



REPORT TO:	Joint Performance Monitoring Panel and Policy Development Panel
DATE:	27 January 2022
SUBJECT:	2022/23 Draft Budget, Medium Term Plan and Strategy (For Consultation)
PURPOSE:	To consider the Draft General Fund and Housing Revenue Account 2022/23 revenue and capital estimates and the Draft Financial Medium Term Strategy (for Scrutiny)
KEY DECISION:	Yes
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Peter Coupland
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

This Joint Performance Monitoring Panel and Policy Development Panel are asked to examine the draft estimates and provide comments for Cabinet to consider at their meeting on 15th February 2022. Cabinet will then make their recommendation to the Full Council meeting on 3rd March 2022.

Attached to this report is the draft detail of the 2022/23 budget, the 5-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) from 2022/23 to 2026/27 and various associated financial strategies. The Budget and MTFS are based on the latest information currently available and will be used for the budget consultation process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Joint Panel reviews and makes recommendations on the following documents for consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 15th February 2022. The documents for consideration include:

- Revenue Estimates for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account 2022/23, as set out in Appendices A to C;
- Reserves position 2022/23 to 2025/26 as set out in Appendix D;
- Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26 as set out in Appendix E;
- Fees and Charges Schedule as set out in Appendix F

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To comply with the budgetary and policy framework.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no alternative options presented, however amendments may be made by Cabinet before release to Council.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The attached Budget Report and Financial Policies set out the Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2022/23, the MTFs to 2026/27 and associated financial strategies.
- 1.2. This report forms part of the consultation process and comments to feedback to Cabinet are sought from this budget scrutiny meeting. Responses are also invited from residents and businesses through the Council's website.
- 1.3. The draft budgets will be subject to some further internal change and review during the consultation period. In particular the projections for business rates will need to be adjusted to reflect those returned to the government in the NNDR1 return (due to be completed by the end of January).
- 1.4. The draft Local Government Settlement announced on 16 December provided additional detail of continuing and additional one off support to councils including confirmation of allocations of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) , Rural Services Delivery Grant (RSDG) and New Homes Bonus
- 1.5. The report below sets out the basis for draft budget and MTFs for the next five years and assumptions used in its development.
- 1.6. The Treasury Management Strategy has been presented to Governance and Audit Committee on the 13th January 2022 and will then be presented to Cabinet on the 15th February 2022.

2. REPORT

The attached report and appendices detail the following:

- The estimated total resources and expenditure over the MTFS period for the general fund and HRA.
- The budget assumptions that have been used in developing the 2022/23 budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy.
- The estimated budget pressures that the Council must address over the medium term.
- The anticipated position with the Council's reserves over the medium term.
- The anticipated efficiency targets for future years and the ongoing delivery of these savings via Annual Delivery Plans and efficiencies from the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.
- Risks associated with the budget and medium-term financial strategy.
- The proposed capital programme.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1. After detailed work the draft MTFS and associated Strategies be released for consultation.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

This report enables South Holland District Council to set a budget and a level of Council Tax for 2022/23.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S PARTNERSHIP

NONE

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

NONE

STAFFING

The Equality Act requires SHDC to consider any equality impacts in relation to staff from these plans. As projects within the programme are developed a draft impact assessment will be discussed with Trades Unions and staff, and especially as individual projects are delivered.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is required by virtue of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

As contained with the appendices to the report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Contained in section 9 of the budget report

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

The Council has a legal duty to consult residents on its draft budget proposals. Views expressed during the consultation period will be included within the financial budget setting report.

REPUTATION

None

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

NONE

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

New Equality Impact Assessments will be developed and published wherever these are required and will be made available during the management and decision-making of the Programme.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ACRONYMS

MTFS – Medium Term Financial Strategy

HRA – Housing Revenue Account

APPENDICES	
<i>(If none then insert the word 'None' and delete the below text/boxes).</i>	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
Appendix A	Draft Estimate for Consultation 2022/23
Appendix B	General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy
Appendix B1	MTFS by Assistant Director
Appendix B2	MTFS by Account Code
Appendix C	HRA 5 Year Summary

Appendix D	Reserves 22-23 to 25-26
Appendix E	Capital Programme 22-23 to 25-26
Appendix F	SHDC Fees & Charges 2021-22 and Proposed 22-23

BACKGROUND PAPERS

(If none then insert the wording 'No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.' Also delete the below text/boxes.)

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

(If none then insert the wording 'A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body'. Also delete the below text/boxes.)

Name of body	Date

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