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September accounting figures will be used by the RFO to produce a mid-year review which will be available during October to support committees when they are deciding their budget needs for the coming year. I will be suggesting that we hold another M&TH Committee meeting on 18 October to formulate our budget request for 23/24 (see agenda item 47b).

To guide the RFO in drawing up a draft budget for consideration on 18 October, I thought it would be helpful if at this meeting we gave some thought to possible priorities for the coming year and any associated financial implications. There are two areas in particular that I would like the Committee to consider.

### **Town Hall Kitchen Equipment**

The kitchen was refitted in 2015/16 and some pieces of equipment, including the dishwasher, are showing signs of age and are becoming unreliable. We need to ensure that the kitchen is furnished with reliable and efficient commercial-grade equipment that will appeal to potential hirers and I would suggest that the Committee includes £1,500 in the 23/24 budget request for the specific purpose of upgrading kitchen equipment.

### **Market Square Events**

At previous meetings we have discussed the possibility of holding Saturday Market Square events with the aim of increasing the variety of shopping opportunities and encouraging visitors to the town. If we are to progress this further, it will be necessary to assign a budget and I would suggest that the Committee includes £2,000 in the 23/24 budget request for the purpose of supporting Saturday Market Square events.

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Market & Town Hall Committee Chair