

Sandy Town Council

2016/17

Annual Report



Introduction

The Annual Report informs readers what Sandy Town Council has done over the past year, a summary of its budgets, details of Council Members and the wards they represent. The report is based on the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017; however, it may also include information based on the Civic year which covers the period May 2016 to April 2017.

The Council welcomes any views on this report and on the services provided by the Town Council. Members of the public are also invited to attend every Council meeting to ask questions, make comments and raise matters of local interest during the public session.

Mayor's Report – Councillor Colin Osborne



On behalf of Sandy Town Council, it is my pleasure to introduce our report to the residents of Sandy and Beeston after another very busy and challenging year.

We had a very successful day at the beginning of December when our Christmas lights were switched on. Many organisations had stalls to raise funds and the weather was extremely kind resulting in approximately 3,000 people turning out to support this festive event. Sandy Town Council is committed to the continued support of this very worthwhile event and providing the Christmas lights for the benefit of the local community and we look forward to this year's day which will be on Sunday 3 December 2017. The Switch-on Event is organised by the 'Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights' group, which relies heavily on volunteers. If you are interested in helping organise this event by joining the group's committee or volunteering on the day please contact the Council Offices, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Although we had a settled council in the first year of the current four-year term we did lose Cllr Quick during the past year who resigned for personal reasons and Cllr Knagg was co-opted to fill the vacancy. In addition, Cllr Ali has been on leave of absence for some months. I would like to thank all councillors for the time they voluntarily give to our town.

In agreeing the Budget for 2017/18 the Council reviewed and reduced budgets across the board wherever possible but for the fourth year we received no mitigation funding from Central Beds Council. Despite this we managed to keep our precept to £539k – an increase of £4.88 per year on a Band D property or 9p per week. The Town Council does not rely solely on its precept to fund projects and activities and actively pursues grant and support funding wherever possible. The Council has, in the last year, been successful in obtaining grant funding to refurbish the War Memorial and work will commence in the next couple of months. Similarly, funding has been obtained from CBC's Market Town Regeneration Fund to improve the High Street and Market Square and again work will be starting very shortly on this. In addition, grant funding has been made available to show Sandy's story in stone through the Mosaic Designs project.

Progress on our cemetery extension has been slow and although planning permission has been received we still await the start of the archaeological dig which is a planning requirement. Similarly, the acquisition of a large allotment site is no further forward although we have been working with CBC officers to provide some allotments within the Beeston Green Orchard project site.

A lot of time and effort has gone into responding to CBC's draft Local Plan and 'Call for Sites' to meet housing demands across the area. Several opportunities for residents to respond to suggested proposals have been arranged during the past year. The Town Council recently commissioned a benchmarking exercise in the town centre to ascertain the views of residents that will assist the Council in its' thinking and planning for the future.

Regular quarterly meetings are now held by myself, the Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk with our three CBC Councillors so that we are all working together for the benefit of our community. Similarly, there have been several meetings this year to raise local concerns with our MP, Alistair Burt.

I was delighted last May to welcome a delegation from our Twin Town Malaunay to Sandy and Councillor Pettitt will be representing the town this year at the 35th anniversary celebrations of twinning in Malaunay.

I was also pleased to welcome a delegation from our Twin Town Skarszewy, which included the Mayor, in November for Remembrance weekend.

Councillors have made visits to our local fire station during the year to meet our Fire Cadets and see them undertake a training exercise and we recently visited the Army Cadet Attachment in Sunderland Road. Both these organisations – and indeed many others – are a credit to the town.

The Mayor's charity fund this year has been donated to Canine Partners who train dogs to help those with disabilities. A resident of Sandy has a trained dog and one is currently being trained by a resident of Potton. Similarly, funding is being provided to purchase a defibrillator for our recreation ground in Bedford Road. Over £1,000 has been raised and may I personally thank all those who have attended the mayor's charity events or made donations. It is truly appreciated. May I thank, too, all the organisations for the warm welcome my wife and I have received when we have visited them and thank them for all their kind invitations and hospitality.



**Councillor C Osborne,
Mayor of Sandy**

The Council

Sandy Town Council exists to serve and represent the interests of the whole community of Sandy and to work for provision of services for its residents. Sandy Town Council will work with organisations or people willing to improve the well-being and prospects of the community.

The Council has had a full schedule of meetings including

10 Full Council Meetings

18 Development Scrutiny Committee Meetings

9 Policy Finance and Resources Committee Meetings

9 Community Services and Environment Committee Meetings

5 Human Resources Committee Meetings

These meetings were the forum for detailed discussion and strategic decision making. Members of the public attended many meetings and this is always welcome and leads to much more informed decisions being taken. Our local PCSO no longer gives regular reports to the council but the officers of different public agencies and service providers gave presentations and reports to the council during the year.

Members have acted as representatives on a number of outside bodies:

Talk of the Town Transport Committee

Sandy Village Hall Management Committee

Sandy Twinning Association

Sandy Sports and Leisure Association

22 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee

Sandy Charities

Sandy Walkers are Welcome

Sandy Carnival Committee

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Sandy Chamber of Trade

SG19 Road Safety Group

Sandy Green Wheel Group



Policy, Finance and Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Scott

The Town Council's Policy, Finance and Resources Committee is authorised by the Full Council to take responsibility for the preparation of the Council's annual budget and precept, ensuring the Council has sufficiently budgeted for its operations, implementation of annual grants system, review of the longer financial term strategy of the Council, the review and approval of Council policy and procedures, and monitoring and scrutinising of the budget.

Policy, Finance and Resources Chairman's Report

<p>Budget and Precept</p> <p>In common with many other Parish and Town Councils across the Country Sandy Town Councillors made the difficult decision to raise the local precept by 3.7% for the forthcoming financial year, this is equivalent to £4.88 per Band D property. The increase is less than previous years and the Council continues to work hard towards achieving best value and effective savings. This year's precept was set against a background of increasing costs and continued loss in Council Tax support funds from Central Bedfordshire Council.</p>
<p>Grants and Donations</p> <p>This year the Council increased its grants budget and the Committee has approved grants totalling £2,969 to a variety of worthwhile organisations and community groups, all of which carry out wonderful and important work within and around Sandy. A list of those bodies who received grants or donations can be found on page 14 of the Annual Report. As well as awarding a series of grants the committee worked with the Scouts and the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights to help support the Fireworks and Christmas light switch on event.</p>
<p>Cost Savings</p> <p>The Committee has continued to review its service contracts and renegotiate contracts where appropriate to ensure best value while seeking reduced costs where possible. During this financial year, the Council has agreed a new copier/printing contract that will see costs reduced by 37%, renegotiated a sanitary provider contract which will see savings of 60% over the year, and agreed a fixed price contract over 6 years for streetlight maintenance. During the next financial year, the committee will be looking at other service contracts to seek further reductions in costs where possible.</p>
<p>Funding</p> <p>As the Mayor detailed in his report earlier in this document the Town Council does not rely solely on its precept to fund projects and activities, it actively seeks support funding where possible to alleviate pressure placed on the precept.</p> <p>This year the Council secured funding for 75% of the cost of refurbishing the War Memorial as well as a large amount of funding from Central Bedfordshire Council's Market Town Regeneration Scheme. The funding from the scheme will see</p>

improvements to the Town Centre through new street furnishings, a covered community stand outside the post office, tidying up of railings and street/signage clutter. The funding will also see the installation of public art in the town centre via the Story in Stone Mosaics project.

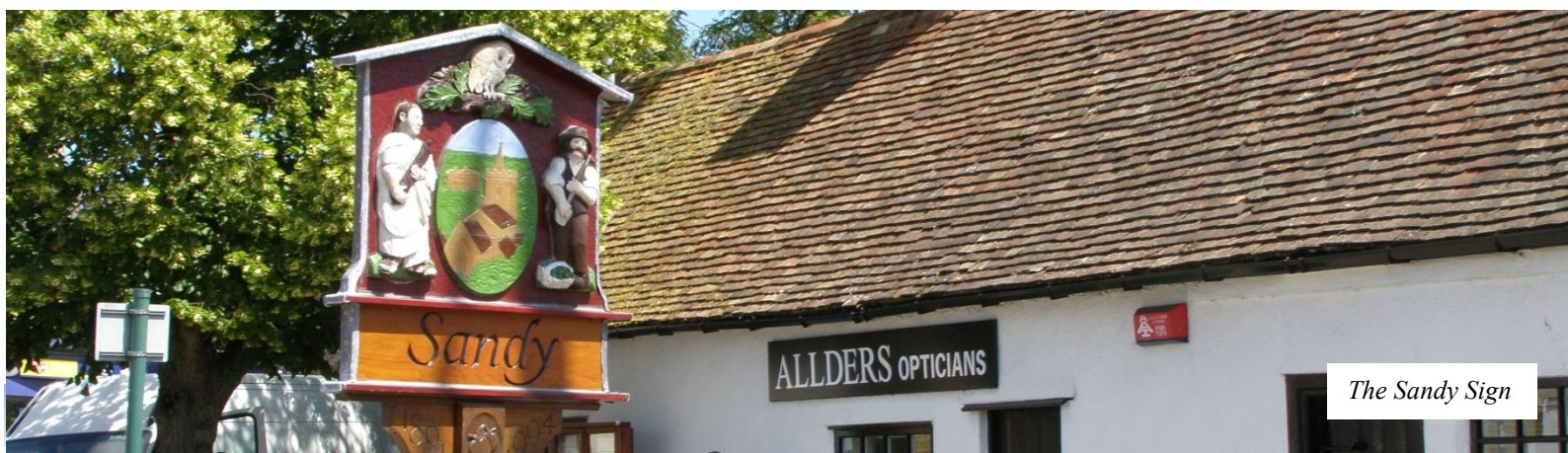
The Committee also oversaw securing a £7,000 Community receipt from a developer. The funds have been earmarked to be spent on projects that benefit the community of Sandy in future years.

Section 106

The Committee has supported 6 organisations in making Section 106 applications to Central Bedfordshire Council. The Council recognises the importance of making sure Section 106 funds received from developers are invested back into Sandy and its community. In total the Council has helped bring £16,000 in Section 106 funds back into the community to support sports and community facilities.

Policies and Procedures

The Committee has continued to review its policies and procedures to ensure they are effective and up to date. This year the Council adopted a new recruitment policy and a Council risk assessment which reviewed all risks borne by the Council.



Community Services and Environment Committee

Chaired by Councillor S Sutton

The Community Services & Environment Committee has a wide remit to discuss issues related to the open spaces, allotments, and the cemetery. The committee also reviews work required to footpaths, pavements, cycle-ways, roads, waterways, horticultural and arboriculture works, street furniture (seats, planters, waste bins), play areas, and play equipment.

Community Services and Environment Committee Report

<p>CBC local plan</p> <p>STC and residents have been consulted on future housing needs and large areas of Sandy and Beeston had been put forward by land owners. We carefully reviewed all the proposed sites using a scoring system to determine those we would support and those we would object to. We agreed at full Town Council that we would not support any individual site for development until the issues of the proposed East/West rail link and upgrading of the A1 were decided.</p>
<p>Matched Market Fund</p> <p>CBC has launched a Market Town Match Fund to support town centre improvements for towns across Central Bedfordshire. We agreed to commit to this fund and are working with the project team to assess the scope of the work and costs involved. We have put in the application for the visual and physical enhancement which includes working with Potton and Biggleswade Councils on a mosaic project. Sandy residents have had the chance to see the initial designs for these at a public meeting. Further improvements that have been identified are finger post signage, a covered community stand, new benches and cycle racks, plus new bins for taking separated recycled materials. Lamp Post banners are under discussion depending of suitability of the lamp posts and costs of installing/removing several times a year.</p>
<p>Beeston Green Management Plan</p> <p>Work on this is ongoing and the next step is a consultation with residents. The community orchard project is awaiting the planning application from CBC for the area of affordable housing which will also contain the area for the orchard and allotments.</p>
<p>Sandy War Memorial</p> <p>The war memorial has been awarded Listed Building Status grade II. This has given the memorial specific protection to guarantee its future and surroundings. STC applied for and has been granted 75% towards the restoration of the memorial, specifically to replace the worn lettering and repair the cracked purbeck stone. We will also be adding baskets to the area for residents to place wooden crosses.</p>

Public spaces and Play Areas

We are working with CBC to undertake a full assessment of the play equipment in Sandy. The initial assessment of the areas has taken place and we have launched a consultation to canvas the views of residents. Once that is completed then we can agree the type of equipment each area needs and proceed to the tender process. Play equipment owned by STC at Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston Green, the Limes Play area and Fallowfield Recreation Ground is maintained and inspected weekly. Tree surveys have been undertaken and a programme of maintenance planned on a cycle of 4 years using an approved contractor.

Parking in Sandy/Beeston

CBC is undertaking a parking review so we can be informed of the pressures being produced with an increasing amount of vehicles parking in the Parish. The council continues to provide free public car parking in the town centre car park with the aim of supporting local businesses and we are working with the planned new doctor's surgery for allocated parking for emergency vehicles and disabled visitors.

Bus Stops

Sandy Town Council has worked with Central Bedfordshire Council to secure a new bus shelter at Fallowfield and the installation of real time information in shelters at Tesco, the Market Square, Engayne Avenue and the train station. It is hoped real time information will be active by summer 2017 and that the Fallowfield shelter will be installed later in the year. The bus turning circle for Engayne Avenue was finally installed and the bus route amended.

CCTV

The provision of CCTV continues to be a difficult issue as Councillors and residents raise concerns over its effectiveness and its use by the police in investigating crime. CBC have undertaken a review of the system in March 2017 and we await their decision on the future of CCTV provision in the area.

The Council agreed to relocate a mobile CCTV camera to the Fallowfield recreation ground following concerns about anti-social behaviour. The Council will continue to monitor the camera, its effectiveness and incidents.

Environment

The committee has also pushed for progress on the Sandy Green Wheel and Sandy to Potton Cycle way. The Council agreed to provide £2,000 in the 2017/18 financial year to support the progress of the Sandy Green wheel.

We have been in contact with the Environment Agency regarding the clearing and dredging of the River Ivel. They have proposed a timetable of works, but we are concerned over the extended time this is planned for.

Development Scrutiny Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Pettitt

This committee has three key roles: it reviews every planning application, considers tree applications, and takes part in various district and regional consultations where they may impact on Sandy. The Town Council is a statutory consultee, and reviews all planning applications and advises CBC should they not meet local requirements and aspirations. However, it should be noted that Central Bedfordshire Council makes the final decision on all planning applications, and does not always agree with the Town Council's comments.

Development Scrutiny Committee Report

Sandy Town Council Planning Process

Sandy Town Council (STC) is not a planning authority and has no direct powers to control the development of the town. Planning applications in Sandy are decided by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) which is the local authority empowered by law to exercise statutory town planning functions as well as the Local Development Framework and the key local planning policy documents which affect Sandy.

STC is entitled to see almost all planning applications received by CBC which pertain to Sandy Parish and to make comments on them which CBC takes into consideration when deciding whether to grant planning permission. There are a very few exceptions to this including for example applications which relate to agricultural buildings. This role is the responsibility of the Development Scrutiny (DS) Committee which consists of 10 members appointed annually at the Sandy Town Council Annual Meeting held each May. The DS Committee has met on 18 occasions in the past year to respond to and comment upon around 80 planning applications. To effectively fulfil their role, to assist their understanding of particular applications and to aid decision making members have made a number of site visits during the past 12 months.

Members of the public with an interest in a particular application are encouraged to contact the Town Council to make their views known either in writing or to attend the DS Committee meeting when the matter is on the agenda to express them in person. In advance of any meeting of DS both members and interested members of the public can and should try to make use of the wealth of information which can be accessed on the Planning section of the CBC website starting at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and then following the links.

The members of DS also rely to a considerable extent on the background work undertaken by the administration team at STC in advance of each meeting of the committee for which they are always extremely grateful.

Working with other agencies

On 1 occasion in the past year a member of STC has appeared before CBC's Development Management Committee (DMC) and most recently 2 members attended a meeting of the CBC Licensing Sub Committee to reiterate the Town Council's resolved position to an application for a vacant shop premises in Sandy to trade as a new micro pub.

On other occasions during the year and along with the Town Clerk members of DS have met with agents and representatives of developers and applicants themselves in advance of and following formal meetings with a view to clarifying and seeking resolution to other outstanding issues.

Planning Issues in Sandy & Beeston

Planning issues in and around Beeston have figured greatly in the work of DS Committee over the past twelve months and seem destined to do so for the foreseeable future. As owners and custodians of Beeston Green there seems a heightened need for diligence by DS Committee (as well as STC as a whole) to do all it can to protect and safeguard that area of the Town's heritage.

There continue to be several important and broader strategic issues which members of DS Committee have regularly considered during the past year. With CBC on the cusp of launching the new Local Plan pressures are growing for land to be made available for future development not only around Sandy but in the wider area.

In addition therefore to its role set out above, with news still awaited regarding the route of the proposed new East West Rail link, studies still ongoing regarding the future of the A1 and the present consultation regarding the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett improvements it will be important for this committee and indeed the Town Council as a whole to remain diligent and to try to ensure there is co-ordinated planning to help influence the way Sandy develops during the decade to come and beyond.



Sandy viewed from The Pinnacle

Human Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Hill

The Human Resources committee, which meets about four times a year, has the major responsibility of trying to ensure the smooth and effective running of the Council through its paid staff, who operate as the office and outdoor teams. The committee is responsible for performance management, team-building and training as well as opening hours and work schedules. We must also do what we can to ensure the work-life balance of all the staff is maintained.

Human Resources Committee Report

The past twelve months has been a period of consolidation and teambuilding. By far the greatest challenge for both the office and outdoor teams has been having to cope with one team member on long-term absence through ill-health. For much of the year the outdoor team has performed as a three-man band and worked really hard to keep abreast of their schedules. An agency worker was brought in at critical moments during the warmer months to ease the load. As for the office staff there has had to be a reorganisation of roles to cover various administrative and front-office roles and we have taken on a young agency worker who has been able to perform a variety of receptionist roles and has proved to be very personable with members of the public.

All employees have now completed a full appraisal cycle and various training needs have been identified and implemented. Outdoor staff have had specialist equipment training and the office staff are increasingly being encouraged to take responsibility for particular projects.

As for the clerk Chris Robson we continue to be amazed by his prodigious work ethic. His capacity to multi-task and constantly provide councillors with detailed reports on a multitude of subjects has been hugely appreciated and members of the public have also commented favourably on his friendliness, accessibility and positive drive.

We need to ensure that Chris continues to enjoy the job of clerk and has been the major player in rebuilding bridges between the Council and the local community. He has achieved wonders over the past eighteen months and the work ethos and job satisfaction among staff of both teams have improved immeasurably. He enjoys very good relationships with both teams and works closely with both team leaders Carol Baker-Smith and Richard Gilbert.

Future Developments

The new structure and office roles have been partially achieved but we need a completely stable team to finish the process. The most appropriate office opening hours which suit the greatest number of Sandy residents and maximize the varied talents and experience of all our team members according to the needs of day-to-day efficiency have been agreed for current circumstances but will continue to be monitored. We are also looking at a media policy and the pros and cons of having

a Council Facebook page. In addition, we will need to use the appraisal cycle to assess manageability of roles and the seemingly ever-increasing number of projects arriving on the doorstep. It would be good to put a number of the current projects to bed, especially those which are not constantly frustrated by delays caused by other agencies. If we succeed there will be noticeable improvements to many aspects of the local environment and infrastructure which I'm sure local residents will appreciate.

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Chairman—Max Hill

2016 Light Switch on Success

The 2016 event was an undoubted success thanks in no small part to the weather which was ideal for early December. Everything ran to schedule and there were a huge number of positives. The Sandy public turned out in very high numbers and there was a really enjoyable fun atmosphere.

The stage acts were great. There was a full house of local schools taking part and all arrived promptly. As in previous years there was a very good number of stalls offering a wide variety. We were delighted to have a number of volunteers on the day, especially from the scouts, local Air Training Corps and council staff to help with the setting up in the morning and clearing up afterwards. The lights themselves received lots of favourable comments, especially as they extended further down the High Street.

Children's Design Competition

A new children's light design competition initiative was launched in 2016. The competition was reasonably successful with around 30 entries. Art out of Ten, a group of local artists, were happy with the number of visitors to their exhibition in the Baptist hall and what they made on refreshments. The RSPB's lantern walk didn't materialise which is a shame, but it would be good to work closely with the charity on future events to continue to build links between the town and the RSPB.

2017 Event

The 2017 event is planned for Sunday 3 December and as usual we will be doing our utmost to recruit more willing community volunteers to help with the planning. We also hope to attract more sponsorship and get more of the old folk in the town coming to join in the festivities. The more help we get the more we can organise!



Sandy Information Point

The Sandy Tourist Information Centre closed in the spring of 2015 and a brand new Information Point has been integrated in the Sandy Town Council Reception and was opened in April 2015. These changes have ensured that as many as possible of the tourism services previously provided have continued, with a focus on the local area. The new Information Point has been refurbished to create a new and welcoming Reception area for the visitors to the Council Offices. The Information Point continues to provide information regarding local attractions, local walks, travel information and providing assistance and information about the locality to local residents.

The Council remains agents for Safford's Coaches, thus allowing local people to book holidays and day excursions within the office. A What's On section is kept updated on the Town Council webpage and posters are displayed in the Centre. Monthly articles continue to be written about the Centre and its services and news for publication in local journals.

The Centre holds a supply of Central Bedfordshire Council's green garden bags, orange recycling bags, food bins and food waste bags for household waste thus allowing residents to collect these locally. A recent survey shows this is our third most popular enquiry at the Information Point.

The Centre has organised and led six local walks during the year, in which over 160 people have taken part. Also during the winter three local talks took place which were heard by nearly 120 people. These walks promote access to the countryside in the area. Sandy's status as a Walker's are Welcome town has encouraged walkers to visit and participate in the guided walks and also individual, family and group walking.

The Town Council has hosted an increased number of visits from local schools to the Roman Sandy exhibition in the council offices as well as welcoming individual visitors to view the exhibits on display.

This year's walks

April	Captain Peel Walk
May	Woodbury Hall & Tetworth Hall
June	The Lodge
July	Sandye Place
August	Cardington Walk
September	Squire's Walk

This year's talks

October	Parliament through 40 plus years of challenge & change by Lord Naseby
November	The Great Northern Railway through Bedfordshire by George Howe
December	Growing a business in Sandy by Richard Banks

Community Grants and Donations

Every year the Town Council provides some funding for community groups and projects in the town. The Council has adopted a set of criteria which successful applications must meet and aims to support sustainable local projects that improve the quality of life for the residents of Sandy. The Council also makes donations to groups where appropriate.

In the financial year 2016/17 Sandy Town Council awarded grants or donations to:

Sandy & District Horticultural Association	£400
Sandy Army Cadets	£500
Sandy Twinning Association	£250
Ivel Sprinter	£1,000
Sandy Walkers are Welcome	£60
Biggles FM	£500
Sandy Upper School	£25
Autism Bedfordshire	£91
Royal British Legion – Wreaths	£74
Total	£2,900

Town Council Services

Cemetery Management	Town Centre & Bedford Road Public Conveniences
Church Yard Maintenance	The Riddy Nature Reserve
Jenkins Pavilion & Sports Pitches	The Pinnacle Hill & Field
Floral Displays	Local Information Point
War Memorial	Roman Sandy Exhibition
Beeston Green	Public Open Spaces
Some Street Lighting and Furniture	Play Areas, including Fallowfield, Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston and the Limes
Christmas Lights	
CCTV	
Town Centre Car Park	

Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2017

31 March 2016	Income Summary	31 March 2017
479,098	Precept on District Council	517,647
4,361	Capital Grants and Sale of Assets	17,852
3,559	Interest and Investment Income	2,742
4,466	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	9,927
18,535	Cemetery	25,835
2,181	Tourist Information Centre	1,215
1,460	Car Park and Market	3,048
1,788	Establishment/General Administration	2,484
50	Civic and Democratic	-
2,099	Christmas Lights	2,354
833	CCTV	-
1,586	Outside Services	794
520,016	Total Income	583,898

	Expenditure	
316,504	Establishment/General Administration	327,987
421	Election Expenses	-
21,942	Capital Expenditure	9,483
608	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	608
	Operational Expenditure:	
54,345	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	56,339
812	Allotments	-
6,992	Cemetery	7,345
4,246	Tourist Information	38
2,638	Public Toilets	4,559
15,202	Car Park and Market	19,383
11,951	Lighting and Street Furniture	8,472
5,107	Civic and Democratic Costs	2,307
1,556	Grants and Donations	2,900
13,748	Christmas Lights	18,507
17,255	CCTV Fees	15,680
25,813	Outside Services	26,571
499,140	Total Expenditure	500,179

Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2017

31 March 2016		31 March 2017
	General Fund	
80,106	Balance at 01 April 2016	127,728
<u>520,016</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>583,898</u>
600,122		711,626
<u>499,140</u>	Deduct: Total Expenditure	<u>500,179</u>
100,982		211,447
15,083	Transfer (to)/from Capital Receipts Reserve	-
11,663	Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves	(25,783)
<u>127,728</u>	General Reserve Balance at 31 March 2017	<u>185,664</u>
	Current Assets	
15,968	Debtors and prepayments	20,882
<u>573,976</u>	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>641,954</u>
589,944		662,836
	Current Liabilities	
(24,607)	Creditors and income in advance	(13,780)
565,337	Net Current Assets	649,056
565,337	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	649,056
<u>565,337</u>	Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>649,056</u>
	Capital and Reserves	
57,712	Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	57,712
379,897	Earmarked Reserves	405,680
<u>127,728</u>	General Reserve	<u>185,664</u>
565,337		649,056

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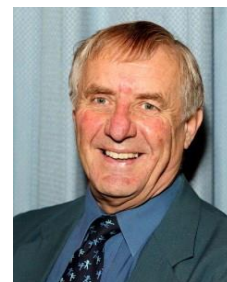
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Electoral Wards

Beeston Ward includes properties in:

Ash Close, Brook End, East Side, Elder Close, Girtford Bridge, Grange Gardens, Great North Road, High Road, Hillview, Lime Avenue, London Road, Nursery Drive, Meadow Close, New Road, Orchard Road, Tempsford Road, The Baulk, The Cloches, The Crescent, The Green, The Knolls, West View, Whitestones

Ivel Ward includes properties in:

Albion Court, All Hallows, All Saints Way, Bedford Road, Bickerdikes Gardens, Birch Grove, Brandreth Place, Braybrook, Carter Street, Cedar Gardens, Centurion Walk, Church Path, Coopers Close, Deepdale, Edgumbe Court, Elm Tree Road, Filland Court, Foster Grove, Girtford Crescent, Greyhound View, Harvey Court, Heron Close, High Street, Ivel Road, Ivel View, Kings Road, Laburnum Road, London Road, Manor Road, Market Square, Mayfield Court, Mill Lane, Monoux Place, Ongley Court, Park Court, Park Mews, Park Road, Poplar Close, Potton road, Queens Road, Rivermead Gardens, Robert Hunt Gardens, Roman's View, Sandford Rise, Sandpiper Court, South Road, Spencer Road, Spring Grove, Station Road, Stratford Road, Swan Lane, Swansholme Garden Court, Swansholme Gardens, The Avenue, West Road, Western Way, Westfield Gardens, Willow Rise, Woolfield

Fallowfield Ward includes properties in:

Avocet Close, Brambling Close, Crow Hill, Cuckoo Close, Dove Close, Falcon Close, Fieldfare, Goldfinch Drive, Hawk Drive, Kestrel Way, Kingfisher Close, Larks Rise, Linnet Close, Merlin Drive, Osprey Close, Owlswood, Partridge Piece, Pipit Grove, Plovers Field, Robin Close, Rothbury Close, Starling Close, Swallow Crest, Swift Close, Tempsford Road, The Buntings, The Finches, The Harriers, The Jays, The Rookery, Weavers Green, Woodcock Close, Woodpecker Way, Wren Close

Pinnacle Ward includes properties in:

Abbey Grove, Alfred Cope Road, Alnwick Close, Arran Close, Balmoral Close, Banks Drive, Belam Way, Berwick Way, Bidlake Croft, Brickhill Close, Brickhill Road, Brindley Close, Bunyan Road, Cambridge Road, Carlisle Close, Cauldwell Court, Cherrycroft, Churchill Way, College Road, Cottage Road, Dapifer Drive, Deepdale, Delamare Close, Downing Court, East Road, Edward Close, Engayne Avenue, Everton Road, Faynes Court, Friars Walk, Handley Court, Havelock Close, Kingsley Court, Glebe Close, Glebe Road, Greens Close, Jubilee Close, Leeds Smith Drive, Lindisfarne Close, Longfield Road, Magnolia House, Malaunay Place, Maple Road, Market Square, Medusa Way, Middleham Close, Midland Road, Mills Walk, Moores Court, Newton Way, Northcroft, Oak Close, Peels Place, Pentland Close, Powers Close, Pickering close, Pleasant Place, Potton Road, Prince Georges Drive, Pym's Way, Quince Court, Rectory Court, Rowan Court, Rutland Gardens, Sand Lane, Sandon Close, Shannon Close, Skipton Close, St Neots Road, St Swithuns Way, Stirling Close, Stonecroft, Sunderland Road, Swaden, Talisman Close, Warkworth Close, Waverley Avenue, Wesley Road, Winchester Road, Windsor Way, Wynnefield Walk.

Members Meeting Attendance 2016/17

Town Council			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	10	10	100%
Cllr Ali ¹	2	10	20%
Cllr Blaine	9	10	90%
Cllr Cole	9	10	90%
Cllr Hill	8	10	80%
Cllr Jackson	9	10	90%
Cllr Knagg ²	5	6	83%
Cllr Leach	6	10	60%
Cllr Osborne	10	10	100%
Cllr Pettitt	7	10	70%
Cllr Quick ³	1	3	33%
Cllr Scott	8	10	80%
Cllr D Sharman	8	10	80%
Cllr P Sharman	10	10	100%
Cllr Sparrow	8	10	80%
Cllr Sutton	9	10	90%
Development Scrutiny Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Ali	0	18	0%
Cllr Blaine	15	18	83%
Cllr Jackson	15	18	83%
Cllr Knagg	10	10	100%
Cllr Leach	6	18	33%
Cllr Pettitt	13	18	72%
Cllr Quick	0	4	0%
Cllr D Sharman	18	18	100%
Cllr P Sharman	18	18	100%
Cllr Sparrow	17	18	94%
Cllr Sutton	14	18	77%

¹ Cllr Ali resigned April 2017

² Cllr Knagg co-opted 24 October 2016

³ Cllr Quick resigned August 2016

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Policy, Finance & Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	9	9	100%
Cllr Blaine	7	9	77%
Cllr Cole	8	9	88%
Cllr Hill	5	9	55%
Cllr Jackson	6	9	66%
Cllr Osborne	6	9	66%
Cllr Pettitt	8	9	88%
Cllr Scott	9	9	100%
Cllr D Sharman	4	9	44%
Cllr P Sharman	9	9	100%
Community Services & Environment Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	9	88%
Cllr Ali	0	9	0%
Cllr Cole	9	9	100%
Cllr Hill	7	9	77%
Cllr Knagg	5	5	100%
Cllr Leach	5	9	55%
Cllr Osborne	2	9	22%
Cllr Quick	0	2	0%
Cllr Scott	8	9	88%
Cllr Sparrow	9	9	100%
Cllr Sutton	7	9	77%
Human Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	5	5	100%
Cllr Cole	5	5	100%
Cllr Hill	4	5	80%
Cllr Jackson	5	5	100%
Cllr Osborne	5	5	100%
Cllr Pettitt	5	5	100%
Cllr Sutton	3	5	60%

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Colin Eaton - Groundsman

Richard Loake - Groundsman

Dave Reed – Groundsman

Stratford Road Depot

Stratford Road, Sandy SG19 2DH

Cemetery and Former Allotment Site

Potton Road, Sandy SG19 2DH

Sandy Churchyard, High Street, Sandy, SG19 1AQ

Play Areas

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY

Beeston Green, The Green, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1PY

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Road, Sandy SG19 1RQ

The Limes, Elder Close, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1GF

Merlin Drive, Fallowfield, Sandy SG19 2UN

Jenkins Pavilion

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Off Medusa Way, Sandy SG19 1BN

Public Conveniences

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY
Town Centre Car Park, High Street, Sandy SG19 1AG

Open Spaces

The Riddy, Mill Lane, Sandy, SG19 1NL

The Pinnacle, Sand Lane, Sandy, SG19 2AD

