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To: Cabinet 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Subject: **Capital Programme 2021-24, Revenue Budget 2021-22 and  
Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-24**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

**Summary:**

The draft budget proposals were published on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to support the scrutiny and democratic process through Cabinet Committees, Cabinet and culminating in the annual County Council budget setting meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February. A comprehensive report to support the draft budget was included as part of the launch which includes much of the information previously included in the January report to Cabinet, and February report to Council. This report sets out the updates to that report since publication.

A number of additional appendices will need to be included in the final report to full Council to support decisions such as Capital Strategy including Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement, and Treasury Management Strategy.

The one-year provisional settlement from government meant it was not viable to produce a meaningful medium-term financial plan in the published draft. However, a high level medium term plan is now included in this updated report for Cabinet, and will be included for the Council meeting in February.

Cabinet will also receive and consider comments and recommendations from Cabinet Committees and Scrutiny Committee. To assist their understanding, Cabinet Members may wish to watch the Scrutiny Committee discussion on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. Due to the timing of some Committees, Cabinet Members will receive a verbal update in addition to the information contained within these papers.

**Recommendations:**

**Cabinet is asked to**

- a) NOTE the briefing received in relation to the Cabinet Committees and Scrutiny Committee, the consultation responses received AND CONSIDER whether any amendments should be made.
- b) ENDORSE the draft Capital Programme 2021-24, Revenue Budget 2021-22 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-24 to be presented to County Council on 11<sup>th</sup> February for final decision.

Cabinet Members are asked to refer to the attached updated 2021-22 draft budget report for this meeting.

Cabinet Members are reminded that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to any meeting where consideration is given to a matter relating to, or which might affect, the calculation of council tax.

Any Member of a Local Authority who is liable to pay council tax, and who has any unpaid council tax amount overdue for at least two months, even if there is an arrangement to pay off the arrears, must declare the fact that he/she is in arrears and must not cast their vote on anything related to KCC's Budget or council tax.

## **1. Update to Draft Budget Report**

1.1 The updated draft report includes the following updates:

- KCC response to the provisional local government finance settlement, section 4 paragraphs 4.26 to 4.29
- Further information on the council tax base estimates, section 6 paragraph 6.10 and table 4
- Further information on the impact of proposed council tax increase on each band, section 6 paragraph 6.11 and table 5
- Medium term outlook (appendix I)

1.2 The updated report dated 15<sup>th</sup> January is published alongside the Cabinet papers.

1.3 Cabinet will receive verbal update of any recommendations for further changes from Cabinet Committees and Scrutiny Committee as the cycle of all meetings will not be completed in time for the publication of this report.

## **2. Finalising the Budget**

2.1 It is possible that there will be some further changes before the budget and council tax is presented to County Council for approval on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Any such changes would be reflected in the report to County Council. This offers scope to deal with any late issues which may arise, including recommendations from Cabinet Committees.

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