

**TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
9 JANUARY 2020**

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**DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2020/201  
(Director of Finance)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission undertake financial scrutiny to provide a reality check on budgets and financial plans prior to their approval. This involves challenging how resources are allocated and ensuring there are clear links between budget setting and strategic/operational plans.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission comment on the draft budget proposals for 2020/21.**

**3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission undertake financial scrutiny to provide a reality check on budgets and financial plans prior to their approval. This involves challenging how resources are allocated and ensuring there are clear links between budget setting and strategic/operational plans.
- 3.2 The Executive agreed the Council's draft budget proposals for 2020/21 at its meeting on 17 December 2019 as the basis for consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and other interested parties.
- 3.3 The full 2020/21 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme reports are available on the Council's public website as part of the wider budget consultation [https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/finance/budget\\_consultation\\_202021](https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/finance/budget_consultation_202021)
- 3.4 The Executive will consider all representations made at its meeting on 11 February 2020, before recommending the budget to Council.
- 3.5 The 2020/21 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme budget proposals are attached to assist the Commission's consideration of the draft proposals. These are comprised of:
- Revenue Budget Report
  - Commitment Budget
  - Draft Revenue Budget Pressures
  - Draft Revenue Budget Savings Proposals
  - Proposed Fees and Charges
  - Capital Programme Report

- 3.6 As part of the process to agree the Council's draft budget proposals for 2020/21 the Executive members considered statutory officer advice and assessed strategic issues such as risk. The full details of which can be found at <https://democratic.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=102&MId=8577&Ver=4>

Background Papers

None

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