

**Environmental Committee Agenda**  
**Monday, 23 October 2023 at 6.30 pm**  
**Remote meeting via Teams only.**

**01 Apologies for Absence**

**02 Declarations of Interest**

**03 Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2023 as a true record

**04 Actions from previous meeting (2.10.23) update**

**05 Dealing with the budget underspends from 2022/23**

Spreadsheet attached.

**Recommendations:**

1. The virement suggested by the RFO to cover overspends and highlighted in **green** in the spreadsheet are agreed and will be reported to Committee who will make a recommendation to Council
2. The underspends which have already been included in the 2023/24 budget and highlighted in **pink** are to be carried forward as earmarked reserves but will not add to the 2023/24 budget.
3. The following underspends shown in **blue** are to be carried forward as earmarked reserves to provide match funding of £20,000 for the Castle Woods Paths Grant Application

Civic Amenities £14,700

Cleaning SLA £2,178

Community Orchard £2,244

Grass Verge Scheme £878

4. The Recycling Bins underspend of £7,000 to be carried forward as an earmarked reserve to be used for the same purpose
5. The E-Cargo Bikes underspend of £10,000 to be carried forward as an earmarked reserve to be used for the same purpose.
6. The Clyne Gardens Gazebo underspend of £6,000 is to be carried forward as an earmarked reserve to be used for the same purpose.
7. The following underspends are available to carry forward as earmarked reserves but have not yet been allocated to a particular budget.

Jubilee Garden £85

Shared Space £39

Grass Verge Scheme £1,222

Wildlife Signage Scheme £2,000

Total £3,346

**06 Budget Monitoring Report to 31/08/2023**

Reports attached.

**07 Budget 2024/25**

**08 Update Environment Officer - Monthly Report on current projects and overview:**

- Jubilee Gardens funding – update on progress and funding needed
- Wildflower Verge Scheme – Where will this be and how will we work it
- Bulb planting – update
- Mumbles Green Heroes
- Schools' projects
- Launching the Litter Picking Hub

**09 Committee work plan – next steps**

**10 Big Climate Leap** – Presentation from Natasha Dodds (project lead from the Environment Centre) ·

**11 Introduction to Carbon Literacy**