

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
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District Councillor Report

Performance Management Board Meeting 27th November 2019

As a member of the Performance Management Board I attended the meeting on 27th November.

The main item on the agenda was “Scrutiny of the priorities for 2020/21 and Initial Budget position and to consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2023/24”. For this part of the meeting other BDC councillors were invited to attend and ask questions.

Following various actions and updates the initial revenue financial position is,

2020/21	£5,000 addition to balances
2021/22*	£630,000 shortfall
2022/23*	£83,000 shortfall
2023/24*	£327,000 shortfall

Note * Based upon current business rates retention scheme.

The key highlights of interest to Halstead,

- 1 In their initial budget proposals BDC proposing a 1.95% increase in Council Tax
- 2 Council Tax collection fund surplus of £29,450 to be paid to Town/Parish councils. Halstead share of this is £2,383.
- 3 The capital programme includes,
 - a. Halstead Community Facility £636,000
 - b. CCTV cameras in Braintree and Halstead, update from analogue to digital £30,000

BDC is still awaiting the local government financial settlement announcement, new home bonus details, and business rate pool information.

Budget process – timetable

Cabinet – 2nd and 18th December
 Council – 16th December
 2020/21 funding settlement assessment – December/January
 Consultation – businesses – January
 Performance Management Board – 29th January
 Cabinet – 10th February
 Council – 17th February

Recommendation: that HTC members note this report.

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