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REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2023/035

Committee:-	Council
Date:-	12 th July 2023
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Report Title:-	Windmill Avenue Fencing
Wards Affected:-	Pipers Hill

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for meeting a small cost over-run on this project, which is beyond the remit of Finance and Governance Committee to meet.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to approve a final payment of £1412.50 for the Windmill Avenue Allotments

3. Information

3.1. The budget for 2023-4 provides for the replacement of fencing at Windmill Avenue allotments. The total cost of £15,000 was to be met by utilising money in the allotment budget (£10,000) and in the community infrastructure budget (£5,000).

3.2. The total cost of the project is now expected to be :-

Installation works	£15605.55
Planning fee and associated costs	£185
On site banner advertising the works	£ 200

Total £15990.55

- 3.3. The installation costs increased by a net £1412.50 as a result of unforeseen issues on site (including problems with access to the site because of overhead cables, navigating tree roots and a shortfall in the calculation of the length of fencing required).
- 3.4. The additional total net cost of £990.55 can be met from the community infrastructure fund.
- 3.5. Finance and Governance Committee only have authority to spend up to £15000 on any one item so Council approval is required for the full amount of £15605.55 for the contractor's installation fee, £1412.50 of which has yet to be billed.

4. Consultation and Engagement

The works were carried out in full co-operation with the Allotment Association.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

As set out above, the reason for this report is that the ability to incur single items of expenditure over £15000 in value is reserved to full Council and the revised installation costs are above that limit by £605

6. Climate change implications

The Council's policy is to support the provision and therefore the security, of allotments as a positive contribution to health and wellbeing and the growth of local produce.

7. Policy Implications

As above

Background papers

Invoices and accounts information



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