



## **Executive**

**Date:** Monday, 13 December 2021

**Time:** 16:03

**Venue:** Cathedral Room

**Present:** Councillor Gareth Ellis, Councillor Stephen Higgs, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Mallinson, Councillor John Mallinson, Councillor Paul Nedved

**Also Present:** Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive  
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services  
Corporate Director of Finance and Resources  
Corporate Director of Economic Development

### **EX.144/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nigel Christian and the Deputy Chief Executive.

### **EX.145/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

### **EX.146/21 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

### **EX.147/21 BUDGET 2022/23 – FEEDBACK FROM THE SCRUTINY PANELS ON THE DRAFT BUDGET REPORTS**

(Key Decision KD.10/21)

**Portfolio:** Finance, Governance and Resources

#### **Relevant Scrutiny Panel:**

Health and Wellbeing; Economic Growth; Business and Transformation

#### **Subject Matter:**

The Deputy Leader indicated that the Scrutiny Panels had scrutinised the draft Budget Reports for 2022/23 considered by the Executive on 22 November 2021.

The Executive considered the feedback from the Scrutiny Panel, as detailed within the Panel meeting as follows, copies of which were submitted:

**(a) Health and Wellbeing - 25 November 2021 (HWSP.77/21)**

The Deputy Leader reported that there were no recommendations from the Panel.

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had been invited to speak but was not in attendance today.

**(b) Economic Growth - 2 December 2021 (EGSP.77/21)**

The Deputy Leader stated that, having scrutinised the Charges Review Report 2022/23 Community Services, the Panel had requested that the Executive consider freezing the first hour of the car parking fees for all council owned car parks along with a review of the Talkin Tarn parking permit policy.

The Vice Chair of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel had been invited to address the Executive but was not present at the meeting.

The Deputy Leader reported that the Executive would explore the recommendation from the Scrutiny Panel and hoped to incorporate the proposal into the budget.

**(c) Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel - 7 December 2021 (BTSP.90/21)**

The Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel began by expressing the Panel's thanks to officers for producing the budget documentation. He stated that the Panel had endorsed the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel's recommendation to freeze the car parking charges for the first hour of use and the review of the Talkin Tarn permit policy. The Panel had also recommended to the Executive that the City Council freeze their portion of the Council Tax for 2022/23.

The Deputy Leader thanked the Chair of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel for the recommendations and stated that the Executive would incorporate the proposed freeze on the Council's portion of the Council Tax into the budget if it was possible.

**Summary of options rejected**     None

**DECISION**

That the Scrutiny Panels be thanked for their scrutiny of the draft Budget reports; and their comments / recommendations, as detailed within the Minutes submitted, be taken into consideration as part of the Executive's deliberations on the 2022/23 Budget.

**Reasons for Decision**

The views of the Scrutiny Panels be taken into consideration as part of the 2022/23 Budget process.

The Meeting ended at: 16:06