

Budget 2021-2022

The following amendments were agreed at the November full council meeting:

- Increase Neighbourhood Planning to £10,000
- Increase the Changing Places Reserve from its current £12,000 by a further £28,000. The remainder of the underspend to bring the precept up to its current £173,158 is to be placed into the Councils Contingency/general reserve. The reason for increasing the general reserve is that once the allocation out of general reserves for the street furniture painting is removed, this will leave the general reserve at the bottom end of the recommended range. The Finance and General Purposes committee will discuss the draft budget at its December meeting and bring the revised draft budget to the December full council meeting.

The Staffing committee resolved at its December meeting to recommend that the Clerk's salary be upgraded as per the Staffing review and to appoint a full time Deputy Clerk. Some amendments have been made to the projected year end salaries figure for 2020-2021. The figures for salaries and the costs for the new financial year reflect the upgraded salary for the Clerk, Deputy Clerk on the substantive LC2 grade (although if unqualified they will be appointed at below the substantive LC2 grade) and retaining the two-part time Administrative Officer posts on their current hours.

The Finance and General Purposes December meeting resolved that the precept be recommended to the full council at its current year rate, but this did not take into account proposed additional staffing costs for next year.

The revised staffing structure's on costs- pension NI and payroll are all included in this budget.