

BUDGET

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| Recommendations: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That council instruct the Town Clerk to circulate draft budgets on 21/12/2022, 4/01/2023 and 11/01/2023 in order to enable a consensus to be sought before the council meeting on 23/01/2023, and 2. That the Town Clerk shall use any means of discerning consensus possible in order to arrive at the budget to be tabled on 23/01/2023 including electronic voting / polling. | | |
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| | Yes | No |
| Does the decision involve new expenditure? | Yes | |
| Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code) | N/A | |
| What procurement level is required? | N/A | |
| Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required? | | No |
| Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.) | Yes | |
| Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below). | | No |
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| Background | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is usual for a draft budget report to come to council in December. 2. Various iterations of a draft budget report have come to committee and council. 3. A significant shortfall in income via the Schedule 3 payment from the Freeman Trust has been identified that will require a significant recasting of the budget. 4. Officers found out about the shortfall in the Schedule 3 payment officially at 16:59 On 13/12/2022, almost a week after the Trustees meeting at which the accounts were approved. 5. Regretfully, it has been impossible to recast the budget in time for the papers to be issued for this council. 6. It is poor practice for the budget to be delivered for the first time at the council deciding upon the precept, but the timescales make this likely unless a form of alternative decision making is adopted. | | |
| Issues arising from proposal | | |
| Not applicable. | | |
| Rationale for recommendation. | | |
| Not applicable. | | |