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HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

21 January 2019

WARDS AFFECTED: Hinckley wards

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2019/20

Report of Head of Finance

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the proposed draft revenue budget and council tax for 2019/20 for the special expenses area of Hinckley.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the committee endorses the revenue and capital budgets and council tax for 2019/20.
- 2.2 That the committee endorses the fees and charges for 2019/20.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 This report presents the budget relating to the special expenses area of Hinckley for the committee to consider and make recommendations to Council for approval. The 2019/20 general fund revenue budget (including the special expenses) will be presented to Council for approval in February 2019.

- 3.2 The budget for 2019/20 together with the latest estimate for 2018/19 is shown in **Appendix 1**. The proposed budget has been drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in the 2019/20 Budget Strategy. The key assumptions approved in this Strategy include:

- Reversal of one off growths from previous years
- 2.0% for the 2019/20 pay award has been included
- Application of no growth on non contract supplies and services
- Application of 2.7% inflation on contracted spends unless otherwise stipulated.
- An increase in £0.71 increase in council tax – Based on the local government settlement

Revised budget 2018/19

- 3.3 The net budget has been revised and the expected saving is £6,000 compared to the original Budget. This is due to a one off underspending in the utility budget.

Proposed budget 2019/20

- 3.4 The proposed expenditure budget for 2019/20 has been detailed in **Appendix 1** and has been prepared using the assumptions identified in 3.2. Compared to the original estimate for 2018/19, service expenditure for the special expense area has increased by £30,280. This is a net movement created by an increase in the budget for cemeteries of £16,760 and an increase in the budget for parks of £13,520. The increase in costs is a result of pay and contract inflation.

Council Tax

- 3.5 The tax base (number of chargeable properties) in the special expenses area has increased by 1.012% in 2019/20 when compared to 2018/19. This compares against the forecast of 2.0% which was assumed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy in February 2018.
- 3.6 The December 2015 financial settlement increased the council tax capping limit for “lower tier authorities” by £5.00 annually for the next four years as long as council tax stays within the lower quartile for all districts. The £0.71 increase in council tax reflects HAC element of the £5. It is therefore recommended that the council tax for the special expenses area is increased by £0.71 for 2019/20 to £18.97 for an average band D property.
- 3.7 This equates to an average band D increase of £2.14 over the Hinckley area tax base which is 10,943.

Fees and Charges

- 3.8 Fees and charges that relate to this committee are attached in appendix 2. Members are requested to review the charges and endorse the officer recommendations in the appendix.

Balances and Reserves

- 3.9 Based on the proposed budget, balances in the special expenses area at 31 March 2019 and 2020 are estimated as follows:

	£
Balance at 1 st April 2018	161,787
Transfer to/(from) Balances 2018/2019	105,695
Estimated Balance at 31 st March 2019	267,482
Transfer to/(from) Balances 2019/2020	104,268
Estimated Balance at 31 March 2020	371,750

- 3.10 Earmarked reserves have been set aside for the special expenses area to meet the cost of green space projects within Hinckley. This reserve at 31 March 2020 is projected to be £166,360 based on the following movements:-

	£
Balance at 1 st April 2018	148,589
Transfer to Reserves	20,000
Transfer from Reserves (revenue)	(0)
Transfer from Reserves (capital)	(12,229)
Estimated Balance at 31 st March 2019	156,360
Transfer to Reserves	20,000
Transfer from Reserves (revenue)	(0)
Transfer from Reserves (capital)	(10,000)
Estimated Balance at 31 st March 2020	166,360

Capital Programme

- 3.11 The capital programme for the HAC is summarised below.

Hinckley Community Initiatives Fund	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Annual Expenditure	12,229	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special Expenses Areas Reserves	(12,229)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
HBBC Element	0	0	0	0

Memorial Safety Programme	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
HBBC Element	5,360	5,570	5,790	5,950

Green Spaces Delivery Plan	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Cost	18,063	426,110	0	0
Less: Section 106 contributions	(18,063)	(348,812)	0	0
Less other private contributions	0	(77,298)	0	0
HBBC Element	0	0	0	0

The programme is primarily based on the current Green Spaces Delivery Plan. A detail of the plan is included at Appendix 3. These schemes are primarily funded through external contributions. Where income has not been received officers have based the contribution on the latest information available. If the actual funding is materially different to those anticipated a further report will be presented to the committee to discuss the financial implications

- 3.12 Any further potential schemes will be brought back to the committee before they are approved.
- 3.12 Members are requested to endorse the programme contained in appendix 3.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [IB]

- 4.1 Balances and reserves in this report have not been adjusted for other reports that will be presented to the Committee on the day.

Other implications are contained within the body of the report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [FA]

5.1 None

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Expenditure incurred to achieve an attractive 'green' borough that minimises its impact on the environment

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 None.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

8.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None	None	None

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 All expenditure and income relates to the urban area of Hinckley.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications

Background papers: Civica Reports
Link Reports

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