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FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 25 January 2023

Councillors,

You are summoned to a **Precept** meeting of the **Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 30th January 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSIfcZC9Q/>.

Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Budget and precept 2023-2024

To receive a report from the Town Clerk and to discuss and agree the proposed Town Council budget for the financial year 2023/2024.

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[Appendix A](#)

4. Precept 2022/23

To pass a resolution agreeing the Precept figure for 2023/24 as per the above discussions.



Twinned with Mouvaux, France; Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany

Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

5. Chair's announcements

6. Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council (preceded by an informal meeting):

Monday 27th February 2023

Full Council:

Monday 20th March 2023

To:

All Councillors

Buckingham Town Council

Precept

Monday 30th January 2023

Contact Officer: Claire Molyneux, Town Clerk

Budget and Precept for 2023/2024

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. To agree the 2023/24 budget as detailed in Appendix A.
- 1.2. To agree that the precept will increase from **£942,773 to £1,164,561** at a cost of **£208.74 or £4.01p per week for a Band D household**. This is an increase of **£33 a year or 63p per week** (18.78%) from the current level of £175.74.
- 1.3. To agree that the total funding requirement for 2023/24 to be levied on Buckinghamshire Council be set at £1,164,561.

2. Background

- 2.1. This proposed budget and precept increase was reviewed and scrutinised by the Resources Committee who recommended it to the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on the 24th January 2023. Extraordinary Full Council reviewed the figures in light of the decision on the cemetery consultation and agreed to recommend them to this precept meeting.
- 2.2. 2022/23 has been an extremely difficult financial year with unprecedented price rises due to inflation and world events. Some of the highest increases have been to fuel and energy costs which have a very high impact on a smaller organisation like Buckingham Town Council.
- 2.3. Buckingham Town Council have managed to keep the predicted overspend for this financial year to 1.12% or £11,100. This has been possible due to internal spending cuts and the use of earmarked reserves (EMR) for projects such as the Bourton Park bridge repairs. However, the price increases during this financial year will have a roll-on impact into the coming financial year and there will be very limited top ups to those earmarked reserves the Council keeps to fund repairs required in the long term.
- 2.4. This year, the council tax base figure provided by Buckinghamshire Council has increased by 214.35 to 5,579.04.

2.5. The current inflation rate is still extremely high, with CPI at 10.5% for December 2022 and the current financial situation is exceptionally hard to predict.

3. Summary of the full budget detailed in appendix A

	2022/2023		2023/24
	Budget	Forecast	Proposed Budget
Resources			
Income	£ 1,976	£ 8,605	£ 4,355
Expenditure	£ 386,531	£ 400,693	£ 455,838
Total	£ 384,555	£ 392,088	£ 451,483
	OVERSPEND	-£ 7,533	
Environment			
Income	£ 117,713	£ 106,556	£ 115,276
Expenditure	£ 539,097	£ 540,459	£ 636,707
Total	£ 421,384	£ 433,903	£ 521,431
	OVERSPEND	-£ 12,519	
Town Centre & Events			
Income	£ 49,501	£ 42,166	£ 43,133
Expenditure	£ 192,067	£ 173,598	£ 189,863
Total	£ 142,566	£ 131,432	£ 146,729
	UNDERSPEND	£ 11,134	
Planning			
Income	£ -	£ -	£ -
Expenditure	£ 40,255	£ 42,436	£ 44,918
Total	£ 40,255	£ 42,436	£ 44,918
	OVERSPEND	-£ 2,181	
TOTAL			
Income	£ 169,190	£ 157,327	£ 162,765
Expenditure	£ 1,157,950	£ 1,157,187	£ 1,327,326
Total	£ 988,760	£ 999,860	£ 1,164,561

**Estimated
overspend**

-£11,100.09

**Recommended
precept - £1,164,561**

4. Council reserves

4.1. As of 31 March 2022, coincidentally, both earmarked reserves and general reserves were £370k. As of January 2023, remaining earmarked reserves are £310k and general reserves are estimated at £271k.

4.2. At Extraordinary Full Council on the 24th January 2023 (following a recommendation from the Resources Committee) it was agreed that just under £17,000 will be moved from earmarked reserves back to the general reserve.

4.3. The current status of the general reserve:

£370k general reserve as of 31/03/22

-£88k was moved from the general reserve to earmarked reserves at the start of the 22/23 financial year.

-£11k estimated overspend for 22/23

-£17k agreed to be transferred back to the general reserve from unused earmarked reserves.

It is therefore estimated that the general reserve will be £288k at the end of this financial year.

4.4. The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG) advise that *any authority with Net Revenue Expenditure (NRE) in excess of £200,000 should plan on 3 months equivalent General Reserve, although it is important that each authority adopt, as a General Reserve policy, the level appropriate to their size and situation and plan their Budget so as to ensure that the adopted level is maintained.*¹

4.5. At the last precept meeting the Council agreed a policy to keep 4-5 months' expenditure in the general reserve. However, with the above changes and the proposed significant expected increase in expenditure the estimated general reserve at the start of the next financial year will be £3,000 less than the JPAG recommended three months.

4.6. **General reserves** are funds held to meet unexpected expenditure. It is the remaining balance after deducting earmarked reserves and scheduled/budgeted expenditure from total balances held. **Earmarked reserves** are funds set aside for a particular purpose such as planned capital expenditure; buying or repairing equipment; or saving towards a specific future expenditure (e.g., election costs). It is **NOT** permitted to stockpile earmarked funds without an expectation of it being spent within an agreed timescale, as this may be considered an overcharge on the precept.

¹ Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG), (2021). Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England

5. Staffing

5.1. The Council has agreed for each committee to report and budget for staffing under one heading. In this way, it is not possible to identify the salaries paid to any individuals. However, the Council's staffing structure, including the salary ranges of each post, are published, in line with the Transparency Code and are shown on the website. The Town Council pays staff using the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay scale and agreed annual increases. The agreed inflationary increase for all staff for 2022/23 was a flat £1,925 which was significantly more than the 3.5% budgeted for.

5.2. These nationally negotiated pay rates are not usually agreed until very late in the financial year and are then backdated to the 1st April. This makes it very hard to budget the Council's most significant expenditure. An increase of 5.9% has been estimated in 2023/24.

5.3. Staff appraisals were carried out by line managers in line with staff contracts during October 2022. Where staff have performed satisfactorily, salaries will rise by one increment point. Staff already at the top of their range are only eligible for an inflationary increase.

6. Other options to the recommended precept increase

6.1. *Maintain the current charge of £175.74 per band D property and reduce the precept through cutting services.*

This would require the total precept being reduced by £184,101. This level of savings would need to be identified in the proposed budget and would involve extreme cuts to services. No other cuts have been identified as desirable during multiple committee reviews.

6.2. *Maintain the current charge of £175.74 per band D property and reduce the precept through using the General Reserve.*

As discussed above, this is not a sensible option as the general reserves are already slightly below the recommended JPAG minimum and significantly below the policy agreed by the last Precept meeting.

6.3. *Make further savings on the current budget in order to reduce the recommended increase by a smaller percentage.*

This budget has been scrutinised by the relevant committees over the last three months and no further cuts have been identified. Where there are no other factors at play an increase of 5.9% has been assumed. It is not recommended to budget for less than this assumption, as another volatile year could leave the Council dangerously short of funds. This budget runs until March 2024 and with the world situation so unsettled and the general reserve already lower than ideal, the Council needs to be prepared.

Town Centre Events Committee Budget 2023 - 2024

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Description	Budgeted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Predicted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Budgeted Income 2022 - 2023	Predicted income 2022 - 2023	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2023 - 2024	Recommended budgeted income 2023 - 2024	Reason
301	1013	Hanging Baskets income				£ 431	£ 431		£ 456	Agreement in place
301	1028	Lace Hill events income				£ 1,077	£ 800		£ 847	Partners have less to spend, low chance of raising stall fees inline with inflation
301	1029	Good ending fair							£ -	Event no longer planned to take place
301	1062	Community Fair income				£ 215	£ 190		£ 230	Estimated rise in line with inflation
301	1066	Comedy Night income				£ 3,233	£ 1,300		£ 1,500	Reduced as smaller event planned
301	1069	Charter Fairs income				£ 7,189	£ 7,233		£ 7,660	Linked to 3-year RPI. Final figure TBC.
301	1091	Events sponsorship income				£ -	£ 360		£ 50	Aim to secure Pancake Race sponsor
		Events stalls income							£ 800	Sale of pitch fees at Bonfire & Fireworks and Christmas Lights Switch On
301	3997	NI TC&E		£ 5,400	£ 3,271			£ 4,323		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations and Government budget
301	3998	Pensions ERS TC&E		£ 13,696	£ 14,166			£ 19,863		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations. Staff auto-enrolled
301	3999	Salaries TC&E		£ 74,340	£ 74,340			£ 79,743		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations
301	4042	Events equipment		£ 1,000	£ 1,000			£ 1,000		No requirement to increase this budget
301	4094	Youth Projects	Play around the parishes and basketball	£ 3,152	£ 3,030			£ 3,485		Quoted increase higher than inflation plus two additional basketball sessions
301	4104	Town in Bloom	Planters, hanging baskets, Buckingham in Bloom contest	£ 10,000	£ 8,718			£ 9,000		Previously underspent and still in contract for main costs, reducing price rise.
301	4107	Pride of Place	Buckingham in Bloom contest	£ 270	£ 47			£ 60		Actual spend plus inflationary increase
301	4115	River Rinses	x 2	£ 431	£ 360			£ 450		Skip hire - large percentage increase as effected by fuel and waste management costs
		Small events						£ 300		Merged budget lines for Pancake Races, May Day and Scout Parade. Budget for Art events added
301	4166	Lace Hill events	Easter, Summer Fun Day, Halloween and Winter events	£ 2,541	£ 2,540			£ 1,500		Reduced as there will not be an additional Jubilee Event this year.
301	4201	Christmas Lights	Installation, hire, replacements, feeder pillar repairs	£ 11,856	£ 11,667			£ 12,800		High levels of expected price rises
301	4202	Fireworks display		£ 5,800	£ 5,390			£ 6,600		High levels of expected price rises after consulting with provider
301	4203	Community Fair		£ 431	£ 258			£ 490		Based on quoted price rises
301	4205	Christmas Parade		£ 4,098	£ 4,098			£ 5,000		Estimated RPI increase plus additional traffic management costs.
301	4207	Remembrance Parade	Contribution towards screen hire	£ 1,000	£ 1,018			£ 1,030		Screen hire cost likely to rise due to contractor fuel costs. Road closure cost was not budgeted for this year.
301	4208	Spring Fair		£ 526	£ 297			£ 300		Based on previous expenditure
301	4210	Pancake Race		£ 84	£ 84			£ -		Merged budget line with small events
301	4211	BandJam		£ 4,023	£ 4,030			£ 4,462		Estimated RPI increase. Payment towards Music in the Market and BandJam equalised
301	4212	Christmas Lights Switch On		£ 2,627	£ 2,348			£ 3,000		High levels of expected price rises eg stage
301	4213	Dog Show		£ 620	£ 310			£ 700		Last years event cancelled so expenditure unusually low. High levels of expected price rises
		Dog Show income							£ 125	Addition of income line for Dog Show
301	4216	May Day		£ 53	£ -			£ -		Merged budget line with small events
301	4220	Music in the Market		£ 4,403	£ 4,410			£ 4,462		Estimated RPI increase. Payment towards Music in the Market and BandJam equalised

Environment Committee Budget 2023 - 2024

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Description	Budgeted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Predicted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Budgeted Income 2022 - 2023	Predicted income 2022 - 2023	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2023 - 2024	Recommended budgeted income 2023 - 2024	Reason
201	3995	NI Environment		£ 17,139	£ 20,418			£ 20,582		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations and Government budget
201	3996	Pensions ERS Environment		£ 47,391	£ 55,521			£ 57,963		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations. Staff auto-enrolled
201	4004	Salaries environment		£ 201,836	£ 225,199			£ 230,926		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations
201	4068	Community Service	Community Payback scheme	£ 11,006	£ 4,000			£ -		Agreed to end scheme
201	4112	Environment Equipment	General Environment equipment and sundries	£ 9,688	£ 9,688			£ 10,260		Predicted 5.9% Increase
201	4168	Defibrillators	Service and maintenance of AED's	£ 518	£ 518			£ 518		Can be held
202	1051	Roundabout 1 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 2,288	£ 2,288		£ 2,576	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements (from budgeted income)
202	1052	Roundabout 2 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 1,219	£ 1,219		£ 1,373	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements
202	1053	Roundabout 3 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 2,002	£ 333		£ 2,254	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements
202	1054	Roundabout 4 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 2,551	£ 2,551		£ 2,872	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements
202	1056	Rouncabout 6 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 2,718	£ 1,386		£ 3,060	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements
202	1057	Roundabout 7 Sponsorship	Sponsor agreement			£ 1,386	£ 1,386		£ 1,561	increase of 12.6% (RPI) as per the sponsorship agreements
202	4108	Roundabout Expenditure	New and replacement signage	£ 1,366	£ 2,105			£ 2,110		Three new sponsors this year and potential for three more next year
203	4082	Allotments	Fundig for Bourton Road Allotments	£ 2,101	£ 2,101			£ 2,101		Can be held
204	1017	Devolved services income	Buckinghamshire Highways devolved services agreement			£ 20,964	£ 20,992		£ 20,992	No movement on any increase from Buckinghamshire Council
204	4124	Devolved services expenses	Social enterprise grass cutting	£ 7,500	£ 5,600			£ -		Agreed to end scheme
205	4033	Waste disposal	Waste collection for parks and buildings	£ 3,000	£ 5,100			£ 5,610		Increased recycling and increased rubbish collection
205	4035	Machinery	Servicing and replacment Grounds equipment	£ 2,500	£ 2,500			£ 2,650		Predicted 5.9% increase
205	4036	Fuel (Mower)	Fuel for mowers and grounds maintenace equipment	£ 1,200	£ 1,900			£ 2,300		Red diesel no longer available and increase in price
205	4037	Sundries	Grounds maintenance sundries	£ 2,606	£ 2,606			£ 2,750		Predicted 5.9% increase
205	4063	Vehicle hire and running costs	Fuel, servicing and repairs of 3 vehicles	£ 16,884	£ 12,500			£ 7,000		No vehicle hire this year, just running costs for three vehicles and fuel for two vehicles. Some of running cost has gone to electric bill. 10% due to fuel costs
248	4013	Depot Equipment purchase	Equipment and sundries for depot	£ 4,070	£ 4,070			£ 4,070		Electrical work and Welfare to come
248	4055	Depot Alarm	Service and upkeep of alarm system	£ 431	£ 431			£ 500		Slight increase
248	4225	Depot Rates	Business rates	£ 4,412	£ 4,142			£ 4,556		Will rise with Septembers CPI - 10.1%
248	4601	Depot Repairs & maintenance fund	repairs and maintenace of the depot	£ 840	£ 840			£ 900		
248	4602	Depot Electricity	2 electricity supplies 1 for building and one for EV charging	£ 1,000	£ 2,000			£ 2,000		Inceased standing charges, electricity costs and additional EV charging. Fixed until Sept 2025
248	4603	Depot Water	Water supply	£ 850	£ 500			£ 550		Previously overbudgeted
249	1085	Shopmobility income	Hire of scooters			£ 40	£ 200		£ 200	Likely to be held
249	4602	Shopmobility Electricity	electric supply	£ 518	£ 518			£ 600		Predicted increase
249	4603	Shopmobility Water	water supply	£ 518	£ 518			£ 600		Predicted Increase
249	4608	Shopmobility expenditure	service of scooters etc.	£ 1,077	£ 1,077			£ 1,250		Predicted 5.9% increase
249	4612	Contractor charge	Toilet cleaning and maintenance	£ 9,600	£ 9,600			£ 10,560		10% predicted
249	4709	Maintenance	Shop mob and toilets	£ 539	£ 565			£ 600		Slight overspend - Predicted increase
250	1026	Lace Hill Community Centre Income	Hall's and pitch hire			£ 45,929	£ 39,000		£ 40,250	This was unrealistically budgeted and the target will not be met. Uplift at 5.9%
250	1027	Solar income	export of un-used electricity			£ 2,000	£ -		£ -	Eon will not even engage in order to change the meter. However only offering around 3p per unit so best case wouldn't make half of what has been budgeted.
250	4050	Lace Hill playing fields	pitch maintenance	£ 500	£ 500			£ 550		Realistic increase
250	4118	Solar panels	panel and system maintenace	£ 362	£ 362			£ 380		Service costs
250	4158	Lace Hill gas	gas supply for heating and hot water	£ 4,202	£ 4,202			£ 4,202		Fixed prices until July 2025
250	4159	Lace Hill electricity	electricity supply	£ 1,500	£ 6,384			£ 7,660		Massively underbudgeted and increased costs. Solar panels have decreased chargeable usage by 2/3rds. However 20% uplift realistic.
250	4160	Lace Hill water	water supply	£ 300	£ 350			£ 385		10% predicted
250	4161	Lace Hill repairs & Maintenanc	repairs and maintenance for building	£ 3,707	£ 3,707			£ 3,707		Frozen for this year
250	4162	Lace Hill contractor charge	Planned maintenance costs	£ 6,800	£ 6,800			£ 7,200		Alarm and other servicing costs
250	4163	Lace Hill alarm	maintenance of alarm system	£ -	£ -			£ -	£ -	Move into 4162
250	4164	Lace Hill equipment	supply of equipment and sundries	£ 3,717	£ 3,717			£ 3,000		Planned reduction in costs
250	4225	LH Rates	Business rates	£ 10,072	£ 9,731			£ 10,704		Will rise with Septembers CPI - 10.1%
251	1030	Bowls Club Lease income	Lease agreement			£ 592	£ 592		£ 627	At 5.9 - Subject to rent review
251	1035	Tennis Club Lease income	Lease agreement			£ 674	£ 674		£ 714	At 5.9 - Subject to rent review

Resources Committee Budget 2023 - 2024

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Budgeted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Predicted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Budgeted Income 2022 - 2023	Predicted income 2022 - 2023	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2023 - 2024	Recommended budgeted income 2023 - 2024	Reason
101	4000	Salaries Admin	£ 160,425	£ 165,063			£ 197,122		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations
101	4005	ERS National Insurance	£ 15,549	£ 16,071			£ 21,446		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations and Government budget
101	4006	ERS Pension Cont	£ 34,212	£ 41,046			£ 49,465		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations.
101	4007	Staff travel	£ 1,346	£ 300			£ 500		Can be reduced and virtual attendance encouraged
101	4008	Occupational Health	£ 1,293	£ 1,293			£ 1,369		Potential underspend if not required
101	4025	HR advice	£ 4,544	£ 4,325			£ 4,998		Estimated increase - needs evaluation and retender
101	4026	Staff & Recruitment	£ 1,051	£ 1,257			£ 500		Can be reduced anx cheaper methods used in the future
102	1010	Chamber hire			£ 1,471	£ 600		£ 850	Estimated increase, based on actual use. Was over budgeted
102	1012	Photocopier use			£ 5	£ 5		£ 5	No rise predicted
102	4010	Stationery	£ 3,018	£ 3,018			£ 3,020		Despite reduction in usage costs in this area are spiralling
102	4011	Postage	£ 730	£ 300			£ 450		Whilst costs have increased, staff are reducing use so budget to be reduced.
102	4012	Photocopier	£ 1,887	£ 2,352			£ 2,500		Overspend and estimated 5.9% increase
102	4013	Equipment purchase	£ 1,156	£ 1,000			£ 1,150		Underspend but addition of £150 for officers to spend on ECDI merchandise
102	4015	Advertisements	£ 673	£ -			£ -		Replaced with free advertising such as social media
102	4017	Subscriptions	£ 3,825	£ 3,825			£ 4,050		5.9% increase
102	4018	Telephones	£ 7,200	£ 8,840			£ 10,000		Large overspend due to high RPI and expected continual increases
102	4019	Hire of Community Hall	£ 270	£ 270			£ 300		Above average raise due to increased costs quoted by supplier
102	4021	Hospitality	£ 420	£ 400			£ 400		Can be reduced
102	4023	Training	£ 12,628	£ 11,500			£ 10,000		Can be reduced as a number of staff have 3 year qualifications.
102	4027	Software	£ 12,500	£ 14,500			£ 16,000		Significant raise due to expected increased costs and previous under budgeting
102	4030	Payroll	£ 1,760	£ 1,953			£ 2,070		Estimated increase - needs evaluation and retender
102	4032	Publicity and newsletter	£ 7,924	£ 7,924			£ 6,879		Reduction of editions from 4 to 3, transfer of £850 from budget 303/4221 Fringe to 102/4032 Publicity, reduction of social media manager package costs
102	4038	Computer equipment	£ 4,000	£ 4,000			£ 4,000		Can be held although underspend should go to EMR as most laptops roughly the same age.
102	4041	Website	£ 5,908	£ 5,908			£ 3,000		Costs to reduce once new website launched. Refund due and money to come from EMR

Resources Committee Budget 2023 - 2024

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Budgeted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Predicted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Budgeted Income 2022 - 2023	Predicted income 2022 - 2023	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2023 - 2024	Recommended budgeted income 2023 - 2024	Reason
102	4043	Protective clothing	£ 1,813	£ 1,813			£ 2,000		Estimated 5.9% increase
102	4052	Heat, light, power	£ 450	£ 2,000			£ 2,500		Above average raise due to expected increased costs. Underbudgeted.
102	4156	Buckingham Centre rent	£ 11,000	£ 17,000			£ 17,000		Underbudgeted as failure to allow for backdated utilities costs.
102	4225	Rates	£ 5,000	£ 5,000			£ 5,000		No rise necessary
103	4020	Mayor's duties	£ 1,891	£ 1,891			£ 2,000		Estimated 5.9% increase
103	4029	Mayor's civic	£ 1,628	£ 1,628			£ 1,724		Estimated 5.9% increase
103	4044	Councillors' mileage / exp.	£ 518	£ 518			£ 549		Estimated RPI increase
103	4045	Councillors' allowance	£ 9,833	£ 9,833			£ 10,413		Estimated 5.9% increase - TBC
103	4236	Election costs	£ 2,150	£ 2,150			£ 2,150		To EMR to spread the election costs
103	4269	Councillor training	£ 2,351	£ 2,351			£ 2,490		Higher than average increase to reflect likely expenditure
104	4014	Audit fees	£ 3,500	£ 3,250			£ 3,707		Estimated 5.9% increase
104	4016	Legal costs	£ 2,070	£ 3,000			£ 3,450		Awaiting billing for legal work - Expected increased costs
104	4022	Insurance	£ 19,000	£ 19,000			£ 19,000		Renewal quote received, reduced to £19,000
120	4040	Four Year Grants Awarded	£ 18,777	£ 18,777			£ 22,069		Agreed 3.5% increase (one four year grant coded to annual in the previous year)
120	4080	Annual Grants Awarded	£ 11,341	£ 11,341			£ 9,000		Estimated amount
125	4501	Civic award	£ 1,050	£ 798			£ 845		Reduced based on actual spend
125	4504	Remembrance wreath	£ 27	£ 59			£ 62		above average raise due to increased costs
125	4505	Mayor's salver	£ 265	£ 100			£ 110		Reduced based on actual spend
125	4506	Bardic gift	£ 265	£ 39			£ 50		Reduced based on actual spend
130	1190	Interest received			£ 500	£ 8,000		£ 3,500	Expected flattening on interest rate
132	4500	Future planning / contingencie	£ 11,283	£ 5,000			£ 12,500		Slightly higher than predicted RPI increase as unpreclicable year.
TOTALS			£ 386,531	£ 400,693	£ 1,976	£ 8,605	£ 455,838	£ 4,355	
Budget 2022			£ 384,555						
Predicted actual spend 2022			£ 392,088						
ACTUAL OVERSPEND -£ 7,533									
						Budget 2023	£ 451,483		
						BUDGET increase	£ 66,928		
Budget to budget percentage increase							17.40%	Actual Increase	15.15%

Planning Committee Budget 2023 - 2024

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Budgeted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Predicted Expenditure 2022 - 2023	Budgeted Income 2022 - 2023	Predicted income 2022 - 2023	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2023 - 2024	Recommended budgeted income 2023 - 2024	Reason
601	3992	Salaries	£ 31,877	£ 34,670			£ 36,458		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations
601	3993	National Insurance	£ 2,116	£ 2,373			£ 2,750		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations and Government budget
601	3994	Pensions	£ 4,192	£ 3,323			£ 3,520		Estimate only, subject to national pay negotiations.
601	4262	Neighbourhood Plan	£ 2,070	£ 2,070			£ 2,190		Estimated 5.9% increase
TOTALS			£ 40,255	£ 42,436	£ -	£ -	£ 44,918	£ -	
Budget 2022			£ 40,255						
Effective actual spend 2022			£ 42,436			effective budget 2023	£ 44,918		
ACTUAL OVERSPEND			-£ 2,181			BUDGET increase	£ 4,663		
						Budget to budget increase	11.58%	Actual Increase	5.85%

Summary 2023-2024 Budget

	2022/2023		2023/24
	Budget	Forecast	Proposed Budget
Resources			
Income	£ 1,976	£ 8,605	£ 4,355
Expenditure	£ 386,531	£ 400,693	£ 455,838
Total	£ 384,555	£ 392,088	£ 451,483
	OVERSPEND	-£ 7,533	
Environment			
Income	£ 117,713	£ 106,556	£ 115,276
Expenditure	£ 539,097	£ 540,459	£ 636,707
Total	£ 421,384	£ 433,903	£ 521,431
	OVERSPEND	-£ 12,519	
Town Centre & Events			
Income	£ 49,501	£ 42,166	£ 43,133
Expenditure	£ 192,067	£ 173,598	£ 189,863
Total	£ 142,566	£ 131,432	£ 146,729
	UNDERSPEND	£ 11,134	
Planning			
Income	£ -	£ -	£ -
Expenditure	£ 40,255	£ 42,436	£ 44,918
Total	£ 40,255	£ 42,436	£ 44,918
	OVERSPEND	-£ 2,181	
TOTAL			
Income	£ 169,190	£ 157,327	£ 162,765
Expenditure	£ 1,157,950	£ 1,157,187	£ 1,327,326
Total	£ 988,760	£ 999,860	£ 1,164,561
	Estimated Overspend	-£ 11,100.09	Recommended Precept £1,164,561