

Committee	FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Agenda Item	7d

Budget and Precept 2021/2022 and Long Term Financial Plan

Following our Budget Seminar on 30 November 2020 the proposed Budget and Precept for 2021/2022 and the Long Term Financial Plan for the following years is presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Following approval by the Finance Committee a recommendation will be made to Full council for final approval.

Summary

It is proposed to apply a general increase of 2% in Council Tax to account for cost inflation. The 2020/21 representative Band D Council Tax of **£47.02** will increase by **£0.93** to **£47.95** for 2021/2022. A pro rata increase will be applied to all other Council Tax bands.

Taking into account the updated Tax Base, the precept will rise from **£191,183** in 2020/21 to **£199,907** in 2021/2022.

Proposed General Fund Budget and Precept for 2021/2022

Precept	£ 199,907
Collection fund rebate	£ 2,662
Other income	£ 139,508
Total income	£ 342,077
Total expenditure	£ 313,935
Transfer to Earmarked reserves	£28,142

See details of income and expenditure in the Appendix on the following pages.

This Budget enables the transfer of **£28,142** to Earmarked Reserves to fund future expenditure liabilities such as major maintenance costs, projects and future elections – see Appendix for details.

Earmarked reserves

At the Budget seminar on 30/11/20 it was agreed to use some of the earmarked reserves, and some of the capital reserves in order to be able to pay for the replacement roof at the Empire. The agreement to do this needs formal approval from Council.

Recommendation:

1. That the Finance committee accepts the proposed budget and recommends approval to Full Council.
2. that the Finance committee accepts the use of £9625 of Earmarked reserves, and £16,589 of Capital reserves to pay for the replacement roof at the Empire

Cllr. P. Claydon
Chairman of Finance

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Town Clerk

Appendix - Details of General Fund income and expenditure

Long Term Financial Plan Overview							
General Fund	2019/20	Current Year		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
		2020/21					
	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Income							
Tax Base (Households)	3,881	4,066		4,169	4,211	4,253	4,295
<i>Increase</i>		4.8%		2.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Base Increase in Council Tax (Band D)		Council Tax increase		0.93	0.96	0.98	1.00
				2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Council Tax (Band D)	46.12	47.02		47.95	48.91	49.89	50.88
Precept	179,014	191,183	191,183	199,907	205,944	212,164	218,571
Collection Fund Rebate	1,766	2,383	2,383	2,662			
Other income	178,262	178,059	126,743	139,508	149,908	157,908	162,908
Total Income	359,042	371,625	320,309	342,077	355,852	370,072	381,479
Expenditure							
Salaries and wages	199,133	203,456	195,569	188,975	192,755	196,610	200,542
Other expenditure	121,251	131,560	101,400	124,960	128,709	132,570	136,547
Total Expenditure	320,384	335,016	296,969	313,935	321,464	329,180	337,089
General Fund Surplus/Deficit		36,609	23,340	28,142	34,389	40,892	44,390
Ring-fenced for Community Centre		10,000	10,000	16,498	18,867	21,345	23,936
Funds Transfer to Earmarked Reserves		26,609	13,340	11,644	15,521	19,547	20,454

Note : Ring-fenced for Community Centre is totally based upon housing growth

Earmarked Reserves					Proposed New Allocation of Budget Transfer	
	31/03/2020	2020/21		31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2021
	Year End	Forecast Spend	Budget Transfer at year end	Year End Forecast	Budget Transfer 31/3/21	Year End Forecast
	From YE accounts	Latest estimate	From Budget	Calculation	Latest view	Calculation
Revenue Items	A	B	C	D	C1	D1
Election costs	6,811	0	2,000	8,811	2,000	8,811
Parking orders and signage	2,823	0		2,823	0	2,823
Car Parks major maintenance	8,862	4,181	2,000	6,681	2,000	6,681
Rewire Queens Hall	0	0		0	0	0
QH major maintenance	1,086	0		1,086	0	1,086
Major tractor/van repairs	3,000	0		3,000	0	3,000
Empire Theatre major maintenance	9,209	0		9,209	416	9,625
Trinity church wall	19,000	19,924	14,609	13,685	924	0
Kings Rd toilets	1,148	0		1,148		1,148
Operation London Bridge	1,515	0		1,515		1,515
Churchyard major maintenance	50	0		50		50
Riverside bridge repair	5,000	3,000		2,000		2,000
New Community Centre	1,000	0	10,000	11,000	10,000	11,000
Long Term Capital Items						
Tractor replacement						
Van replacement	5,000		8,000	13,000	8,000	13,000
Equipment at Courtaulds						
Car park machines						
Total	64,504	27,105	36,609	74,008	23,340	60,739
	31/03/2021	2021/22		31/03/2022		
	Year End	Forecast Spend	Budget Transfer 31/3/22	Year End Forecast		
Revenue Items	A	B	C	D		
Election costs	8,811		2,000	10,811		
Parking orders and signage	2,823		0	2,823		
Car Parks major maintenance	6,681		0	6,681		
Rewire Queens Hall	0		558	558		
QH major maintenance	1,086		1,086	2,172		
Major tractor/van repairs	3,000		0	3,000		
Empire Theatre major maintenance	9,625	9,625	0	0		
Trinity church wall	0		0	0		
Kings Rd toilets	1,148		0	1,148		
Operation London Bridge	1,515		0	1,515		
Churchyard major maintenance	50		2,000	2,050		
Riverside bridge repair	2,000		-2,000	0		
New Community Centre	11,000		16,498	27,498		
Long Term Capital Items						
Tractor replacement						
Van replacement	13,000		8,000	21,000		
Equipment at Courtaulds						
Car park machines						
Total	60,739	tba	28,142	79,256		

Capital Receipts Reserves						
	31/03/2020	2020/21	31/03/2021		2021/22	31/03/2022
	Year End	Forecast Spend	Year End Forecast		Forecast Spend	Year End Forecast
	From YE accounts	Latest estimate	Calculation			Calculation
	A	B	D		B	D
Mower		2,999				
Butler Road CCTV		3,282				
Rivercare group					1,500	
Linemarker					600	
Empire roof					16,589	
Closing balance	52,106	6,281	45,825		18,689	27,136