

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD**

### **30 JANUARY 2023**

### **BUDGET SCRUTINY 2023/24**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Leader, Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer have been invited to attend the meeting to update Members on the budget proposals and hear the feedback from Panel Chairmen following the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' discussions on the 2023/24 draft budget during the January Scrutiny meetings.
2. Following the discussion, the Board will agree comments to be considered by Cabinet on 2 February 2023.

#### **Background**

3. On 5 January 2023, the Council's draft Budget for 2023/24 was approved by Cabinet for consultation and is attached at Appendix 1.
4. As part of the Council's development of the 2023/24 Budget, the Overview and Scrutiny Panels have considered the budget proposals at their recent meetings.
5. Prior to this, the Leader and Chief Executive attended OSPB to outline the new and emerging pressures for the Council likely to impact on the 2023/24 budget and medium-term financial plan.
6. The Chairman of each Scrutiny Panel has been asked to share feedback with the OSPB and agreed comments will then be submitted to Cabinet and Council.
7. Comments from the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels are attached at Appendix 2 (to follow).
8. The final Budget will be agreed by County Council on 16 February 2023.

#### **Purpose of the Meeting**

9. Following discussion of the information provided, the Board is asked to:
  - consider the feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' discussions of the draft 2023/24 Budget and agree comments for consideration by Cabinet on 2 February 2023; and
  - consider whether any further information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

## Supporting Information

Appendix 1: Draft 2023/24 Budget discussed by Cabinet on 2 January 2023 [Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 5th January, 2023, 10.00 am - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Appendix 2: Scrutiny of 2022/23 draft budget – comments from Overview and Scrutiny Panels (to follow).

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- [Agendas and Minutes](#) of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board – 7 December 2022

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