.0%	
Net Income over Expenditure	146,660	145,858	130,731	(15,127)	-	- 1,101	07.070	
plus Transfer from EMR	3,208	35,000	_					
less Transfer to EMR	2,303	0						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	147,585	180,858						

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/12/2023 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

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		nt Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Lloyds Ban			31/12/2023		
Unity Trust	Bank		31/12/2023		99,470.44
			01/12/2023		3,067.10
Unpresent	ed Payments (Minus)		~	102,537.54
16/11/2023		Petty Cash - RT		Amount	
	S BUXTON	S Buxton		0.05	
		G DUX(Off		-0.18	
				-	-0.13
Jnpresente	d Receipts (Pl	us)			102,537.67
				0.00	
					0.00
					102,537.67
				Cash Book is :-	102,507.67
			Balance per (Difference Excluding Ac		102,507.67 30.00
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Issue date: 29 December 2023

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Account summary

Balance On 01 Dec 2023 £133,617.69 Total Paid In £15,888.15 Total Paid Out £50,035.40 Balance On 28 Dec 2023 £99,470.44

Account activity

Date	Payme Type	ent Detai ls			
01 Dec 2	3	STATEMENT OPENING BALANCE	Paid In (£)	Paid Out (£)	Balance (£)
04 Dec 23	FPI	CREATIVE PERFORMAN 10739	42.50		133,617.69 133,660.19
04 Dec 23 04 Dec 23	DEB	Zettle_*CRUMBS		31.70	
05 Dec 23	FPI	1CT ADM COOL TOOL AND	30.00	31.70	133,628.49
00 DC(Z)	1.64	1ST ARM SCOUTSGP 1ST ARMITAGE PANTO	950.00		133,658.49 134,608.49
05 Dec 23	FPI	STUDIO 5 BUSINESS STUDIO 5 STAGE SCH	pri 100 mar.		134,000,49
0/0	-	1	38.00		134,646.49
06 Dec 23	FPI	CREATIVE PERFORMAN 10740	454.50		No. of Contractings on
06 Dec 23	FPI	DI PEDDIA PERPENSI NA LANGUA	Januari	1	135,100.99
	1	BLUEPRINT DESIGNS 10745 ;	1 2100		135,121,99
7 Dec 23	FP0	MRCMMANTLE			100,121.33
7 D 22		MAINTENANCE		292 50	134,829,49
7 Dec 23	FP0	KAYLEY LYCETT :		150.00	45.4.500
7 Dec 23	FPO	RHEA PEARSON!		130.00	134,679.49
	1	MILER PENGODA:		150,00	134,529,49
7 Dec 23	FPI	SHIRLEY RK 10703 (1204 pp.		
7 Dec 23	DED		204.00	1	134,733.49
Dec 23	DEB BGC	BUNCHES CD GBS MPFT		28.45	13470r.o.
Dec 23	PAY	000836	374,00	644.73	134,705.00 135,079.00
Dec 23	FPI	SUMUP PAYMENTS,		132.91	134,946.09
			653 09		135,599.18
Dec 23	BGC	SCC COUNTY FUND STAFFSCC	151.49	1	
Dec 23	FPI	TICKETSOURCELTD	3,883,00	1	135,750.58
Dec 23	BGC	SCC COUNTY FUND STAFFSCC	3/04(2)		139,633.58
1		PEC COOKET LOND 21 AFF2CC	69 10	1	139,702.68

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Date		pe	Details	Paid In (£)	Bollon com	_
14 Dec			MAINSTREAM DIGITAL	Palu in (£)	Paid Out (£)	Balance (£)
14 Dec	23 DE	P	500251		126 42	139,576.26
14 Dec	23 DE	P	500252	1,172.65	-	140,748.91
15 Dec			500253	74.32	7	140,823,23
15 Dec			500253	490.00		141,313,23
15 Dec				1,075.00		142,388.23
	1.,	,	CITY ELECTRICAL FA!		2,088.84	140,299,39
15 Dec	23 FP()	SUNSHINE PRODUCTIO		Ave Enn. on	
15 Dec 2	,,		RUGELEY TOWN CNCL 3	1 1	4,500.00	135,799.39
TO DEC 7	23 FPI		SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC MCP F	193.66		135,993.05
18 Dec 2	S EDI		E PALCEL CALADANA			
TO DEC 2	3 FPI		E RUGELEY MUSICAL RMTC 10741 DEC	57.50		136,045.55
18 Dec 2	3 FPI	- 1	SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC MCP	930,18		
19 Dec 2	3 BP	- 1	HMRC PAYE/NIC CUMB	330 ⁴ 70		136,975.73
19 Dec 2		1	MB MADDIN DADZON		6,455,491	
19 Dec 2			MR MARTIN PARTON		1000000	
19 Dec 2			MRS K DECKX	STAFF		
19 Dec 23			MISS L HARRIS	SALARES	1	
19 Dec 23	1		MS LAURIE JOHNSON	# 18L36.25	į.	
19 Dec 23			KATE ROBERTS	- C + S & F & C S	8	
			HILARY GOODREID	1 1		
19 Dec 23			SEMMA SQUIRE	1 1		
19 Dec 23	1		GPS PENSION FUND	1	10000000	
19 Dec 23			4SS BIRD	1	4,198.26	
19 Dec 23		N	ARS A MANTLE	1 1		
19 Dec 23		J	ONATHON WYLIE	1 1		
19 Dec 23	BP		IR JORDAN KRAUSE	1 1	- 1	
19 Dec 23	BP		IRS SUSAN BUXTON	1 1		
19 Dec 23	BP	M	IELANIE MATTHEWS			
19 Dec 23	PAY	SI	ERVICE CHARGES REF:			
0 Dec 23	BGC		CC COUNTY FUND STAFFSCC	1	77.35	107,558.35
0 Dec 23	DD	DI	RECT COPIERS SE	287.10		107,845.45
0 Dec 23	DD		ANNOCK CHASE DIST		245.70	107,599.75
1Dec 23	DD	16/	ATER PLUS 0	1	786.00	106,813.75
1 Dec 23	DD		IGIE POWER:		48.45	106,765.30
1 Dec 23	DEP		0254		5,578,4617	101,186.84
1 Dec 23	DEP			547.95		101,734.79
l Dec 23	FPO	11	0254	1,020.00		102,754.79
	1	1217	AFFORDSHIRE PARI!		1 146.00	102,734.79
Dec 23	FPO	CR	AIG MORRIS HOSPI 5		162.00	101,446,79
Dec 23	FPO	THI	E BEER AND GAS M		36.00	
Dec 23	FPO	GAL	LEON SUPPLIES L 3		E-Constitution of the Constitution of the Cons	101,410.79
_		RUC	GELEY TWN CNCL 3(245.60	101,164.19
Dec 23	FPO	SEC	URICAN LTD		108.00	
Dec 23	FP0	MRS	SUSAN BUXTON 21		Annual Control	101,056.19
Dec 23	FPO	COU	INCIL EXPS:		204 31	100,951.88
.			FFORD BRIGADES 3		300.00	100,651.88
Dec 23	FP0	SLCC			202.00	100,449,88
Dec 23	FP0	JUBI	LEE FIREWORKS 30			
1.1		Į.		1 1 1	1,920.00	98,529,88

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_	Payme	ent			
Date	Type	Details	D-14k 4m		
21 Dec 23	FPO	CANNOCK CHASE (Paid in (£)	Paid Out (£)	Balance (£)
21 Dec 23	FPO	AMAZON PAYMEN		180.00	98,349.88
21 Dec 23	FPO	KEVAN WOOD 2000		390.80	97,959.08
21 Dec 23	FPO	SIMPLY SHRED I IM		25.00	97,934.08
21 Dec 23	FPO	UNICO:		50.00	97,874.08
21 Dec 23	FPO	ESPO		85.20	97,788.88
21 Dec 23	FPO	NEW GROWTH TRAININ		.87.72	97,701.16
21 Dec 23	FPO	MKFAMILYENTERTAI		2 054.92	96,646.24
21 Dec 23	FPO	DUNCAN WILLISCROFT		75.CC	96,471,24
22 Dec 23 22 Dec 23	BGC	THE STAFFORDSHIRE:	30.00	375.00	96,296.24
22 Dec 23	BGC	WEIGHT WATCHERS UKUN	102.00	1	96,326.24
22 Dec 23	BGC BGC	PERRY HALL MULTI-A FOREST HILLS PRIMA	330.00		96,428.24
22 Dec 23		CHURCHFIELD CE PRI SCAT	710.00	1	96,758.24
22 Dec 23	FPI	DJONES	63.00	1	97,468.24
28 Dec 23	BGC	CCC COL N. The Co.	15 00.00		97,531,24
	BGC	SCC COUNTY FUND STAFFSCC SCC COUNTY FUND STAFFSCC STATEMENT CLOSING BALANCE	184.2J 1,755.00		97,715.44 99.470.44
he "Details" c		Our statement shows the date that a Debit Card and	15,888.15	50,035.40	99,470.44

The "Details" column in your statement shows the date that a Debit Card payment went into or came out of your account only if that happened on a weekend or a Bank Holiday.

Payment types:

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		Your Current T1 acc	ount transactions		
Date	Туре	Details	Payments Out	Payments in	Balance
04/12/2023		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£3,Q85.10
31/12/2023	Fee	Service Charge	218.00	20.03	£3,067.10

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/12/2023 for Cashbook 5 - Petty Cash - Coffee Bar

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Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
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Bank Statement Account Name (s) Petty Cash - Rose Theatre	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
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Wednesday 24th January

item 113 - Finance Report

113.1 Internal Auditor

I have now organised Sandie Morris to come to Full Council on Wednesday 7th February to discuss internal audit. I have also arranged for Sandie to come to Full Council on Wednesday 3rd July to discuss end of year audit to prevent delays in her attending a meeting once an audit has been completed. End of year audit is booked in for 22rd May, Sandie is unable to attend June full council.

This will be Sandie's last audit with us due to health issues. Therefore, I have be looking at alternative auditors from the internal audit directory for 24/25 onwards. In Staffordshire, there are only 2 that do above 200K and that's Sandie Morris and Alan Toplis, therefore as I knew Penkridge had a new auditor I called them. They use Debbie Wellecomme and Jane Isom from Support Staffordshire. My only reserve here is that they are new to auditing and even though Penkridge with a precept of over £400,000 recommend them, they said they like them as they come, get on with it and leave quickly. This is a red flag for me, as we need someone who is going to properly look into the finances where other auditors haven't. They also learnt by shadowing Sandie.

The other auditor that is available is Paul Russell, he currently is a clerk, auditor, and consultant to councils. Last year he completed audits for over 50 councils ranging from percept of 5k to over 1 million. Currently for audit we pay interim £345 and end of year £450. Paul has said he would charge £325 interim and £350 year end plus mileage at 25p from Leicester. I feel this is our best option and have attached a report for a council he has audited as an example of what we would receive.

113.2 VAT Update

I have now finished the current quarter, it now appears that the last RFO didn't report correct VAT on all high value invoices not just those associated with the Theatre. The partial exemption calculation from the quarter meant we were indeed as thought, above the limitations meaning we couldn't claim back any VAT on exempt supplies. However, as so much was omitted from the council also, instead of claiming back £9319.72 from HMRC, we are now claiming back £14620.37.

HMRC are now happy with my working and agreed that we are under special section 33, so from now on they want the end of year calculations. Meaning I need to check the whole years invoices, then run the partial exemption calculations and tell them about any corrections. I am to start with 2019/20. I have made a start on this but they are a lot of errors already, so will report on these when I have covered more of the year. The good news is that now that it is yearly not quarterly it won't take me as long as 18 months to do, I estimate it will be more like 6-8 months.

Myself and Sue are meeting with Chris Leng, the VAT expert Wednesday 24th January so I will report about this at the meeting.

113.3 Banking

Unity Trust Bank has been used in the past to receive payments from the markets and car boots and also hold our reserves, so we don't go over the £85000 protection. We are now using Bescott for markets so there is no movement to this account other than charges which is £18 per quarter. Also, it has since been found out that £85000 doesn't apply to councils, therefore I would like the council to consider closing down Unity Bank to avoid more charges and opening a Business Lloyds savings account to hold general reserves in. This will keep general reserves separate and also provide interest.

113.4 Contracts

Phone contract

Following on from the extra Finance meeting with Blue Footprint, I expressed concerns that we wouldn't be able to port our numbers as I had already extended the contract once. I am happy to report I have managed to extend by 90 days, which is the maximum time we need to port the numbers. The contract has been signed and so has the agreement for porting. I am also pleased to say the phone also got changed with only a difference of £4. I asked Clir Kirkham to check the phone as he was the one that spotted the original quoted phone wasn't suitable and he agreed the new alternative was fine.

IT Contract

The contract has been signed and Blue Footprint have been in touch with Holker to start mapping and migrating the service.

Shredding

The new shredders have now arrived, however when speaking to our supplier they were saying that we are in a rolling one year contract so couldn't end until September. We asked for evidence of SLA or the agreement to state this. As they haven't been able to provide this, Sue as Clerk has emailed to say that we will be finishing in March and to collect their units end of March. We have chosen end of March due to one of the shredders needing to be replaced as it was delivered broken. Also the council has a substantial amount of paperwork dating past the 7 year mark so we are going to use the shredding company for this one off large amount of paperwork.

Finance System

I reported at last Finance meeting that we had to give 6 months notice to Rialtas, however on speaking to them and the fact we have paid in full not monthly, I have managed to get this reduced to 3 months with no further costs to us. Scribe has now retrieved all information to port to their system. They will now code it in and deliver training so we should be up and running on the new system for next finance meeting. I have also booked myself onto their lottery training which is free to do and ordered a free grants booklet for us to source more funding in the future. So this move is already positively impacting us.

Websites

We currently have 2 websites, 2 suppliers and 2 domains. The theatre domain is up 1st February and the council domain is up 30th April. The theatre website is not linked to the council website and is not appealing to the eye. The council website as previously reported has a lot of downtime and number of files cannot be opened. Furthermore, the council website does not meet WCAG 2.1 AA regulations. I have therefore been looking at alternative options. Please see attached quotes and proposals. Also here are links to websites each supplier run:

Darren Langley

https://tenacitysalestraining.com/

https://www.ansuk.org/

2. Netwise

https://eveshamtowncouncil.gov.uk

https://burford-tc.gov.uk/

3. Auberine 262

https://www.ebpc.co.uk/

https://www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk/

In my opinion from demos, zoom meetings and pricing, we should go with Netwise for the town council website as the are a few templates we can choose from and the staff liked the look of the websites they currently hold. For the theatre, after speaking to Sam regarding the direction she wants it to go in, this can be created easily on WIX which would be cheaper and easy to alter. I have spoken to Sam and she's happy to design and I'm happy to build. As you may see this as a risk on my ability even though I have made websites in the past. I am willing to build the website for free and show Rose committee, then if the council decides to go ahead then request payment for my additional time. Please also see demo look Sam had been working on previously.

Melanie Matthews - Responsible Finance Officer