

Date: 31 January 2023

Dear Councillor,

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A Meeting of the **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** will be held at **Council Chamber**, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, DE11 0AH on **Wednesday, 08 February 2023 at 18:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive

To: **Labour Group**
Councillor Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Stuart (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Gee and L Mulgrew

Conservative Group
Councillors Ackroyd, Atkin, Hewlett and Muller.

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1** Apologies.
- 2** To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 3** To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
- 4** To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 5** BUDGET SCRUTINY 2023-24 **3 - 5**
- 6** COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME **6 - 7**

Exclusion of the Public and Press:

- 7** The Chairman may therefore move:-
That in accordance with Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.
- 8** To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.

REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:5
DATE OF MEETING:	8 FEBRUARY 2023	CATEGORY:
		RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR CORPORATE RESOURCES	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	KEVIN STACKHOUSE (01283 595811) kevin.stackhouse@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC: h/KS/budgets/budget round 2023 24/O&S Budget Committee Feb 23
SUBJECT:	BUDGET SCRUTINY 2023-24	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: 6.03 (a) (i)

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the proposed budgets of the Council for 2023/24 and provide feedback to Finance and Management Committee.
- 1.2 That the Committee consider the medium-term financial plans of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts and make any recommendations to Finance and Management Committee to support budget and policy development.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To scrutinise the Council's budget proposals for 2023/24, together with the medium-term spending plans.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The detailed budget proposals were reported and considered by each of the Council's Policy Committees in January 2023. In addition, the Finance and Management Committee will consider consolidated proposals and the updated Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the General Fund on 9 February 2023.
- 3.2 The Housing and Community Services Committee considered the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and its longer-term (10-year) Financial Plan on 2 February 2023. That Committee subsequently approved a rent increase for 2023/24 of x% within a rent cap of 7% imposed by the Rent Regulator.
- 3.3 The Council has a statutory obligation to set a Budget and Council Tax before 9 March, with Full Council due to consider and approve final proposals on 22 February 2023. Recommendations will be made by the Finance and Management Committee at its meeting on 9 February.
- 3.4 Therefore, this Committee are asked to review proposals and provide any feedback to Finance and Management Committee. Links to the reports for each of the Policy

Committees and to Finance and Management Committee on 9 February 2023 are provided below.

[Environmental and Development Services](#)

[Housing and Community Services Committee](#)

[Finance and Management Committee](#)

[Proposed Rent Increase 2023 24](#)

[Consolidated Budget Proposals 2023 24](#)

3.5 The Council's Section 151 Officer will provide an overview of the proposals at the meeting.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 As detailed in the Budget reports.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 The Council's Budget and spending plans provide the financial resources to enable delivery of the Corporate Plan.

Risk Impact

5.4 Financial risks and individual risk registers are detailed within budget reports. The proposed spending plans include provision to mitigate the financial and wider business risks identified in the Corporate Plan.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 The Council is statutorily required to consult on its budget proposals, prior to setting the annual Council Tax rate, with the local business and community sector. The Council has an established process in place to meet this requirement.

6.2 Consultation takes place for approximately four weeks following approval of the draft budget proposals by Finance and Management Committee in January each year. Any feedback is reported to the Council as part of the final approval process.

- 6.3 There is no statutory requirement to consult with residents or other stakeholders, although it is considered good practice to do so. Traditionally, the Council has disseminated proposals through Area/Community Forums and via a presentation at the South Derbyshire Partnership Board. Many authorities do consult formally regarding their budget proposals and medium-term financial plans prior to setting budgets, using panels, representative groups, etc. as a way of fully engaging local people.

Equality and Diversity Impact

- 6.4 None

Social Value Impact

- 6.5 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.6 None

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 Budget working papers maintained on the Financial Management System

REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
DATE OF MEETING:	08 FEBRUARY 2023	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES democraticservices@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: G

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee considers and approves the 2022-23 work programme.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work programme.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Attached at Annexe 'A' is a work programme document. The Committee is asked to consider and review the content of this document.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Work Programme.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23																				Annexe A
Project	Committee Date																		Responsible Head of Service	
	Jun-22		Aug-22		Oct-22		Nov-22		Jan-23		Feb-22		Mar-22							
	15		31	12		23	4		8				29							
Overview of the Public Realm Works in Swadlincote Town Centre and Leisure																			Chief Executive	
Land Charges Update																			Chief Executive	
Digital Derbyshire and Broadband (TBC)																			Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Setting the Work Programme																			Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Flexible Working Policy Review (subject to report to F&M Committee on 12 January 2023)																			Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Budget																			Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
RIPA																			Head of Legal and Democratic Services	
Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contractor																			Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
East Midlands Airport Update																			Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Planning Service Delivery Update (subject to reports to EDS Committee on 10 November and F&M on 24 November 2022)																			Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Agency Costs and Vacant Posts																			Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
GP Surgeries / Appointments (TBC)																			Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Report to Committee																			Verbal Update / Presentation	
Report to Task Group																			Public Meeting	