

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee
3 November 2021**

The Council's Budget

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Council's in-year budget pressures, the financial context, and the Council's response to addressing budget gaps.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to
- (a) use the information provided to inform questioning and discussion
 - (b) make recommendations where appropriate
 - (c) identify any areas for potential future scrutiny.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Committee is focussing its work on the recovery and improvement of the Council. As part of this the Committee is scrutinising the Council's budget process over the next three meetings.
- 3.2 This meeting will focus on the Council's in-year budget, the financial context, and the Council's response to addressing the budget pressures.
- 3.3 The December meeting will focus on the budget proposals for 2022/23 – 2025/26.
- 3.4 The January meeting will focus on the Committee's response to the budget proposals.
- 3.5 The Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Corporate Director for Finance and Resources will be in attendance at the meeting to present the information to the Committee and answer questions.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Presentation outlining the Council's in-year budget pressures, the financial context, and the Council's response.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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