

Finance and Governance Committee – 12th October 2021

Draft Budget 2022/23

Notes to accompany the draft budget

Income

2021/22 - Miscellaneous income relates to the insurance pay out for the demolished bus shelter and reimbursement from Buckinghamshire Council for the broken manhole cover.

Two budgets have been added for contributions expected from HS2. One for the loss of income from plots being taken by HS2 for the St Marys memorial and the other for a contribution towards the construction costs.

Expenditure

1. Employment - budget allows for a national pay award of 2%.
2. Councillor Allowances – reduced to reflect the current number of councillors.
3. IT and Website – the budget covers the annual support and licenses from CloudyIT but will need to be increased to cover the creation of a new website.
4. Public Consultation – budget allows for a public consultation / engagement exercise.
5. Additional Car Parking – a budget has been included in 2021/22 for additional car parking, this is funded from s.106 funds.
6. Grounds Maintenance Contract – The contract will need to be re-tendered during 2022/23.
7. Devolved Services – allows for works not covered by the devolved service agreement and now includes ex-VAHT areas.
8. Marsh Lane Burial Ground (1) – a budget for the ongoing maintenance is required from 2022/23. A specification needs to be prepared and tendered.
9. Marsh Lane Burial Ground (2) – a budget has been included to cover the project management costs of CDS.
10. Marsh Lane Burial Ground (3) – a budget for the construction costs has been included based upon an assessment by CDS. This will be needed to be firmed up.
11. Allotment – 2021/22 has been increased to cover the large water bill. Need to consider expenditure budget against the income budget.
12. Street lighting Maintenance - budget allows for 10 repairs a year with a smaller replacement budget in case some lights in Lower Road and Risborough Road need converting.
13. Street Furniture – More of a contingency budget but can be used to cover the Parish Gates project.
14. Neighbourhood Plan – 2022/23 increased to £20,000 to cover the work required to get it to referendum. There is no longer an allocation within reserves.
15. Play Area – A budget has been included to cover a new play area, again this will be covered by s.106 funds.