

Council – 3 March 2020

COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22-2024/25

Recommendation from Cabinet (CAB98):

It was agreed that it be recommended to Council:

- I. That the General Fund Revenue budget, the Capital and Special Projects Programmes, the Housing Revenue Account budget, the Council Tax Resolution and the content of the MTFP be approved.
- II. That the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Digital, be authorised to: Draw on the Council's earmarked reserves to fund the 2021/22 budget as required; Apply new burdens funding as intended by Government; Take any surplus 2020/21 new burdens funding and 'nonearmarked' funding into earmarked reserves to support the General Fund budget and to apply them in 2021/22.
- III. That a Council Tax increase of 2.6% for Dover District Council (DDC) purposes be approved, resulting in an increase on Band D properties of £4.95 per year and an annual DDC Council Tax of £197.19.
- IV. To note that it is the view of the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) & Section 151 Officer, having due regard to the circumstances and the range of uncertainties, that the budget has been prepared in an appropriate and prudent manner and that, as far as can be determined, and based upon the information available at the time of producing the report, the estimates are robust and the resources are adequate for the Council's spending plans in 2021/22.
- V. That the various Council recommendations at the end of the sections within the attached Budget and MTFP, summarised in Annex 10 to Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.