

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council – 23 February 2022

Agenda Item 3 - 2022/23 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26

Labour Group Budget Amendment - Recommendations to the District Council

Financial Direction of Travel

The Labour Group believes that the budget, as proposed by Cabinet to Council, does not meet the needs and concerns of the citizens of the Staffordshire Moorlands, particularly around the need for economic regeneration, the concerns around climate change and additional costs imposed by car parking increases during a cost of living crisis. Therefore, it proposes:

- 1) To increase the current Councillors Community Initiative Fund by £500 per district councillor, for 2022/23, specifically for climate change initiatives at town/parish levels, that link with the Climate Action Plan priorities. This would cost £23,000, to be funded from the climate change earmarked reserve.
- 2) To amend the proposed car park charges in Leek as follows:
 - 1 hour to go up by 10p to £1.10
 - 2 hours to go up by 10p to £1.60
 - 3 hours to go by 20p to £2.10

This would be for one year only, pending the outcomes of a review of car parking tariffs and timings. Any shortfall from projected income would be funded from contingency reserves in 2022/23. Subject to the outcomes of the proposed car parking review, charges might be increased or compensating savings identified in 2023/24 to meet any ongoing shortfall in income generated.

- 3) To bring forward the allocation of £140,710 for industrial units from year 4 of the capital programme in the MTFP to year 1 (2022-23) to kick start the process of enhancing the stock of medium size units in post Covid economic circumstances, to be funded from the Economic Regeneration Earmarked Reserve.
- 4) To support the proposed initial allocation of £50,000 for insulation at Moorlands House, but propose a break on future commitments, other than essential work, pending a review of the uses and potential of the building post Covid.
- 5) To create a fund of up to £200,000 to install LED lights in the Council's public buildings, funded by deleting the project for new pay and display machines in

car parks. This would not affect the funding in the recommended MTFP to add the “pay by phone” option to existing pay and display machines.

We do not propose any other changes to spending priorities or to the council tax level for 2022/23. However, we propose that during the next financial year an exercise is undertaken to establish the implications of committing 2% of the annual budget specifically for climate change projects.

Formal amendments to the proposed budget and MTFP are on the following pages. All other sections remain unchanged. Any other consequential changes to either the budget, the MTFP or the narrative, consistent with the requirements of this amendment, should be reported back to Cabinet as soon as practicable or as part of Quarter 1 2022/23 financial monitoring.

To reflect (1) in the 2022/23 Revenue Budget :

The General Fund Budget for 2022/23 (as detailed in Appendix A) to be amended as follows:

Replace the Table at 6.4.2 (budgetary demand) with:

Increased / (Reduced) Budget Demand	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£	£	£	£
Uniforms – Customer Services	2,500	(2,500)	2,500	(2,500)
Car Park income - Covid effect reversal	(81,000)			
Leisure Centre Support	(272,000)			
Regen - Market Stalls AES		(53,000)		
Car Parks - LED Lighting upgrade	134,000	(134,000)		
Write-back Excess budget	(100,000)	5,000		
BioDiversity Strategy	25,000	(25,000)		
ICT - Customer Services software	11,000	(11,000)		
Community support funding	20,000	(20,000)		
Assets - Asbestos & Legionella surveys		(10,000)		
Assets - H&S Path Maintenance		(2,500)		
Assets - Asbestos works	25,000	(25,000)		
Assets - Bus shelter maint	(5,000)			
Assets - CCTV upgrade Moorlands House	20,000	(20,000)		
Assets - Warslow WC grant	4,000			
Local Plan - Revision & Maintenance	(20,000)	35,000	20,000	150,000
AES - Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel	15,900	300	300	300
AES - Green Waste contract saving	(136,800)			
AES - NIC increase	18,700			
AES - HGV Driver costs	81,300			
AES - Waste tonnage changes	(53,000)	6,200	6,600	6,900
AES - Recycling markets improvement				

	(208,500)			
AES - contract sum planned reduction	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
Elections Reserve adj	(15,000)	15,000		
Climate change grants for councillors	23,000			
Total	(535,900)	(266,500)	4,400	129,700

Replace the table at 10.1 (MTFP General Fund Revenue Position) with the following

Summary Revenue Position	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£	£	£	£
Revenue Consequences of Capital Spend (section 5.3.27)	657,680	44,970	38,010	21,900
Interest Rate Changes (section 6.2.2)	(318,750)	(79,470)	(62,070)	7,940
Inflation Pressures (section 6.3.3)	664,800	442,410	310,240	318,840
Increased / (Reduced) Budget Demand (section 6.4.2)	(535,900)	(266,500)	4,400	129,700
Budget Growth (section 6.5.1)	0	0	0	0
Increased Council Tax Income (section 7.2.3)	(203,100)	(158,140)	(162,030)	(166,010)
Business Rates Retention (section 7.3.5)	(543,650)	(123,300)	(140,050)	(136,880)
Changes in Collection Fund Surplus (section 7.4.4)	(3,216,530)	(875,300)	(1,410)	(1,480)
Reduction in Government Grant (section 7.5.7)	144,380	317,880	25,000	0
Additional Fees and Charges (section 7.6.8)	(85,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(125,000)
Contribution to / (Use of) Reserves & Balances (section 8.2.4)	3,436,070	722,450	12,910	50,990
In Year Change in Position	0	0	0	100,000
Efficiency & Rationalisation Plan (section 5.4.7)	0	0	0	(100,000)
Budget (Surplus) / Deficit	0	0	0	0
Cumulative (Surplus) / Deficit	0	0	0	0

To replace the table at Annex D [Proposed Revenue Projections (2022/23 to 2025/26)] with the following:

Budget Heading	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£	£	£	£
Employees	6,650,920	6,802,250	6,927,890	7,055,660
Premises	2,312,230	2,404,720	2,452,810	2,501,870
Transport	141,260	142,670	144,100	145,540
Supplies & Services	7,592,450	7,500,130	7,639,610	7,909,880
Benefits	5,010	5,010	5,010	5,010
Borrowing	99,310	160,780	186,470	254,500
Financing Costs	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	16,801,180	17,015,560	17,355,890	17,872,460
Fees and Charges / Other Income	(5,905,900)	(5,930,900)	(5,955,900)	(6,080,900)
Interest Receipts	(79,390)	(175,360)	(225,110)	(263,300)
Recharges	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	10,815,890	10,909,300	11,174,880	11,528,260
Council Tax	(5,882,250)	(6,040,390)	(6,202,420)	(6,368,430)
Covid-19 Grant Funding	(361,850)	(199,020)	(199,020)	(199,020)
Business Rates Retention	(4,344,950)	(4,468,250)	(4,608,300)	(4,745,180)
New Homes Bonus	(255,050)	(100,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)
Earmarked Reserves	(937,280)	(7,700)	(7,700)	(7,700)
Contingency Balances	120,230	(63,900)	(50,990)	0
Collection Fund	845,260	(30,040)	(31,450)	(32,930)
Total Financing	(10,815,890)	(10,909,300)	(11,174,880)	(11,428,260)
Cumulative Deficit / (Surplus)	0	0	0	100,000
Efficiency Requirement (cumulative)	0	0	0	(100,000)
Deficit / (Surplus)	0	0	0	0
In Year Deficit / (Surplus)	0	0	0	0

To replace the table at para 9.2 (proposed budget) with the following:

Budget Heading	2022/23
	£
Employees	6,650,920
Premises	2,312,230
Transport	141,260
Supplies & Services	7,592,450
Benefits	5,010
Borrowing	99,310
Total Expenditure	16,801,180
Fees and Charges / Other Income	(5,905,900)
Interest Receipts	(79,390)
Net Expenditure	10,815,890
Council Tax	(5,882,250)
Business Rates Retention	(4,344,950)
Government Funding	(361,850)
New Homes Bonus	(255,050)
Earmarked Reserves	(937,280)
Contingency Balances	120,230
Collection Fund	845,260
Total Financing	(10,815,890)
Cumulative Deficit / (Surplus)	0
Efficiency Requirement	0
In Year Deficit / (Surplus)	0

To replace the table at 9.3 (council tax requirement) with the following

	2022/23
	£
Net Expenditure	10,815,890
New Homes Bonus	(255,050)
Government Funding	(361,850)
Business Rates Retention	(4,344,950)
Use of Reserves	(817,050)
Collection Fund	845,260
Net Requirement from Council Tax	5,882,250

Fes and Charges - To reflect (2) in the budget

To amend the following tariffs in Appendix C (all other tariffs / charges to remain the same)

Car Parks	Unit	VAT	Charging Category	2021/22 Current Charge	2022/23 Charge	% Increase
Leek: Brook Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Buxton Road	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
	Up to 10 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£2.40	£3.50	45.83%
Leek: High Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
	Up to 10 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£2.40	£3.50	45.83%
Leek: Joliffe Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
	Up to 10 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£2.40	£3.50	45.83%
Leek: Market Place	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Market Street East	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Market Street West	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Moorlands House	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Queen Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%

	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Regent Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Silk Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Smithfield South	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Stockwell Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: St Edward Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
Leek: Vicarage Road/ California	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
	Up to 10 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£2.40	£3.50	45.83%
Leek: West Street	Up to 1 hour	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.00	£1.10	10.00%
	Up to 2 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.50	£1.60	6.67%
	Up to 3 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£1.90	£2.10	10.53%
	Up to 10 hours	Standard Rated VAT (20%)	Fair charging	£2.40	£3.50	45.83%

Capital programme – to reflect (3) and (5)

Amend Appendix A Annex A (Proposed Capital Projections (2021/22 to 2025/26) to the following:

Capital Schemes	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Asset Management Plan						
Public Buildings	-	250,000	183,340	368,220	603,220	1,404,780
Car Parks	100,000	200,000	-	171,950	441,350	913,300
Public Conveniences	2,240	64,900	99,640	-	-	166,780
Infrastructure/Waterways	-	9,360	208,220	-	-	217,580
Leisure Centres	247,730	60,000	373,080	172,400	1,279,050	2,132,260
Depots & Park Buildings	158,690	150,000	645,510	5,130	360,060	1,319,390
Industrial Units		140,710	-	-	140,710	281,420
	508,660	874,970	1,509,790	717,700	2,824,390	6,435,510
Private Housing Grants	23,200	-	-	-	-	23,200
Loan - Housing Company	10,000,000	-	-	-	-	10,000,000
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	7,500,000
ICT Projects	122,000	20,000	50,000	50,000	40,560	282,560
Fleet Management	1,062,630	774,070	320,000	15,000	-	2,171,700
Other Schemes						
Conservation	53,520	50,000	41,920	50,000	50,000	245,440
Market Town Regeneration	-	373,000	-	-	-	373,000
Outdoor Sports Facilities	150,000	50,000	-	-	-	200,000
Public Parks/Play Facilities	251,720	-	130,000	120,000	70,000	571,720
CCTV	85,650	-	-	-	-	85,650
Community Facilities	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
	740,890	473,000	171,920	170,000	120,000	1,675,810
TOTAL PROGRAMME	13,957,380	3,642,040	3,551,710	2,452,700	4,484,950	28,088,780
CONTRIBUTIONS	1,519,940	1,640,710	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	7,660,650

NET PROGRAMME	12,437,440	2,001,330	2,051,710	952,700	2,984,950	20,428,130
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Note: Contributions refer to Disabled Facilities Grant, but for 2022/23 only also includes £140,710 contribution from the Economic Regeneration Earmarked Reserve