

Budget Review Group

Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at Shire Hall, Warwick at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Barton, Collins, R Dickson, Hales, and Milton.

Also Present: Councillor Davison, Leader of the Council; Councillor Chilvers, Portfolio Holder – Resources; Councillor Adkin, Portfolio Holder – Housing and Assets; Andrew Rollins, Head of Finance; Steven Leathley, Strategic Finance Manager; Lisa Barker- Head of Housing, Health and Communities; and Graham Leach, Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer.

5. **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Collins was appointed to Chair the meeting.

6. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Aizlewood, Armstrong, Falp, and Rosu.

7. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

8. **Cabinet Agenda (Non-Confidential items and reports) – Thursday 5 December 2024**

Item 4 – General Fund Base Budget 2025/26

The Budget Review Group noted the recommendations in the report, the increase in the deficit, and the work completed by officers to resolve this, including the anticipated government settlement. The Group asked officers and the Portfolio Holder for Resources to continue to work on reducing the deficit within the budget.

Item 5 – Housing revenue Account Base Budget Report 2025/26

The Budget Review Group requested reports be shared earlier, to give sufficient time for Members to read and effectively scrutinise. The Group noted the significant work from officers, considering the challenges that had been faced during the past year and the regulatory changes. The Group recognised the importance of providing Council homes, particularly for vulnerable residents living within the District.

(The meeting ended at 7.26pm)

CHAIR AUDIT & STANDARDS
COMMITTEE
12 December 2024

CHAIR OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
21 January 2025