

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET – 26 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2022/23 – PROGRESS REPORT APRIL TO JULY 2022**

1. The Cabinet considered the progress on the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Revenue Projects and Treasury Management for 2022/23.

#### **Summary**

2. The forecast revenue outturn position for 2022/23 at the end of July is showing a projected net overspend of £701,000 against the original budget. The last report to Cabinet on 18 July 2022 highlighted the forthcoming challenges facing the Council in relation to both rising energy costs and inflation on the Council's budget for 2022/23.
3. As previously explained, although modest inflationary increases were budgeted in the Corporate Plan and Budget report approved at Council in March 2022, prices have risen sharply since the start of the year. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 10.1% by the end of July. As a result, further work to quantify the projected inflationary pressures for the year has now been undertaken showing these are currently predicted to be circ. £762,000. These are partly offset by the net on-going 2021/22 savings previously reported to Members in the last Budget Management Report. Appendix A of the Cabinet report provides further detail.
4. However, Members can be assured that officers will continue to closely monitor the overall position for the Council as the year progresses and will be working to mitigate the projected overspend in 2022/23.

#### **Recommendations**

5. That Council Approve:
  - (i) **that £150,000 grant income from WSCC in respect of a payment for Ukraine Support be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 27 of the Cabinet report;**
  - (ii) **that £20,000 grant income relating to Neighbourhood Planning be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 28 of the Cabinet report;**
  - (iii) **that £445 grant income for new burdens relating to Council Tax Submissions be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 29 of the Cabinet report;**
  - (iv) **that £16,335 grant income relating to Housing Benefit Award Accuracy Initiative be transferred to Specific Reserves as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Cabinet report;**
  - (v) **that £62,857 grant income from WSCC relating to Employment Projects Coordinator be transferred to Specific Reserve as detailed in paragraph 31 of the Cabinet report;**
  - (vi) **the variations to the Capital Programme contained in paragraph 35 of the Cabinet report in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure rule B3.**