

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 15 November 2022

Title: Library Grant

Purpose of Report

For members to consider a request from Somerset County Council for a £5,000 contribution towards the cost of Ilminster library for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Recommendation:

Members agree to the request for a £5,000 contribution towards the Ilminster Library for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Report:

1. Ilminster Town Council's Financial Regulation Section 3.1 states:

Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. This authority is to be determined by:

- *the Council for all items over £5,000;*
- *a duly delegated committee of the Council for items over £1,000; or*
- *the Clerk for any items below £1,000.*

2. It is good practice for local authorities to agree payment of invoices within two weeks of receipt. However, on this occasion, Somerset County Council has been informed that there will be a delay with a response to their request as it would need to be brought before Full Council for a Resolution.

3. At a meeting of the Resources Committee held on Tuesday 12th February 2019, Minute R225 Financial Contribution for Ilminster Library:

Consideration was given to the contribution level to be made to Somerset County Council towards the costs of running Ilminster library, as provided for in the Town Council's 2019/20 budget. Issues discussed during consideration of this Agenda Item included: the County Council are looking for a 3 year funding commitment.

RESOLVED

- (i) *To make a £5,000 contribution towards the running costs of Ilminster library for 2019/20 and*
- (ii) *To commit to making a similar contribution to the amount given in (i) above for the next 2 years*
- (iii) *That a letter be sent to Friends of Ilminster Library giving details of the Town Council's grants policy*

4. Members may wish to agree to the request for £5,000 contribution towards the Ilminster Library for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 or they may consider a longer term funding commitment.

**Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
November 2022**