

Report to: Policy and Performance Advisory Committee

Date: 27 January 2022

Title: General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23, Capital Programme

Exemption: None

Report of: Homira Javadi, Chief Finance Officer

Ward(s): All

Purpose of Cabinet report: To agree the updated General Fund budget and updated Medium Term Financial Strategy, together with the updated Capital Programme position.

Officer recommendations to the Cabinet: Members are asked to recommend the following proposals to Full Council:

- i) The General Fund budget for 2021/22 (Revised) and 2022/23 (original).
- ii) An increase in the Council Tax for Lewes District Council of £5 (per annum) resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £202.08 (per annum) for 2022/23.
- iii) The revised General Fund capital programme 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 3.
- iv) That Cabinet endorses the continuation of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts and refers on to Council for approval.
- v) To note the section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in the report.

Recommendations to the Committee The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report

Reasons for recommendations to the Committee: To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.

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1 Introduction

1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.

1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

3 Appendices to the Cabinet report:

Appendix 1 - General Fund Budget Summary

Appendix 2 – MTFS Assumptions

Appendix 3 – Capital Programme

Appendix 4 – Risks