

Notes - Draft budget 2023-2024 – created September 2022- updated December 2022

23 December 2022

OVERVIEW

The budget for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 needs to be approved at the January 2023 Council meeting to enable the precept to be agreed by full Council in time for the Clerk to submit the precept request to WODC.

The draft budget has been prepared and was discussed at the September Council meeting, and deferred at the November meeting.

The budget document shows the actual expenditure for the year 2021-2022, the agreed budget for the current year, the actual expenditure for the current year to November 2022, the anticipated expenditure to the end of the financial year, the proposed budget for the next financial year, and three year forecast.

CLERK EMPLOYMENT

SALARY – Based on current year salary plus % for NJC pay award

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY – Based on budget salary no employer NI or pension contribution will be due.

PENSION- Based on budgeted salary

ADMINISTRATION

PAYROLL – Increased charge information applied

OFFICE CONSUMABLES – No change

USE OF HOME PREMISES – No change

PHONE/INTERNET – No change

USE OF HOME EQUIPMENT – No change

MILEAGE – No change

PUBLICATIONS - Decreased

ICO REGISTRATION – No change

SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS – Decrease due to change of antivirus software

TRAINING

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

OALC – Membership to County Association – No change

SLCC – Clerk membership to Professional Association – to allow for price increase – percentage of full cost, as membership cost is divided between Clerk's councils.

INSURANCE

COMBINED INSURANCE – Increased due to new insurer and to allow for increase

PARISH MAINTENANCE

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION – Increase to allow for price increase for ROSPA annual inspection

PLAYGROUND RENT – Annual rent to Cottsway Housing - no change

PARISH MAINTENANCE – No change. Council to decide on priorities/necessities.

DOG BIN WASTE COLLECTION – Increase to allow for price increase

SPELSBURY BIN COLLECTION – Increase to allow for price increase

WINTER SALT – Will the Council need to purchase salt for the 2023/24 winter?

ACCOUNTS

INTERNAL AUDITOR – Increase in audit costs.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR – No requirement anticipated.

HIRE

MEMORIAL HALL – COUNCIL MEETINGS – To allow for hire price increase.

MEMORIAL HALL – OTHER MEETINGS – To allow for hire price increase.

WEBSITE AND EMAIL

DOMAIN REGISTRATION– Cost to be confirmed by Cllr Pickering

WEB HOSTING OF SITE – Cllr Pickering confirmed no charge

MAILBOXES FOR COUNCILLORS AND CLERK – Increase to allow for price increase

ASSETS

REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING ASSETS – No change.

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ASSETS – Council to determine purchase of new assets.

PROVISION FOR FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS – Council to determine allowance.

PROJECTS

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND EVENTS – Council to determine what projects and events they envisage for next council year – Coronation event?

DONATIONS – Council to decide donation allowance for the year.

RESERVE

RESERVE – Council to determine if required.

CONTINGENCY

CLERK SALARY – 18 hours allowance.

FOR UNEXPECTED COSTS – To be determined by Council.