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INTRODUCTION

This is the combined response of the two Procureurs for St Saviour; C R (Richard) Le Quesne and Martin Roberts.

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1 - Can you provide a summary of the process for allocating funds within the parish, and who is involved in the decision-making process?

CRLeQ & MR: The Parish Secretary prepares a draft budget (Estimates) for the Constable, Procureurs and Accounts Committee. This draft is reviewed, and approved, by the Accounts Committee and is then submitted to the annual Parish Accounts Assembly for approval.

2 - How are different spending needs prioritised within the parish when allocating funds?

CRLeQ & MR: We know, from experience, what services our parishioners expect and we try to allocate the Parish's expected income in a way that enables us to provide an adequate level of services.

3 - Are there specific criteria or guidelines used to assess which projects or initiatives receive funding?

CRLeQ & MR: No, because the vast majority of our expenditure is not really discretionary and most of our expenditure is for staff costs. In 2024-5 our total income was £ 3,201,140 and we spent £ 1,531,462 on staff costs (incl. pensions). Other Parish services cost £ 1,389,767 leaving an operating surplus of £ 396,002 and we gave £ 96,101 out of this to various charities and good causes.

4 - How does the parish ensure that funds are allocated in a way that benefits parishioners?

CRLeQ & MR: See above.

5 - What role does the Parish Assembly play in the decision-making process for fund allocation?

CRLeQ & MR: A fundamental role. In accordance with law, Parishioners present at the annual Parish Accounts Assembly consider the Constable's proposed budget and then vote to accept, amend or reject it.

6 - Do the Procureurs consider government strategies when making decisions about fund allocation? If so, which strategies are taken into account?

CRLeQ & MR: No. As explained in item 3 above, our discretionary spending is insignificant.

7 - How do the Procureurs ensure that parish funding is aligned with the broader objectives or goals of the government (e.g. putting children first, health prevention, carbon neutral roadmap, community safety)?

CRLeQ & MR: See the previous response.

8 - Have there been any instances when government priorities or policies have directly influenced how parish funds are allocated?

CRLeQ: Yes, we have worked to enhance the Government's Safer Routes to Schools project. In addition, we expect to incur costs connected with the Children and Young People Law (2022). Another instance is the recent introduction of inspections of heavy vehicles.

9 - How do the Procureurs coordinate with the government when their priorities or policies overlap with parish spending?

CRLeQ & MR: Not applicable.

10 - Is there a formal or informal process for consulting with the government before making significant financial decisions or allocating funds for projects that could overlap with government policy?

CRLeQ & MR: Not really. Sometimes there are informal discussions when initiatives overlap.

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11 - Do the Procureurs assess the potential impact of funded projects on the local community?

CRLeQ & MR: Yes.

12 - Do the Procureurs allocate funds based on the needs or demands of specific groups within the parish, such as youth services, the elderly, or businesses?

CRLeQ & MR: Yes; each year we give small grants to an assortment of charities and community organisations.

13 - How do the Procureurs monitor and track the spending of allocated funds to ensure accountability and prevent overspending or mis-allocation?

CRLeQ & MR: The Procureurs rely on periodic reports from the Parish Secretary.

14 - Are there any external audits or reviews of the parish's finances to ensure transparency and responsible management of public funds?

CRLeQ & MR: Yes: Our annual accounts are audited by a local firm of accountants who have been appointed by the Parishioners at the annual Parish Accounts Assembly.

15 - How do the Procureurs/parishes manage any surplus or deficit funds?

CRLeQ & MR: If there is a surplus the Constable, Procureurs and Parish Secretary decide what to do with it.

16 - What types of projects or initiatives typically receive the most funding?

CRLeQ & MR: Our focus recently has been on restoring footpaths.

17 - How does the parish handle requests for funding from local organisations or groups, and what criteria are used to assess these requests?

CRLeQ & MR: When charities and community organisations ask for funds we ask them to explain for what purpose the funds are requested and we ask to see their financial accounts.

18 - How do the parishes ensure transparency in the fund allocation process? Is there a public-facing report or summary of how funds have been allocated and spent?

CRLeQ & MR: Yes, we publish a list of all grants with our annual accounts (which are available on-line and at the Parish Hall).

19 - How are decisions communicated to parishioners of how their contributions are being used?

CRLeQ & MR: See 18 above.

20 - Is there a mechanism for parishioners to raise concerns or questions about fund allocation decisions?

CRLeQ & MR: There is no formal mechanism but Parishioners are free to contact the Constable with questions or suggestions.

21 - How does the parish ensure that allocated funds are spent as intended, and are there any measures in place to prevent misuse?

CRLeQ & MR: Yes, the recipients are required to produce evidence showing how the funds were utilised.

22 - Is there any joint funding or shared investment in projects between the parish and the government? If so, can you provide some examples?

CRLeQ & MR: Rarely. One recent example was the receipt of funds from the Government to pay part of the cost of restoring the Swiss Valley Footpath. We also work with the Government on the Safer Routes to Schools schemes.