



Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 8th March 2021

Title: Non domestic rate bills for Pages Park Pavilion

Purpose of the Report: To consider payment of five non domestic rate bills for Pages Park Pavilion for 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

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Corporate Aim/s		
Implications:		
Financial	Yes	£13,836.36 for four bills 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 plus the unbudgeted 2021/2022.
Human Resources	No	None
Operational/Service delivery	No	None
Procedural/Legal	Yes	Non domestic rates are payable.
Risk/Health and Safety	No	None

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Should Members be minded:

- 1.2 To endorse that £13,836.36 be paid to Central Bedfordshire Council for back dated non domestic rate bills for 2017/2018 – 2020/202, payment to be made from 9024/950 with available funds of £56,290.**
- 1.3 To endorse that non domestic rate bill for 2021/2022 be paid to Central Bedfordshire Council, payment to be made from 9024/950 once figure is known circa £4,000.**

- 1.4 To endorse that the 2022/2023 Grounds and Environmental Services budget has monies made available for future non domestic rate bills for Pages Park Pavilion.**

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Central Bedfordshire Council originally visited Pages Park Pavilion in September 2019 and noticed that contractors were still on site working however following a further site visit in September 2020 it was apparent that work had been completed and a review of our website confirmed this indicating that bookings for the venue had been resumed from 5/9/20.
- 2.2 Central Bedfordshire Council reported the position to the Valuation Office requesting that they bring the pavilion into rating with effect from 5/9/20 following the refurbishment as it had not as far as they were aware been registered for business rating previously.
- 2.3 However the Valuation Office brought the property into rating with effect from 1/4/17 albeit that the pavilion had been in existence for a considerably longer time. The rateable value was initially recorded as £7000 from 1/4/17 but this was increased with effect from 5/9/20 to £8000 reflecting the refurbishment that had taken place.
- 2.4 All of the above has been undertaken without prior knowledge of Town Council officers. Officers have challenged Central Bedfordshire Council on this matter. However, should we wish to take matters further this will need to be done directly with the Valuation Office via their "Check, Challenge and Appeal Process".

End.