



DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 21st October 2026 (Extraordinary Meeting)

AGENDA ITEM: 26/164

Report to Council Dated: 17th October 2026

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Agenda Motion – Per Original Summons

To review and approve DRCCT related expenditure in line with the mechanism considered in the previous motion.

Amended Motion – to be agreed at the DPC Meeting

To review and approve expenditure properly attributable to DRCCT and eligible for funding under the mechanism approved under Agenda Item 26/163.

To note additional potential financial exposure relating to separate Parish Council legal proceedings and associated litigation.

Expenditure for approval

The previous agenda item alluded to additional unbudgeted expenditure in respect of the additional action Datchet Parish Council (DPC), in its capacity as the sole trustee of the Datchet Recreational Centre Charitable Trust (DRCCT) has taken to protect the assets of the DRCCT.

The purpose of this paper is to set out the known expenditure, and to allow DPC to review that expenditure, and to understand that there is further potential financial exposure both from this case and others (notably AL39).

Classification of Costs

For the avoidance of doubt, only expenditure properly incurred by Datchet Parish Council in its capacity as Sole Corporate Trustee of DRCCT is proposed to be funded through the temporary recoverable advance mechanism described in Agenda Item 26/163.

References in this paper to AL39, Judicial Review proceedings, the LAMP litigation, or any other Parish Council matters are included solely for the purpose of informing Council of its wider financial exposure and do not form part of the proposed recoverable advance to DRCCT.

Invoices Received (For Council review and decision)

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Description	Amount
DRCCT Trusteeship/Mediation x 1 Session (£4830-£5460)-Approx.	3,948.00
DRCCT Trusteeship/Mediation 2nd Session (Possible £4830-£5460)-Approx.	5,421.50
LOCKSMITH	860.40
SENTRA SECURITY (including unbilled costs for current week)	9,500.00
AUDIO VISUAL CALL OUT	1,000.00
SUB TOTAL	£20,729.50

Council to approve action and costs (to be recharged DRCCT)

Description	Amount
DRCCT - Land Registry Tribunal - Barrister and Peter Fees to prepare response DPC is taking this action as the DRCCT	2,300.00
AUDIO VISUAL – ALARM UPGRADE	772.00
SUB TOTAL	£3,072.00

Potential Costs to Come if Tribunals proceed – please also not Additional Potential Exposure to DPC expenditure

Description	Amount
AL39 Judicial Review Costs (approx.) (If Courts agree tribunal)	30,000.00
DRCCT Land Registry Tribunal (approx.)- plus 3k daily “refresher” fees (if Courts agree tribunal)	15,000.00
SUB TOTAL	£45,000.00

TOTAL	£68,801.50
DRCCT – Recoverable via the proposed recoverable advance	£38,029.50
Non DRCCT	£30,772.00

Additional Potential Exposure

DPC should note the following potential additional liability in respect of total legal and other expenditure:

- Should the Judicial Review on AL39 not find in DPC’s favour, there will be all DPC legal costs to pay plus £10,000 in costs for the other party if the courts agree to a costs order. If not DPC may be liable for all legal costs for the other party.
- The DRCCT Land Registry Tribunal costs of £15,000 are an estimate and do not include additional costs in respect of daily “refreshers” of £3,000 per day. If the courts do not agree to a costs order. DPC may be liable for all legal costs for the other party.
- Agreed Irwin Mitchell fees of up to £10,000 have yet to be incurred.
- Ongoing short term operational expenditure of the DRCCT.

Cllr. Susan Young

Chair – Finance Committee 17th October 2026