



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Virement from Reserves to Community Grant Fund

Report to: Full Council

Report by: Assistant Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under:
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 para 5.

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement

SUMMARY:

There is no community grant budget identified in the current financial year. To ensure the council can continue providing grants to local organisations, community groups, and initiatives that benefit residents of Saxilby with Ingleby, it is proposed that £1,500 is vired from general reserves into the council's grant funding budget.

The proposed virement would not place the council's reserves at an unacceptable level and would allow the council to continue supporting the community in line with its objectives. The reserves can be replaced when budgeting for 2027/28.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Full Council resolves to:

- I. Approve a virement of £1,500 from general reserves to the Section 137 Grant Fund budget.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)

The proposal supports equal access to community funding opportunities for local organisations and groups serving residents with protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

The proposal itself has no direct impact on biodiversity. However, Section 137 grants may support projects that contribute positively to environmental and biodiversity outcomes within the parish.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

No direct carbon reduction implications have been identified from the proposed virement.

Impact on staff

Minimal officer time will be required to process the budget virement and update financial records.

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?

(Financial Regulation 17b)

No.

REPORT

The council approved its budget for the current financial year with no community grant budget allocated.

Community grants enable the council to support local organisations, community groups, and initiatives that provide direct benefit to residents within the parish.

To rectify the omission and ensure funding remains available for eligible grant applications during the financial year, it is proposed that £1,500 is vired from general reserves into the community grant fund budget.

The proposed virement represents a small proportion of the council's reserves and is not considered to present a significant financial risk. The Responsible Financial Officer will ensure any Section 137 expenditure (Local Government Act, 1972) is properly recorded.