

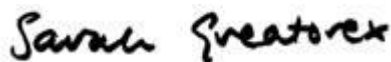
Committee	FINANCE COMMITTEE
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To approve expenditure in the current tax year

There are 2 items which were mentioned during budget discussions, for possible expenditure before the end of the tax year. Since HTC is moving steadily towards a surplus greater than predicted, these 2 jobs would be best done before the end of March.

1. The law has changed on the accessibility of websites to those with any kind of disability, whether it be blindness, difficulties in reading, colour blindness, density of text. In order to comply with recent legislation, councils must ensure that all current and future documents on their website are compliant with the legislation. Historical or archived documents are exempt from this. HTC's website is already compliant in many ways, but it is sensible at this juncture to redesign the website from scratch, as our present site had to be copied from a site set up by a previous IT company. The cost of this will be £800 + VAT. Doing the work in the New Year will allow council staff to write the required statement before the deadline in September.
2. Supply of water to all allotments. It was agreed at the budget seminar to ensure a water supply to all allotments within the coming year. As there were complaints about the impossibility of growing crops in the recent extremely dry summer, it makes sense to install the taps before the summer. Anglian Water has estimated the cost of the installation at £1000.

Recommendation: that Council approves the expenditure of £800 on the website and £1000 on water for the allotments within the current tax year.



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