

# **SCRUTINY OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2023**

## **Present:-**

Cllr. Geoff Welsh (Chairman)

Cllr. Roy Denney (Vice-Chairman and Scrutiny Commissioner)

Cllr. Shane Blackwell

Cllr. Lee Breckon JP

Cllr. Nick Brown

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore

Cllr. Nick Chapman

Cllr. David Findlay

Cllr. Janet Forey

Cllr. Chris Frost

Cllr. Mark Jackson

Cllr. Trevor Matthews

Cllr. Christine Merrill

Cllr. Mat Mortel

Cllr. Antony Moseley

Cllr. Louise Richardson

Cllr. Tracey Shepherd

Cllr. Mike Shirley

Cllr. Kirsteen Thomson

Cllr. Bev Welsh

Cllr. Jane Wolfe

## **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith

Sarah Pennelli

Teresa Neal

Louisa Horton

Caroline Harbour

Nick Brown

Paul Coates

Cat Hartley

Lisa Boland

Sandeep Tiensa

Isaac Thomas

Nicole Cramp

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Director - S.151 Officer
- Business, Partnerships and Health Improvement Group Manager
- Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer
- Environmental Health, Housing, Net Zero & Community Services Group Manager
- Finance Group Manager
- Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager
- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
- Service Transformation Group Manager
- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
- Democracy Support Officer
- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

## **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Sam Maxwell, Cllr. Shabbir Aslam, Cllr. Adrian Clifford, Cllr. Stuart Coar,  
Cllr. Paul Hartshorn, Cllr. Iain Hewson and Cllr. Michael O'Hare

## **1. 2023/24 DRAFT PORTFOLIO BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Chairman welcomed the Executive Director (S.151) who presented an update on the surplus of £79k that would be generated, should Council Tax be increased. Due to the carry-forward of Council tax deficit of £64k, the surplus was now estimated to be £15k.

Lines of questioning for the Portfolio Holders had been drafted and circulated to all Members following the previous meeting on the 11 January 2023.

Members were invited to ask supplementary questions of Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Terry Richardson – Leader's Portfolio
- Cllr. Maggie Wright - Finance, People And Performance Portfolio
- Cllr. Nigel Grundy - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio
- Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community And Environmental Services Portfolio
- Cllr. Ben Taylor - Planning Delivery & Enforcement and Corporate Transformation Portfolio

Members were informed that responses to supplementary questions asked at the meeting would be circulated to Members before the meeting on 25 January 2023.

## **2. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- 25 January 2023 – to formulate Scrutiny's response to the draft budget proposals.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.50 P.M.**