

Batheaston Parish Council

Finance Update to End of Period 5



Summary

The report provided separately for the period April-September (Period 5) shows:

- Income tracking below expectation, with year-end forecast £156k vs £163k
 - o VAT reclaim £1,000 below
 - o CIL payment of £4,500 is due, but may not be paid in full this year
- Total expenditure is slightly below expected: year-end forecast being £152k vs. £161k
- The major part of the under-spend forecast is that only £2,000 has been awarded to Community Grants, of £10k budget (and I have not forecast any spend)
- Other changes are:
 - o Higher spend on exceptional Items – now forecasting £21k vs £15k
 - o Lower spend on most operational items:
 - Riverside is £2,250 below budget
 - Highways and Environment is £1,850 below budget
 - Admin is £500 above budget
- Note also that the National Pay Award was approved in late August. The headline award is 3.3% rise, with a slightly larger impact on the Council owing to deletion of the lowest scale point, resulting in a larger increase for 2 of our staff.
The end result is in line with budget.

Recommendations

Council is asked **to note the report.**

A more detailed report will be provided to Finance Committee for its meeting on 15th September.

Richard Maccabee,
Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
8th September 2026