

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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2022/23 TO 2025/26 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the four financial years between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2026 (2022/23 to 2025/26).

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The MTFP (**Appendix A**) aims to provide members and officers with a clear financial framework for delivering the council's Community Plan objectives over the next four financial years.

2.2 Updating the council's MTFP is an essential pre-requisite to the annual budget setting process for future years.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 The MTFP shows that the council is able to set a balanced budget for 2022/23, though will need to reduce expenditure and/or increase income to pay for service delivery in future years.

3.2 The council will need to continually consider how best to manage demand for its services, as well as continually monitor and review how it best delivers each service.

4.0 Digital Implications

4.1 There are no digital implications directly arising from this report.

5.0 Equalities Implications

5.1 Business Managers consider the implications on equalities when assessing how best to deliver the services they are responsible for. This includes one-off activities, whether paid for from revenue or capital resources.

6.0 Financial Implications (FIN21-22/6891)

6.1 The MTFP sets out a framework to support budget and policy decisions. The impact of individual schemes will be detailed in supporting business cases.

7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

7.1 One of the main aims of the MTFP is to deliver the council's Community Plan objectives. **Appendix A** provides more details on how the council's MTFP and Community Plan align.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends the 2022/23 to 2025/26 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for approval by the Full Council at their meeting to be held on 8 March 2022.

Reason for Recommendation

To provide a framework to support the Council's future spending plans.

Background Papers

2022/23 Proposed General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget
Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26
Statement of Accounts 2020/21

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