

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 4
JANUARY 2023**



Title of Report	DRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2023/24	
Presented by	Glenn Hammons Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer	
Background Papers	Budget & Council Tax 2022/23 – Council - 24 February 2022	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	This report sets out the draft General Fund Revenue budget and Capital Programme and the Special Expenses draft budget for 2023/24. It also sets out planned changes to the fees and charges that the Council sets for services.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	There are no direct legal implications arising from this report	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications		
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Reason Agenda Item Submitted to Scrutiny Committee	For Corporate Scrutiny Committee to provide any comments on the Draft General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2023/24	
Recommendations	THAT CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2023/24 (APPENDIX 1) IT MAY HAVE, FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET ON 10 JANUARY 2023.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Draft General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2023/24 is due to be considered by Cabinet on the 10 January 2023.
- 1.2 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the Draft General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2023/24 and provide any comments to Cabinet to take into account on the 10 January 2023. Cabinet will be asked to consider these documents and make a recommendation to Council on 24 February 2023 for consideration as part of the budget reports.

- 1.3 The Draft General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2023/24 and appendices are included within the attached Cabinet Report (Appendix 1).

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	The budget provides funding for the Council to deliver against all its priorities.
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	The equality impact assessment will be completed for the final budget to be presented to Cabinet.
Customer Impact:	Customers are likely to be impacted by the changes to fees and charges and special expenses precepts set out in this report.
Economic and Social Impact:	The General Fund capital programme allocates £9.6 million to investing in Coalville Regeneration Projects over five years.
Environment and Climate Change:	The draft budget sees substantial new investment of £7.4m in the replacement of council vehicles and reducing our carbon emissions. There is £0.8m investment in bins and recycling containers to increase recycling from households. The Climate Change Programme Manager post has been funded for the next five years from reserves within the draft revenue budget.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Corporate Scrutiny – 4 January 2023 Cabinet – 10 January 2023 Public consultation 16/01/23 – 27/01/23
Risks:	As part of its Corporate Governance arrangements, the Council must ensure that risk management is considered and satisfactorily covered in any report put before elected Members for a decision or action.
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