Notes - Draft budget 2023-2024 – created September 2022

21 September 2022

OVERVIEW

The budget for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 needs to be approved at the November Council meeting to enable the precept to be agreed by full Council in time for the Clerk to submit the precept request to WODC.

The draft budget has been prepared and circulated to councilors in preparation for discussion at the September Council meeting.

The budget document shows the actual expenditure for the year 2021-2022, the agreed budget for the current year, the actual expenditure for the current year to August 2022, the anticipated expenditure to the end of the financial year, the proposed budget for the next financial year, and three year forecast.

Council needs to complete the Action Plan for 2023/24 and decide what projects they wish to undertake. Budget needs to reflect the costs from the Action Plan.

CLERK EMPLOYMENT

SALARY – Based on current year proposed increase (£1925 pro rata) and NJC pay agreement 3% increase.

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY - Based on budget salary no employer NI or pension contribution will be due.

PENSION- Based on budgeted salary

ADMINISTRATION

STATIONERY, CONSUMABLES, PRINTING – No change

ADMINISTRATION SOFTWARE – Increase to allow for inflation

WORKING FROM HOME ALLOWANCES – No change

PAYROLL – Increase to allow for inflation

INSURANCE – Increase to allow for inflation and review of asset insurance

HALL HIRE - No change

MILEAGE - Increase to allow for inflation

WEBSITE AND EMAIL - Increase to allow for inflation

ICO REGISTRATION – No change

AUDIT FEE -Increase to allow for change of grading if precept is higher

BANK SERVICE CHARGES – Allowance for HSBC and Unity Bank

TRAINING

TRAINING - No change

SUBSCRIPTIONS

OALC - Increase to allow for inflation

SLCC – Increase to allow for inflation

CFO - Increase to allow for inflation

CPRE – Increase to allow for inflation

PLAYGROUND

ANNUAL INDEPENDENT INSPECTION – Increase to allow for price increase for ROSPA annual inspection

GRASS CUTTING – Price based on current system. Council to agree specification for next year. Change of system may affect the cost.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS – Estimated cost. Council to agree what works to be carried out.

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE -Estimated cost – to allow for tree works, fence, wall etc

PARISH MAINTENANCE

WEED CONTROL – Increase to allow for inflation

GENERAL MAINTENANCE – Estimated cost

WINTER SALT – Will the Council need to purchase salt for the 2023/24 winter?

ALLOTMENTS

ALLOTMENT RENT – No change

MAINTENANCE – Estimated allowance

PROJECTS

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND EVENTS – Council to determine what projects and events they envisage for next council year.

DONATIONS – Council to decide donation allowance for the year.

RESERVE

RESERVE – Council to determine if required.