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| **Meeting Type:** Council | | **Agenda Item: 11** |
| **Date of Meeting:**11th December 2024 | |  |
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| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** | | |
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| **Report Authors: Cllr Martin Brookes** | **Subject: Chairman's Allowance** | |
| **Title: Payment of chairmans allowance to Nay 2025** | | |
| **Strategic Aims:**  To ensure the effective and efficient performance of the Chairman's duties, particularly in relation to representing the council at civic events.  **Secondary Aims:**  **Financial Sustainability**: To allocate funds from reserves in a responsible and transparent manner, considering the council's overall financial position.  **Fairness and Consistency:** To establish a clear and equitable policy for the allocation of Chairman's allowances, ensuring consistency with past practices.  **Effective Representation:** To support the Chairman in fulfilling their representative role by providing adequate financial resources to cover necessary expenses. | | |
| **Detail:**  On 23rd October 2024, Cllr Paul Ainsley was appointed Chairman of the council. It is expected that he will hold this position until the next annual council meeting on 14th May 2025.  Traditionally, the council provides an allowance to the Chairman to cover expenses related to attending civic events, which often involve ticket purchases and other costs. As there is no remaining credit from the previous Chairman's allowance, the council must decide whether to allocate funds from its reserves to pay the current Chairman an allowance.  The standard Chairman's allowance is £2,000 per year. If the council approves an allowance payment from reserves, the clerk will pay the appropriate pro-rata amount based on the date the chairman was appointed upto the end of the current fiscal year. | | |
| **Proposal:**  It is proposed that the council allocates £ 833 from its reserves to provide Cllr Paul Ainsley with a Chairman's allowance for the period of his appointment, from 23rd October 2024 to 31st March 2025. | | |

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