



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	26 January 2023
Subject:	Council Budget 2023/24

Summary:

The Executive, at its meeting on 4 January 2023, approved the budget proposals described in the attached report (Appendix A) for consultation.

Actions Required:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is asked to consider and comment on the Executive's budget proposals, as set out in Appendix A.

1. Background

1.1 The Executive, at its meeting on 4 January 2023, approved the budget proposals set out in the report as the preferred option for consultation. The report to the Executive describes these proposals in detail (Appendix A).

Further Consultation

1.2 In addition to the review of budget proposals by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board further scrutiny and consultation arrangements are:

- All other Council Scrutiny Committees will have the opportunity to scrutinise budget proposals in detail in January;
- Budget proposals were publicised on the Council's website following the Executive meeting and provide the opportunity for the public to comment;
- Public awareness of the impact of the budget proposals on Council Tax will be raised using social media channels; and
- A consultation meeting with local business representatives, trade unions and other partners will take place at the end January 2023.

1.3 Consultation responses and comments will be available to be considered when the Executive makes its final budget proposals on 7 February 2023.

2. Conclusion

2.1 These budget proposals reflect the level of government funding available to the Council in 2023/24, as well as the proposal to increase Council Tax in 2023/24 by at least 2.99% and up to 4.99% (inclusive of 2% adult social care precept). Service areas have been reviewed and the budget proposals aim to support the Council's priorities within the financial resources available.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

No. An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for the proposed increase in Council Tax. This will be reported to the Executive at its meeting on 7 February 2023. Further Risk and Impact Assessments will need to be undertaken on a service by service basis.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Executive Report: Council Budget 2023/24 (including appendices)

5. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announcements	Executive Director of Resources

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