

SCRUTINY OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2025

Present:-

Cllr. Nick Brown (Chairman)
Cllr. Neil Wright (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Luke Cousin
Cllr. Tony Deakin
Cllr. Roy Denney
Cllr. Susan Findlay
Cllr. Janet Forey

Cllr. Paul Hartshorn
Cllr. Richard Holdridge
Cllr. Mark Jackson
Cllr. Antony Moseley
Cllr. Mike Shirley

Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Jane Wolfe

Officers present:-

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Lisa Boland	- ICT & Transformation Group Manager
Paul Coates	- Neighbourhood Services Group Manager
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Caroline Harbour	- Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager
Jonathan Hodge	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Katie Hollis	- Finance Group Manager
Luke Raddon-Jackson	- Assets & Major Projects Group Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Cabinet Executive Members in attendance:-

Cllr Terry Richardson, Cllr. Maggie Wright, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore, Cllr. Nigel Grundy, Cllr. Les Phillimore, Cllr. Ben Taylor.

Apologies:-

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam, Cllr. Royston Bayliss, Cllr. Lee Breckon JP, Cllr. Adrian Clifford, Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Hannah Gill, Cllr. Tracey Shepherd, Cllr. Dillan Shikotra, Cllr. Bob Waterton and Cllr. Bev Welsh

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were received.

2. 2025/26 DRAFT PORTFOLIO BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Chairman, Cllr. Nick Brown welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting. Lines of questioning for the Portfolio Holders had been drafted and circulated to all Members following the previous meeting on 15 January 2025.

The Chairman invited each Portfolio Holder to provide a short introduction to their portfolio.

The Chairman invited Members to ask supplementary questions of Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Terry Richardson – Leader’s Portfolio
- Cllr. Maggie Wright - Finance, People & Performance Portfolio
- Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore - Health, Leisure, Climate and Economic Development Portfolio
- Cllr. Nigel Grundy - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio
- Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio
- Cllr. Ben Taylor - Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 29 January 2025 – to formulate Scrutiny’s response to the draft budget proposals.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.42 P.M.