

## **Briefing note for Finance and GP Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Agenda item 7 – Budget Strategy 2022/23**

This is the commencement of the preparation for the annual budget 2022/23. This will be agreed by Council in January 2022.

The FGP Committee is asked to give initial consideration to:

- Any strategic direction on level of budget increase/decrease to be considered appropriate
- Any new items of expenditure, not included in the 2021/22 budget, that might arise
- Any current budget items that might no longer be required

Following the FGP Committee, the Chairman will write to the respective Council/Committee Chairmae seeking their input for any anticipated expenditure in 2022/23. This will be reviewed by the FGP Committee in Q4/22

During the internal audit, it was suggested by the internal auditor that the Council might want to consider a longer-term budget framework, say up to 3 years. FGP Committee are asked to consider whether this is something that should be pursued as part of this budget cycle. Members will want to be aware that the Council is entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of its 3 year contract/tender for mowing in Rushlake Green.

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FGP Committee  
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