

2021/22 Revenue Budget Proposal

Conservative Amended Recommendations to County Council

The County Council is recommended to plan its budget framework for 2021/22 on the following basis:

Section 1: Financial Direction of Travel

Add the following as paragraph 1.16 to the Conservative original budget proposal and renumber the following paragraphs accordingly:

- 1.16 We recognise the increased demand for services to support victims of domestic abuse, both locally and nationally, during the Pandemic. We will allocate £0.100 million in each of the next two years and remove the need to deliver £0.100 million savings in 2022/23. We expect the £0.100 million saving still to be delivered and the funding reinvested in the service, including in prevention activity.

Section 4: Revenue Allocations

Delete paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3 and replace as follows:

- 4.1 To reflect the significant pressures on communities and the increasing demand for services we are responsible for, whilst ensuring we continue to develop so we can deliver the public services expected for the future, we are making allocations totalling £37.069 million.
- 4.3 In addition to meeting the estimated cost of inflation we will also provide £26.451 million to meet additional spending need, of which £4.549 million is time limited. Details of the allocations and how we expect the funding to be used are also detailed in **Appendix A** for permanent allocations and **Appendix B as amended by Annex B1** for time-limited allocations.

Section 5: Funding Sources

Replace paragraph 5.4 as follows:

- 5.4 Our plan for budget reductions will generate savings of £7.969 million in 2021/22 and a further £40.242 million over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Approval is given to the plans for the delivery of these savings detailed in **Appendix D as amended by Annex D1**. If during 2021/22 any of the budget reductions do not materialise to the degree shown, the Assistant Director in conjunction with their Strategic Director and Portfolio Holder should identify alternative proposals to ensure the required levels of reduced spend are delivered and report this as part of quarterly monitoring.

Replace paragraph 5.9 as follows:

- 5.9 We will use £6.735 million of reserves in 2021/22 to fund time-limited costs and budget allocations and to accommodate the differences in timing between spending need and the delivery of savings and/or growth in the business and council tax taxbases.

Section 6

Replace paragraph 6.7 as follows:

- 6.7 We recognise our MTFS means significant challenges for the organisation, including the changing way in which people want to access services. Our proposals recognise that this will take time and investment and a broad engagement with all those affected, both inside and outside the organisation. Our MTFS requires the use of £32.9 million of reserves, including £6.7 million in 2021/22, to fund time-limited costs and budget allocations and to accommodate the differences in timing between spending need and the delivery of savings and/or growth in the business and council tax taxbases. The availability of this level of reserves is consistent with our Reserves Strategy, attached at Appendix C.

Section 8

Delete Section 8 and replace as follows:

8. Summary of Service Estimates

8.1 Approval be given to the individual service net revenue estimates shown below, which will be finalised for the service estimates to be presented to Cabinet in March 2021 of:

	Base Budget £	Additional Investment £	Funding Sources £	Total £
Education Services	122,187,154	6,355,000	(44,000)	128,498,154
Environment Services	25,863,439	266,000	(352,000)	25,777,439
Fire and Rescue Service	21,851,946	436,000	(385,000)	21,902,946
Strategic Commissioning - Communities	21,184,330	1,773,000	(95,000)	22,862,330
Adult Social Care	153,127,335	8,181,000	(1,867,000)	159,441,335
Children and Families	60,760,274	9,139,000	(1,632,000)	68,267,274
Strategic Commissioning – People	33,356,498	1,443,000	(287,000)	34,512,498
Business and Customer Services	18,303,246	120,000	(524,000)	17,899,246
Commissioning Support Unit	6,042,401	128,000	(46,000)	6,124,401
Enabling Services	24,807,801	688,000	(1,118,000)	24,377,801
Finance	5,379,891	150,000	(16,000)	5,513,891
Governance and Policy	1,976,785	0	(358,000)	1,618,785
Other Services – spending	29,711,490	8,390,000	(1,245,000)	36,856,490
Other Services - schools and funding	(88,719,000)	0	(139,681,000)	(228,400,000)
	435,833,590	37,069,000	(147,650,000)	325,252,590
<u>Contributions to/(from) reserves:</u>				
- Earmarked Reserves	3,719,000	0	0	3,719,000
- General Reserves	0	0	(6,735,412)	(6,735,412)
Budget Requirement	439,552,590	37,069,000	(154,385,412)	322,236,178

All other sections/paragraphs remain unchanged.