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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2021

A MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the THE GREAT HALL, FARNHAM MALTINGS, BRIDGE SQAURE, FARNHAM, GU9 7QR on **TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2021** at **6.00 pm** and you are hereby summoned to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

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<u>AGENDA</u>



9.2 EXE 7/21 - Options for collaboration with Guildford Borough Council (Pages 3 - 16)

Note pursuant to Section 100B(5) of the Local Government Act 1972:

This supplementary agenda contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely: Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

The Executive RESOLVED to

 Ask South East Employers to provide, in time for the publication of the 6th of July Council Agenda Papers, additional data in respect of the potential financial implications of appointing a single joint Chief Executive (acting as Head of Paid Service for both Waverley and Guildford Borough Councils) and advice on cost-sharing arrangements;

And, subject to the receipt of financial and cost-sharing data and advice from South East Employers and any advice issued by the Council's Chief Finance Officer, or his appointed deputy, relating to the level of approval required, how any costs would be funded and the appropriateness of any cost-sharing agreement, RECOMMEND to full Council that:

- 2. Full Council pursues the option of creating a single management team, comprised of statutory officers (Head of Paid Service; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer), directors and heads of service as the most appropriate means for bringing forward business cases for future collaboration; and
- 3. Full Council asks the Council's HR Manager to take the necessary action, in consultation with Guildford Borough Council and with the support and advice from South East Employers and as set out within the addendum to annexe 3 of this report, to make arrangements for a recruitment and selection of a single joint Chief Executive (acting as Head of Paid Service for both Waverley and Guildford Borough Councils), including making arrangements for a senior officer recruitment panel (to include the Leader of the Principal Opposition Group and the Council Leader), so that a report may be brought to a future meeting of Full Council recommending the appointment of a suitable candidate.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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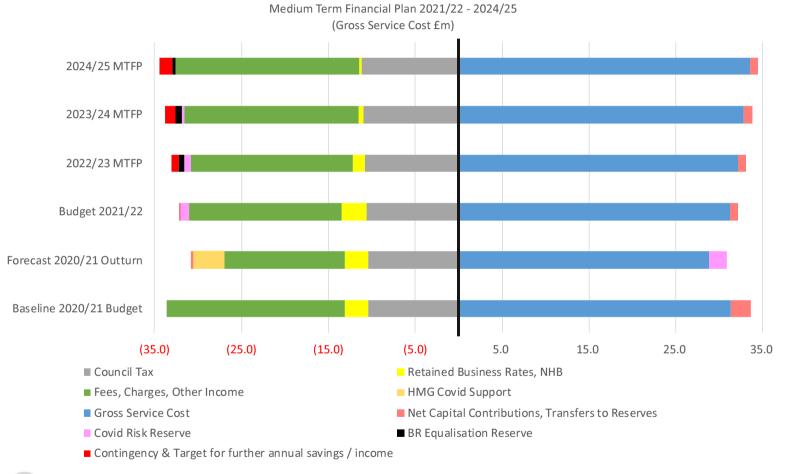




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WBC 2021/22 Budget & MTFP

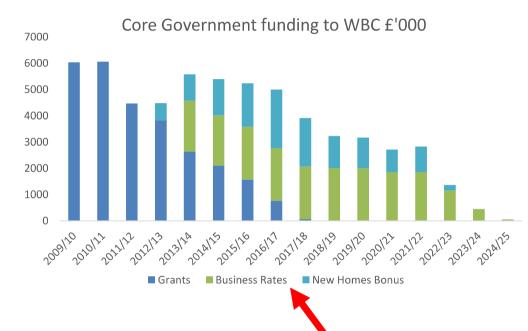






WBC 2021/22 Budget & MTFP





Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 - 2024/25
(Gross Service Cost fm

2024/25 MTFP
2023/24 MTFP
2023/24 MTFP
2022/23 MTFP
Budget 2021/22

Forecast 2020/21 Budget

35.0 (25.0) (15.0) (5.0) 5.0 15.0 25.0 35.0

Ill Council Tax

Ill Retained Business Rates, NHB

Ill Seed, Charges, Other Income

■ Contingency & Target for further annual savings / income

■ Net Capital Contributions, Transfers to Reserve

Core Government Funding:

- Zero RSG now, negative grant possible
- RBR: £2m / £38m (5%) now, zero forecast
- Zero NHB forecast

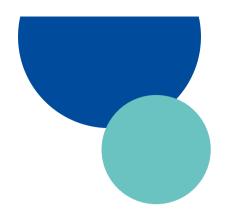
Even pre-Covid the "structural" deficit (service cost inflation c£0.6m pa) was higher than the potential Council Tax increases (limited by Government controls)

Post-covid:

- Funding landscape even less reliable
- BSWG measures hindered (eg PWLB)
- Increased cost pressures



WBC Budget Strategy



- Existing I&E workstreams
 - Developed from BSWG
- HM Government
 - Business Rates
- Capital projects & funding
 - Reserves
- Collaboration and others



