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Dear Cllr Ball

Supplementary question at Council – Wednesday 16th July 2025

Thank you for your supplementary question that you raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 16th July. I have set out your question and my response below:

What would happen if the investments planned for green spaces went over budget as there were a lot of projects that were going over budget at the moment. What contingency plans were in place in case that happened again?

I can advise that capital projects are monitored on a monthly basis and updated end of year forecasts are produced each month so that corrective actions can be taken if necessary. For the two capital projects that relate to the management of green spaces, the following is in place: -


- Plant Refresh - the budget has been set based on quotes received for the equipment to be purchased and so there is a high degree of confidence that there will be spend to budget. If costs increase during the course of the year, the monthly budget management process will identify this and actions that are

likely to be taken in that scenario would include looking for alternative suppliers or alternative equipment to remain in budget.

- Green Spaces Repairs - this covers minor works and repairs and works will only be commissioned to the level of the budget that is available.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynda Marshall'.

Cllr Lynda Marshall

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