

Agenda Item 4

TO: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

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DRAFT FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022 to 2028

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Fire Authority budget and precept for 2022/23 and medium term financial strategy for 2022 to 2028.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Fire Authority is asked to;
- approve the budget book attached at Appendix 1 including the recommendations detailed on Page 22,
 - approve the medium term financial strategy at Appendix 2.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 **Economic** – the major risk is focussed around pay inflation and the potential to have to make cuts to the Service to balance the budget if this significantly exceeds current assumptions.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Service received its draft settlement for 2022/23 in December 2021. The summarised draft Authority budget was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in the same month, seeking approval to consult with the public for a precept increase of 2%.
- 4.2 A consultation process on the proposed council tax increase was live at the time of writing; feedback from this process will be presented orally to the Authority meeting.
- 4.3 Following the Policy and Resources Committee meeting in December 2021, the draft budget was presented to the same Committee at its meeting in late January 2022. There was significant challenge and scrutiny from Members at this meeting, culminating with a majority vote supporting the proposed

increase in precept for 2022 and endorsing the budget for presentation to the wider Fire Authority.

5. Budget Considerations

- 5.1 The budget has been built to include an assumed 2% pay award, as well as significant inflationary pressures on fuel and energy.
- 5.2 The detailed budget build, included on pages 25 and 26 of the budget book, provides a line by line breakdown of the proposed budget, showing the current year budget and the proposed 2022/23 budget.
- 5.3 Attached at pages 23 and 24 of the budget book are the detailed capital budgets for 2022/23.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Documents	Location	Contact Officer
Budget Preparation Papers 2022/23	HQ Hinchingsbrooke Cottage Brampton Road Huntingdon	Matthew Warren 01480 444619 matthew.warren@cambsfire.gov.uk