

## **Report Purpose:**

Ward Budget Change of Procedure Proposal

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### **Background**

The ward budgets were introduced 3 years ago and have allowed the Councillors to have funding specific to their ward for projects that matter to the residents.

At present the applications have to go to the finance committee for approval, however this can slow the process down, when often a quicker turnaround would be desirable.

Plus, as many items are over £500, the removal of a maximum amount of £500 is recommended.

### **Proposal**

Therefore, a change to the procedure is proposed as follows:

- For a grant to be successful it will need agreement from both ward Councillors (if applicable) and an agreement from the Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk and the Chair or Vice Chair of Finance. This can be done via email. All projects will be presented at Finance Committee when agreed.at the next Finance Committee.
- To remove the maximum amount per application of £500.