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## **COUNCIL – 9 FEBRUARY 2021**

### **BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLANNING 2021/22 – 2025/26 CORPORATE PLAN**

#### **Addendum**

**Report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Director Customers,  
Organisational Development & Resources**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. This addendum sets out the changes to the Cabinet's proposed revenue budget for 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26 arising from information received after the publication of Council papers on 1 February 2021.

#### **Updated Financial Information**

##### **Final Local Government Settlement 2021/22**

2. The Final Local Government Settlement 2021/22 was published on 4 February 2021. As expected, there are no changes from the Provisional Settlement published in December.
3. The Ministerial Statement announcing the publication also confirmed that the Independent Living Fund grant will continue to be paid to local authorities in 2021/22. The total grant funding and allocation methodology will remain the same as 2020/21. This is consistent with the assumption included in Cabinet's proposed budget.

##### **Business Rates**

4. The final position for forecast Business Rate income for 2021/22 has now been received. Compared to the information published in Section 4 of the Budget and Business Planning Report, this has resulted in a reduction in Business Rate income of £0.3m. Overall there is a total reduction of £1.5m in Business Rate income compared to the original estimate of £2.0m. This reduces the budgeted contribution to the Business Rates Reserve from £0.8m to £0.5m.

##### **Flood Defence Levy**

5. The Council has not received notification of the Flood Defence Levy for 2021/22, however this is not expected to vary significantly from the 2020/21 value of £0.6m. Any change to the budget will be managed through the Budget and Business Planning Report for 2021/22.

## **Revisions to Sections 3 and 4 of Budget and Business Planning Report**

6. The change in relation to business rates has required minor adjustments to the commentary within Section 3 - Chief Finance Officer's Statutory Report and some tables within Section 4 - Revenue Budget Strategy. Therefore, the updated sections have been published with this addendum.
7. There are no changes to the recommendations set out in the main report as a result of these revisions

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