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Item 13.1 – Motion for Debate: Support to Sports Clubs

Background

At its meeting in October 2026, Full Council authorised the Town Clerk to continue negotiations with the Bowling Club on a new lease, including a potential contribution of up to £4,000 per annum towards maintenance of the bowling green. The Council does not currently maintain the green, and any proposed financial contribution will form part of the new lease agreement, which will return to Council for approval.

The arrangements with the four clubs named in the motion are different. The Council already undertakes grounds maintenance on their behalf, including grass cutting, pitch marking and general upkeep, in accordance with their respective leases or licences. The clubs pay rent and service charges towards these arrangements.

The proposed donations would therefore be additional to the maintenance services already provided by the Council.

Legal and Financial Implications

Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to provide grants towards expenditure incurred by qualifying voluntary organisations in providing recreational facilities.

The motion proposes donations totalling £16,000 towards the running costs of the four clubs. It is not clear whether these are intended to be one-off payments or annual contributions, and this should be clarified before a decision is made.

There is currently no identified budget provision for this additional expenditure. Should Members wish to support the motion, the Council would need to determine how the payments would be funded.

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