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# JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS)

20 January 2025

**Dear Councillor** 

A meeting of the Joint Scrutiny (Budgets) will be held in **Town Hall, Market Street**, **Tamworth on Tuesday, 28th January, 2025 at 6.00 pm.** Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

## AGENDA

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- **1** Appointment of Chair
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 3 4)
- 4 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of Members' interests (pecuniary and nonpecuniary) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

When Members are declaring a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in respect of which they have dispensation, they should specify the nature of such interest. Members should leave the room if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in respect of which they do not have a dispensation.

5 Draft Budget And Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2029/30 (To Follow)

(Report of the Leader of the Council)

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To Councillors: C Adams, M Bailey, C Bain, L Clarke, M Clarke, R Claymore, T Clements, G Coates, M Couchman, S Daniels, S Doyle, H Hadley, R Kingstone, K Norchi, J Oates, P Pallett, B Price, S Smith, N Statham, M Summers, P Turner, J Wadrup, A Wells and L Wood.



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS) HELD ON 31st JANUARY 2024

- PRESENT: Councillors C Adams, C Bain, B Clarke, L Clarke, R Claymore, G Coates, D Cook, S Daniels, C Dean, J Harper, D Maycock, L Smith, P Thurgood, P Turner and L Wood
- CABINET Councillors, T Jay (Leader), S Smith, T Clements, A Cooper, J Oates, M Summers

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Rebecca Smeathers (Executive Director Finance (S151)), Joanne Goodfellow (Assistant Director Finance), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Tracey Smith (Democratic Services Assistant)

### 31 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**Resolved:** that Councillor C Bain be appointed as Chair.

(Moved by Councillor C Dean and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

### 32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Jones, M Bailey R Kingstone, J Wadrup, P Thompson, B Price, R Pritchard and S Doyle.

## 33 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Harper)

### 34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 35 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25

Report of the Cabinet to consider the budget proposals and medium term financial strategy for General Fund (GF) Revenue, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme.

The report was presented by the Leader of the Council, Councillor T Jay.

The Leader of the Labour Group and Leader of the Independent Group will forward comments and issues on the budget to the Leader of the Council before the full council budget meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Apologies received from: Councillor(s)

M Bailey, S Doyle, J Jones, R Kingstone, B Price, R Pritchard and J Wadrup

Chair