

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/DECISION MAKER:	Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee Meeting
MEETING/DECISION DATE:	23 June 2022
TITLE:	Alice Park Trust – 2021/22 Financial Outturn Position
WARD:	Lambridge
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List of attachments to this report: N/A	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Alice Park Trust Board on the 2021/22 financial outturn position.
- 1.2 The report will also raise considerations for the 2022/23 budget.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee is asked to note and consider the report, including recommendations laid out in Section 4.

3 2021/22 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Total expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2021 is £44,441. Total income is £22,150, resulting in an operating deficit of £22,291.
- 3.2 In previous years, Bath and North Somerset Council have funded the Trust's deficit through its Parks revenue budgets. In 2018/19 the funded deficit was £22,592k and in 2019/20 the deficit increased to £29,192k due to one-off improvement costs. In 2020/21 the funded deficit reduced to £21,402k. A deficit of £22,291 in 2021/22 equates to an increase in subsidy of £889 from the previous year.
- 3.3 The estimated deficit for the Trust in 2021/22 was budgeted at £21,305, broadly in line with the 2020/21 deficit. The outturn position was £986 above this estimate, primarily due to additional investment in restoring park benches and the Bath Area Play Project.
- 3.4 However, income levels have increased over and above expectations through additional rental income for the use of outside space and increased events income.

3.5 The financial performance for Alice Park for financial year ending 31st March 2021 is detailed in the table below:

	21/22 Budget	21/22 Outturn	21/22 Variance
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£
Ground Maintenance SLA	11,535	11,535	0
Play Equipment SLA	8,745	8,745	0
Tree Management/Maintenance SLA	2,438	2,438	0
Public Conveniences	16,359	16,359	0
Independent Examination Fees	500	500	0
<i>Other costs -</i>			
- Bath Area Play Project	-	2,000	-
- Restoration of Park Benches	-	1,400	-
- Cherry Tree Planting	-	1,464	-
Total other grounds/parks expenditure	2,284	4,864	2,580
	41,861	44,441	2,580
INCOME	£	£	£
Investment Income - Dividends	(31)	(31)	0
Investment Income - Interest	(20)	(7)	13
Property Rental Income	(18,600)	(19,050)	(450)
Tennis Court Income	0	0	0
Events Income	(1,905)	(1,598)	307
Community Ward Member Fund – contribution for Cherry Tree Planting	0	(1,464)	(1,464)
	(20,556)	(22,150)	(1,594)
Trust Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	21,305	22,291	986
<i>Additional income subsidy from B&NES</i>	<i>(21,305)</i>	<i>(22,291)</i>	<i>(986)</i>
Revised Trust (Surplus) / Deficit	0	0	0

4 2022/23 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The long-term aim is for the Trust to become financially self-sufficient, reducing and ultimately removing the need to rely on council subsidy to balance its budget.
- 4.2 In order to facilitate this, it is recommended that the Sub-Committee continues to focus on its 10-year plan, which focuses on expanding income generation within the Park. Income generated from events held within the Park continues to increase, a good sign that the Trust is already moving to a more commercial outlook.
- 4.3 It is recommended that the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with the council's Parks department are reviewed and formalised, which in turn will allow for a more transparent and robust financial planning process.
- 4.4 Using the outturn position for 2021/22 a budget for 2022/23 has been constructed to monitor the financial performance of the Trust.

2022/23 Alice Park Trust Budget	£
Income	
Investment Income	(35)
Events Income	(2,000)
Rental Income	(19,050)
Total Income	(21,085)
Expenditure	
Grounds Maintenance SLA	11,765
Play Equipment SLA	8,920
Tree Management SLA	2,485
Public Convenience Maintenance	16,710
Other grounds/parks expenditure	2,500
Independent Examination Fees	500
Total Expenditure	42,880
Surplus / Deficit	21,795
<i>B&NES Contribution to Alice Park</i>	<i>(21,795)</i>

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Background papers	None
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