

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 January 2021

Report of the Chair of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

Report Title	Budget Consultation – Draft General Fund and HRA Budget
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Appendix A – Draft Report – Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee's comments on the Draft General Fund and HRA Budget

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide, as part of the budget consultation process, the comments of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the draft Budget 2021-2022 and Medium-Term Financial Plan – General Fund Revenue and Capital.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers for approval the attached report (Appendix A) of the Chair of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee that details the Committee's comments on the draft Budget 2021-2022 and Medium Term Financial Plan – General Fund Revenue and Capital.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 At its meeting on 12 January 2021, the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertook Finance Scrutiny and comprehensively considered and provided comment on the draft budget report as part of the budget consultation process.
- 3.1.2 The Committee's comments will therefore be formalised at its meeting on 25 January 2021. Attached at Appendix A is the Chair's draft report, containing a

precis of these comments, for the Committee to consider, provide comment and to approve. This report will then be appended to the report on the Budget 2021-2022 and Medium Financial Plan – General Fund Revenue and Capital and Housing Revenue Account that will be presented to West Northants Authority at its meeting on 23 February 2021.

4. Implications (Including financial implications)

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 The Committee received in-depth financial details in relation to the draft budget as part of the consultation process.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 None arising directly from this report.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 The duties to undertake Overview and Scrutiny are set out in the Local Government Act 2000.

4.3.2 Article 6 of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority's constitution sets out the responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.4 Equality and Health

4.4.1 None specifically from this report.

5. Background Papers

5.1 Report of the Shadow Executive Committee – 5 January 2021 – Draft Budget 2021-2022 and Medium-Term Financial Plan – General Fund Revenue and Capital.

5.2 Report of the Executive Director – Finance – to the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 January 2021 - Draft Budget 2021-2022 and Medium-Term Financial Plan – General Fund Revenue and Capital and Housing Revenue Account.

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