

REPORT TO COUNCIL - 21st November 2019

Title: BUDGET – 2020/21
Report of: CLERK

SUMMARY:

To set the budget and precept for the financial year 2020/21.

Budget 2020/21

The Council is required to set its budget and determine the precept by the end of November. The attached document gives the estimated out-turn for 2019/2020 and a proposed budget for 2020/2021, based on current outgoings.

Budget 2019/20 - Forecast Out turn

As you will see from the attached budget, total anticipated outlay for financial year 2019/20 is £14524.05 which is an anticipated overspend of c£5053.27 due to the purchase of the interpretation Boards and Playground repairs. However it should be noted that a VAT reclaim for £1080.59 has been submitted which will reduce the anticipated overspend to £3972.68. It will therefore be necessary to transfer monies from the reserve to cover the anticipated overspend.

Budget 2020/21 - Proposed Budget

To maintain service levels as they are, the proposed budget for 2020/21 is £9,660.00 which is an increase of 2% for inflation (Bank of England forecast for inflation is 1.8% @ 01/04/2010 and 2% @ .31/03/2021) plus two small increases in budget lines as shown on the attached budget have been necessary to cover administration and subscription fees.

Note the proposed budget does not include monies for requests from parishioners for funding to be allocated for the following projects: -:

- Monies to be allocated on an annual basis of £500 for the Eden and Lyne magazine to become digital,
- Monies to be allocated for the VE celebrations

The Clerk has anticipated that if approved these monies will come out of reserve funds however if members prefer they can be added to the contingency budget line and the budget / precept increased.

Increasing the Precept by 2%

The council has the option of raising the precept to £9660.00 to allow for the 2% increase in inflation or of drawing the additional £189.00 from reserves.

Anticipated Financial Reserve Levels as of 1st April 2020

The Clerk estimates that on the 31st March 2019, the Council will hold reserves of approximately £8823 unless additional monies from reserve are spent on projects between November and the end of the financial year.

ACTIONS

The Council is asked to consider the attached budget and determine the following:-

- To consider the requests for funding from parishioners.
- To accept the proposed budget for 2020/21;
- To approve the transfer of funds from reserve to cover any additional spend as and when required to ensure any shortfall is covered.
- To determine the level of precept to be set and if this is to be financed through an increase in precept or by drawing down on reserves.