

## Town Band Sponsorship

### Financial Year 2023-2024

**Background:**

The Town Council has provided financial sponsorship to the Town Band since 2012, most years this has been in the form of a £500 grant and free use of the Festival Hall on three occasions during the year. (Expenditure under LGA1972s.145(2))

In 2020/21 however, following consultation with band, the grant took the form of up to £500 worth of Festival Hall hire for rehearsals.

£500 was placed in the 2023/24 budget for Town Band sponsorship – this does not include any lost revenue from free hall hire.

**Summary:**

The Council is under no obligation to continue sponsorship of the Town Band, but previous discussions have indicated that Councillors are in support of assisting the band and value it as an important asset of the town.

The support could take the form of a cash grant or free hall hire or both.

**Recommendation(s):**

The recommendation is for a cash grant of £500 which the band can then spend as they need. The recommendation is made being mindful of a continuation of free hall hire especially given the increased running costs related to the hall.