

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:5</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>8 FEBRUARY 2023</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BUDGET SCRUTINY 2023-24</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: 6.03 (a) (i)</b>

## **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