



## **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

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Chair