

**Teignbridge District Council
Overview & Scrutiny 1
1 February 2022
Part i**

FINAL FINANCIAL PLAN PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2024/25

Purpose of Report

To consider the final financial plan proposals 2022/23 to 2024/25 for recommendation to Council on 22 February.

These proposals include recommended revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and planned in outline for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is recommended to resolve:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 recommends that these proposals be considered together with any subsequent consultation comments for approval by Council as the final budget for 2022/23 and the outline plan for the subsequent years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The proposed budget includes:

- **An increase in council tax of £5 or 2.78% to £185.17**
- **Continued funding for a climate change officer (with increased temporary resources) and enhanced planning enforcement**
- **Increased provision in the capital programme for climate change projects**
- **The continuing reduction in new homes bonus**
- **Other central funding reductions – in particular provisional assumptions for business rates for future years and reset of the baseline**
- **Reserves at 12.8 % of the net revenue budget or just over £2.0 million**
- **Increased support for housing including the Teignbridge 100 whilst backing business and bringing people and organisations together for local neighbourhood planning**
- **Infrastructure delivery plan investment funded by community infrastructure levy and external sources where available**
- **Continuation of grant funded South West Regional Monitoring Programme**
- **Town centre investment in infrastructure and employment**
- **The re-introduction of rural aid at £26,000 for 2022/23**
A new two year pot of £40,000 per annum for 'Tidy Teignbridge' initiatives to improve cleanliness for town and parish councils
- **A provision for voluntary and community sector small grant scheme for 2022/23**

- **Paying £1 million off our pension deficit in 2022/23 to reduce ongoing contributions**
- **Additional temporary resources to deliver expediently the significant projects and proposals identified above and within the capital programme, service reviews and processes to identify business and system improvements/developments, estate management, governance and communications**

Financial Implications

The financial implications are contained throughout the Executive report attached. The main purpose being to approve the final budget proposals for both revenue and capital budgets and medium term financial plan covering the years 2021/22 to 2024/25.

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Legal Implications

The Executive is required under the budget and policy framework procedure rules in the constitution (section 7(a) and 7 (b)) to agree and recommend a budget to Council each year. See section 8 of the attached report.

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Risk Assessment

The risks involved in not setting a balanced budget are highlighted throughout the attached report. The major risks are in 3.9, 4.14, 4.16 and 4.27 with reference to uncertainties as to income projections as a result of Covid 19, future funding – particularly business rates retention and New Homes Bonus and an alternative funding stream to replace New Homes Bonus when this is scrapped. A programme of identifying savings or increased income is required to meet the budget gaps in 2024/25 and future years thereafter if additional funding is not provided from Government.

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Environmental/ Climate Change Implications

The revenue budget supports the funding of a Climate Change Officer and associated revenue budget and capital projects are highlighted which contribute

towards our climate change objectives in appendix 7 – capital programme. Additional temporary staffing resources are proposed within the revenue budget to assist with the implementation of various works to meet our climate change aspirations.

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Appendices/Background Papers

Executive report 8 February 2022 and associated appendices
Budget and settlement files
The Constitution

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** To consider the final financial plan proposals 2022/23 to 2024/25 as appended, to be considered by the Executive on 8 February 2022.
- 1.2** These proposals include recommended revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and planned in outline for 2023/24 and 2024/25.
- 1.3** The report and appendices to be considered by the Executive on 8 February 2022 are appended for ease of reference. Members are asked to refer to these papers for all background information.