

Town and Parish Council feedback on Business and Financial Plan 2024-29

Meeting held 11 January 2024 at 6.15pm

The Leader of the Council introduced the purpose of the meeting, that being to engage openly with local councils on the Council's proposed 2024/25 budget and medium-term financial plan. The Executive Director, Finance and Resources then took attendees through a series of slides that looked at how the Council was funded, the pressures faced and how the budget was proposed to be balanced through savings, income and reserves. The presentation also covered the capital programme and next steps in terms of setting the budget.

The attendees were invited to ask questions of the papers provided to Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee on 19 December 2024 and on the presentation. Questions covered the Councils 2023/24 financial position, the confidence in meeting the savings proposed, what was being done to support mental health across the County, how demand for special educational need was being managed, the position relating to waste and potential changes to collection, plans to improve highways and to prevent flooding and manage gullies.

All questions were for clarification and were responded to by officers of the Council. No issues were identified for Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee to consider when they meet on 30 January 2024.

The Independent Group Leader thanked everyone for attending and closed the session at 7.10pm.