

# WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

## FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE

### Library Grant Report

6 June 2018

Agenda Item 5

#### 1. Library Grant - Background

- 1.1 In 2017/18, West Swindon Parish Council grant funded additional opening hours to West Swindon Library for the purpose of offering open community access to the Library venue outside of Swindon Borough Council's core library service.
- 1.2 Funding for 2018/18 has been set aside in this financial year's budget.
- 1.3 There are a number of powers that the Parish Council could use. Under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a parish council may provide "such recreational facilities as it thinks fit" including the power to charge (or not) for such provision, and to supply "assistance of any kind".
- 1.4 A draft library grant agreement was considered by this Committee on 07 March 2018, an updated draft grant agreement for 2018/19 is attached. The wording in the agreement reflects the purpose of the grant to be for additional access that will enable local people to use the library venue outside of the library service's core hours. The total amount of Grant payable for the period 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019 is £23,774.00.

#### 2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 The Finance and Staffing Committee considers the grant agreement attached and instructs the Parish Manager accordingly.

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Parish Manager