

Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 6th September 2021

Title: Non-domestic rate bills for Units N/T Rowan Corner

Purpose of the Report:

To seek Member consideration on the payment of three non-domestic rate bills for Unit N/T Rowan Corner for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

Contact Officer:

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Corporate Objective/s		
Implications:		
Financial	Yes	£6,248.98 for three bills 2019/2020 – 2020/2021.
Human Resources	No	
Operational/Service delivery	No	
Procedural/Legal	No	Non domestic rates are payable.
Risk/Health and Safety	No	
Environmental Aims	No	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee be minded:-

- 1.1 To endorse that £6,248.98 be paid to Central Bedfordshire Council for back dated non-domestic rate bills for 2019/2020 – 2020/202, payment to be made from 9024/950 with available funds of £34,444.
- 1.2 To endorse that the 2022/2023 Grounds and Environmental Services budget has monies made available for future non-domestic rate bills for Unit N/T Rowan Corner.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Central Bedfordshire Council visited Unit N/T Rowan Corner at an unknown date. A request was made to the Valuation Office that it bring the depot into

rating with effect from 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 albeit that the depot had been in existence for a considerably longer time. The rateable value has been recorded as £20,500.
- 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.