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There are currently competing demands on the C&E budget which will necessitate close consideration and clear decisions about priorities both for the remainder of the current year and into the next financial year.

Several of the points below will be considered elsewhere on the agenda but they are summarised below for ease of reference.

Water supply at The Ropewalk allotment site. In addition to the urgent need for replacement of the existing standpipe, there is the potential for further cost if leaks are identified that won't be rectified by a replacement standpipe. In addition, there will be a water bill backdated to April 2024 as well as ongoing costs to the end of the financial year. A sum for water bills will need to be included in the 25/26 budget request.

Mains water installation at Marshlands Road allotment site. The United Utilities cost will be £2,750+VAT. Cost of onsite works to be decided at this meeting (agenda item 50). Budget 4180. A sum for water bills will need to be included in the 25/26 budget request.

Plot clearance at Raby Park Road allotment site. It will be necessary to fund rubbish removal (skips) and shredding as well as contractor hours.

Telephone box restoration/maintenance. Cost of restoration (agenda items 47 & 53). The Committee may wish to consider submitting a request to Council to utilise the remaining funds in earmarked reserves 333 (unspent New Homes Bonus) and 337 (CIL) towards the cost of restoring the boxes.

Noticeboards. There are three free-standing noticeboards, two of which have recently been replaced (West Vale and Parkgate). If Committee wishes to replace the third board (Little Neston) in 25/26, this will need to be considered as part of the budget request. A resident request was also made for a noticeboard in Greenfields/Marshlands Road area (see page 2 of CE4/36). Cost of purchase/installation of a free-standing noticeboard is approximately £2,700. If Committee chooses to replace either of the wall-mounted noticeboards (Town Hall and Ness), the cost will be approximately £1,200+installation per board.

Ranger service. If Council chooses to implement this new service, a budget will be needed (equipment, transport, uniform/PPE etc). Committee may wish to begin considering the potential budgetary implications at an early stage.

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