

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee
Meeting date	17 November 2025
Report author	RFO / Town Clerk
Agenda item	5

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS & COMMITTEE DRAFT BUDGET 26-27

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To **approve** the management accounts for the period ending 31 October 2025.

2. Summary

2.1 As of 31 October 2025, the committee's expenditure is £177,842 (64.5%% of budget), with £61,978 being offset by EMR's covering the spend, therefore the true expenditure is £115,864 (26.9% of budget).
Income received is £68,979 (73% of budget).

2.2 Draft Budget 2026-27; detailed budget bids recorded in section 5.

There are no areas of spend which require Members' particular attention.

3. Action required

3.1 The committee is requested to approve these management accounts. This will require a proposer, a seconder, and a vote.

3.2 The committee is requested to approve the draft budget for inclusion in Full Councils draft 2026-27 budget being presented to the FGAM Committee on 1st December 2025.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

Key Objective 3: To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.

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5. **Key information and options**

- 5.1 Appendix A gives the financial figures for the period. The variances of 15% or over £500 that require explanation are on the report.
- 5.2 Appendix B give a summary by cost centre of the committee’s management accounts as at 31 July 2025.
- 5.3 Appendix C is the committee’s draft budget 2026-27. The RFO met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee on the 27 October 2025, to review the current budget and receive Councillor bids. They then met with the Cemetery and Outdoor Services Manager on the 31 October 2025 to review the remaining budget and receive officer bids.

The draft budget includes inflationary rises at 4% (3.8% in September 2025).

Large bids received from officers and councillors are below and highlighted on Appendix C.

4605/201	Community Woodland	Officer	+2,000	On going annual maintenance
4624/201	Cemetery improvements	Officer	+7,000	Compost Area old Cemetery
1650/204	Abingdon Common	Legal	-3,500	Surrender of part of the lease
4654/204	Arb, Planned Works	Officer	+10,000	Tree Survey identified more work than expected
4798/301	Roundabout Maint'	Officer	-10,000	Contract Cancelled
4992/301	Bus Shelter Maint'	Officer	+7,000	Cover maintenance costs – suggest £10k

Effect on the committee’s bottom line is as follows:

	2025-26	2026-27	Movement	%
Income	94,517	93,017	-1,500	-1.58%
Expenditure	430,650	464,367	+33,717	+7.82%
Net	-336,133	-371,350	+35,217	+10.47%

6. **Climate change/green implications**

6.1 None.

7. **Financial/budget implications**

7.1 The Council's spending is in line with budget, no further implications.

8. **HR implications**

8.1 None.

9. **Consultation implications**

9.1 I consider there are no matters within the report on which we should consult.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

Appendix A – Management Accounts for period ending 31 October 2025

Appendix B – Summary Committee Accounts for the period ending 31 October 2024

Appendix C – Committee Draft Budget 2026-27

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12 Nov 2025