

Agenda Item: 6.6

Report to: Finance and Human Resources Committee

Date: 24th February 2021

Subject: Electricity Bills Breakdown

Summary: A final confirmation of the previously reported electricity usage at the Sports Park, as reported at Amenities Committee and past Finance and HR Committees.

Decision required

To note written report on electricity usage at Kings Hill Sports Park and copies of invoices as requested by Cllr Petty

1. Background

- 1.1 In September 2020 Cllr Petty raised concern at the level of electricity usage during lockdown. It was confirmed that the smart meter had been under investigation since October 2019 and these are estimated readings based on the previous years usage however Cllr Petty insisted on a breakdown of charges for him to review.
- 1.2 A written report of the charges was supplied to the FHR Committee on 14th October 2020 and the position of the meter and the smart meter issues were noted again. Cllr Petty was not in attendance at this meeting.
- 1.3 Cllr Petty raised the same query at the November Finance and HR Committee, the Amenities Committee on 13th January 2021 and at full council on 20th January 2021.
- 1.4 Cllr Petty has also demanded to see the actual invoices for the electricity bills at the Sports Park. These are attached to this report.

2. Bullet point summary of electricity usage situation

- 2.1 As previously reported and for a final written summary the committee is asked to note the following information:-

- a. A 'lock' has been applied to the account by the supplier – balance outstanding £6,714.97 ongoing compliant reference 5023152742
- b. A new smart meter was installed, to replace the faulty meter on the 21st January 2021.
- c. The supplier has advised they will need at least 8 weeks of data to work out the average usage of the Sports Park.
- d. A reduction will be applied to the average usage to take into account the lockdown periods affecting the facility. The accounts will not be charged for the time the facility was closed due to government restrictions.

1.5 The committee is to note, as previously reported, the facility was closed from 17th March 2020-31st August 2020 and from 1st November- until present day.

1.6 The supplier has acknowledged the faulty meter from October 2019 is their fault and have apologised for the length of time it has taken to rectify the errors.

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