

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF CABINET ON 8 FEBRUARY 2021

SUBJECT: Arun District Council Budget 2021/22

REPORT AUTHOR: Alan Peach, Group Head of Corporate Support

DATE: January 2021

EXTN: 37558

PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The report sets out the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2021/21 for both the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet is requested to **note**:

- that the Group Head of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Support, has approved a Council Tax base of 62,628 for 2021/22;
- the budget report in **Appendix A, 1,2 and 3**;

Cabinet is requested to recommend to **Full Council** that:

- i. The General Fund Revenue budget as set out in Appendix 1 is approved;
- ii. Arun's Band D Council Tax for 2021/22 is set at £191.52, an increase of 2.65%;
- iii. Arun's Council Tax Requirement for 2021/22, based on a Band D Council Tax of £191.52, is set at £11,994,514 plus parish precepts as demanded, to be transferred to the General Fund in accordance with statutory requirements;
- iv. The HRA Budget as set out in Appendix 2 is approved;
- v. The HRA rents for 2021/22 are increased by 1.5% (CPI plus 1%) in accordance with the provisions of the new rent standard;
- vi. HRA garage rents are increased by 5% to give a standard charge of £12.93 per week (excluding VAT), and heating and water/sewerage charges increased on a scheme by scheme basis, with a view to balancing costs with income; and

vii. The Capital budget as set out in Appendix 3 is approved.

1. BACKGROUND:

Prior to the start of each financial year, the Council sets its budget, Council Tax levels and housing rent levels for the year.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and to approve the recommendations.

3. OPTIONS:

n/a

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:

YES

NO

Relevant Town/Parish Council

✓

Relevant District Ward Councillors

✓

Other groups/persons (please specify)

✓

Overview Select Committee

**5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES:
(Explain in more detail at 6 below)**

YES

NO

Financial

✓

Legal

✓

Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment

✓

Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act

✓

Sustainability

✓

Asset Management/Property/Land

✓

Technology

✓

Other (please explain)

✓

6. IMPLICATIONS:

The budget will form the main reference point for financial decisions made in 2021/22.

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To ensure that the council has a firm financial basis for conducting its business in 2021/22.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DECISION: 8 February 2021 and 17 February 2021

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Financial Prospects 2020/21 to 2025/26 report link:

[Agenda for Cabinet on Monday 21st September 2020, 5.00 pm - Arun District Council](#)

Correspondence from the MHCLG (Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government) and Department for Work and Pensions. Budget Working Papers (held by Accountancy).