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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the booking performance for Quarters 1 and 2 of 2026/27 and the comparison with Quarters 3 and 4 of 2025/26, and agree that quarterly booking performance continues to be monitored and reported to the Committee.

1. Purpose

1. To provide Members with an update on bookings recorded through the Council's Rialtas booking system for Quarter 1 (April–June 2026) and Quarter 2 (July–September 2026), with comparison against Quarter 3 (October–December 2025) and Quarter 4 (January–March 2026) of the previous financial year.
2. The figures include provisional and confirmed bookings and cover the Council's bookable facilities recorded within Rialtas, principally the Town Hall, Ann Holloway Centre and sports pitches.

2. Overall Performance

1.

Quarter	Booking entries	Booking value
Q3 2025/26 – Oct–Dec	453	£4,317.50
Q4 2025/26 – Jan–Mar	195	£6,217.40
Q1 2026/27 – Apr–Jun	166	£5,077.40
Q2 2026/27 – Jul–Sep	178	£5,873.60
Q1 & Q2 2026/27	344	£10,951.00
2. The first six months of 2026/27 therefore produced £10,951.00 of booking value, compared with £10,534.90 across the preceding six months, an increase of £416.10 (3.9%).
3. The number of individual booking entries should be treated with some caution. Q3 2025/26 contained a particularly high number of zero-value entries associated with the Ann Holloway Centre, including the regular Welshpool Community Haven use across several rooms. For example, the Conservatory alone contains repeated weekday Community Haven bookings at no

charge.

3. Town Hall Performance

1.	Quarter	Town Hall booking entries	Booking value
	Q3 2025/26	169	£4,005.50
	Q4 2025/26	174	£5,902.40
	Q1 2026/27	159	£5,062.40
	Q2 2026/27	173	£5,873.60

2. Town Hall booking value therefore increased by £811.20 (16.0%) between Q1 and Q2. Q2 was also broadly comparable with the particularly strong Q4 2025/26, being only £28.80 lower.
3. Across Q1 and Q2 combined, the Town Hall generated £10,936.00 of the £10,951.00 total booking value, meaning virtually all recorded booking income during the period arose from the Town Hall.
4. The Corn Exchange has demonstrated the most consistent performance, generating between approximately £1,600 and £2,400 in each of the four quarters and recording 76 bookings in Q1 and 92 in Q2.
5. The Assembly Room has shown particularly strong growth in Q2, increasing from £2,344 in Q1 to £3,420. However this is helped by the booking value of the Longest Yarn at £100 per day.
6. The Rialtas records also demonstrate a healthy mixture of uses, including community organisations, private functions, commercial hirers and Council activity. Q1 Assembly Room bookings, for example, included the Baptist Church, RMZ Entertainment, Angel Voice Singing School, Harry Ray Estate Agents, Historical Society, private hirers and We Buy Vintage alongside Council bookings.

4. Summary

1. The first half of 2026/27 shows a positive overall booking position. Total recorded booking value of £10,951 is 3.9% higher than the preceding six-month period, while Q2 improved by 15.7% against Q1.
2. The Town Hall continues to account for almost all booking income, with the Assembly Room and Corn Exchange together generating £10,383 of the £10,936 Town Hall total during Q1 and Q2. The Corn Exchange is demonstrating consistent regular utilisation, while the Assembly Room is particularly valuable for larger functions and longer-duration bookings.

5. Recommendation

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6. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above.