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Report to Full Council

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| Subject | Finalised Budget 2024-25 to 2026-27 |

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To update Members on the provisionally agreed budget now that the Tax Base rate has been received from CMBC.
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- To remind Members of the significant changes to the 2023/24 budget which also effects future years arising out of: -
 - Loss of Grant support from Calderdale MBC - £44,151
 - Centre Vale Park Projects Revenue Commitment - £18,750
 - Total adverse movement to 2023-24 budget £62,901**
- To remind Members that an Earmarked Reserve of £44,151 was established to help manage the potential reduction in grant support from Calderdale MBC which is looking to be phased in over the next 4 years to mitigate some of the precept increase requirement.
- To remind members that the current precept of £353,060 result in the annual precept charges by property band as follows:-

| Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| £48.23 | £56.26 | £64.30 | £72.34 | £88.42 | £104.49 | £120.57 | £144.68 |

- To present to Members a draft of the budget to consider for the revenue budget for 2024-25 and projections for 2025-26 and 2026-27 to include requests put forward from the Committee.
- To inform Members that the above options translate into the following summary for 2024-25

| | Draft Budget Summary |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Income | -£360,260 |
| Expenditure | £430,750 |

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| Net increase in budget | £70,490 |
| Use of EMR | -£11,000 |
| Increase after use of EMR | £56,490 |
| % Increase in Precept required | 16% |
| Weekly increase in Band D | 0.22 |
| Annual increase | £11.57 |

CONSIDERATIONS

8. The following assumptions have been made in respect of annual increases.

| Cost type | 2024/25 | 2025/2026 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | year 2 | year 3 |
| Staff annual salary award | 5% | 7% |
| Employer pension increase | 2% | 2% |
| ENI cont rate | 15.05% | 15.05% |
| Income Tax threshold | 12570 | 12570 |
| Third party contractors | 3% | 3% |
| Grants | 2% | 2% |
| Inflation | 5% | 5% |
| Controllable | 0% | 0% |
| Energy | 100% | 50% |
| pcso | 8% | 8% |

9. The budget is made of a number of known operational costs that without which, the core function of the town council cannot be delivered e.g. staffing and operational costs.
10. There are however very significant areas of discretionary cost, that in simple terms, could be reduced or removed altogether should Members wish to deliver a no precept increase budget.

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| Town Centre /Security/PCSO's | £43,500 |
| Donations and Grants | £15,000 |
| TH Hire Refund Grants | £8,323 |
| Education non L/A | £2,000 |
| Events grants | £11,444 |
| Tourism (TIC) | £15,380 |
| Entertainment Arts & Recs | £11,444 |
| Foodbank Support | £10,000 |
| TIB Support | £10,000 |
| Climate Grants | £5,000 |
| Total | £132,092 |

11. Whilst these represent (Circa) 30% of Precept received, these provisions go to the core of the Town Council's ethos as an enabling and facilitating council seeking to strongly support its community.

12. Included in the budget are other items regarding provision into Earmarked Reserves.

- Festive lights replacement £8,300 (to build up funds to replace in year 8 – in year 4 of this)
- Defibrillators £2800 (to build up funds to replace the 6 the council have and cabinets as well as and consumable costs going forward)
- Community Development £10,000 (to help lever in matched funds)
- Centre Vale Operational Costs £18,750 (to assist with operation costs of the Centre Vale projects)
- TH Hire Refund Grants £5,823
- Bandstand Hire Grants £2,500
- Elections £5,252 for 24/25 (to provide for 4 yearly election costs & limited casual vacancies).

13. Based on the provisional tax base for 24/25 is unaltered, the impact of Precept increase in 5% steps (with the additional 16% increase provisionally agreed shown) would be as follows:

| Increase increments | | Assumes tax base of 4,946.88 as in 2024/2025 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | | Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2024/25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Precept | Increase | % increase | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | |
| £353,060 | £0 | 0.00% | £48.23 | £56.26 | £64.30 | £72.34 | £88.42 | £104.49 | £120.57 | £144.68 | |
| £370,713 | £17,653 | 5.00% | £50.64 | £59.08 | £67.52 | £75.96 | £92.84 | £109.72 | £126.60 | £151.91 | |
| £388,366 | £35,306 | 10.00% | £53.05 | £61.89 | £70.73 | £79.57 | £97.26 | £114.94 | £132.62 | £159.15 | |
| £406,019 | £52,959 | 15.00% | £55.46 | £64.70 | £73.95 | £83.19 | £101.68 | £120.16 | £138.65 | £166.38 | |
| £409,550 | £56,490 | 16.00% | £55.94 | £65.27 | £74.59 | £83.91 | £102.56 | £121.21 | £139.86 | £167.83 | |
| 56,490 | £423,672 | 20.00% | £57.87 | £67.52 | £77.16 | £86.81 | £106.10 | £125.39 | £144.68 | £173.62 | |
| | £441,325 | 25.00% | £60.28 | £70.33 | £80.38 | £90.43 | £110.52 | £130.61 | £150.71 | £180.85 | |
| | £444,856 | 26.00% | £60.77 | £70.89 | £81.02 | £91.15 | £111.40 | £131.66 | £151.91 | £182.30 | |
| | £458,978 | 30.00% | £62.69 | £73.14 | £83.59 | £94.04 | £114.94 | £135.84 | £156.74 | £188.08 | |
| | £476,631 | 35.00% | £65.11 | £75.96 | £86.81 | £97.66 | £119.36 | £141.06 | £162.77 | £195.32 | |
| | £494,284 | 40.00% | £67.52 | £78.77 | £90.02 | £101.28 | £123.78 | £146.29 | £168.79 | £202.55 | |
| | | Council Tax Band annual increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept | | | | | | | | | |
| | Increase | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | | |
| | 0% | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| | 5% | £2.41 | £2.81 | £3.22 | £3.62 | £4.42 | £5.22 | £6.03 | £7.23 | | |
| | 10% | £4.82 | £5.63 | £6.43 | £7.23 | £8.84 | £10.45 | £12.06 | £14.47 | | |
| | 15% | £7.23 | £8.44 | £9.65 | £10.85 | £13.26 | £15.67 | £18.09 | £21.70 | | |
| | 16% | £7.72 | £9.00 | £10.29 | £11.57 | £14.15 | £16.72 | £19.29 | £23.15 | | |
| | 20% | £9.65 | £11.25 | £12.86 | £14.47 | £17.68 | £20.90 | £24.11 | £28.94 | | |
| | 25% | £12.06 | £14.07 | £16.08 | £18.09 | £22.10 | £26.12 | £30.14 | £36.17 | | |
| | 26% | £12.54 | £14.63 | £16.72 | £18.81 | £22.99 | £27.17 | £31.35 | £37.62 | | |
| | 30% | £14.47 | £16.88 | £19.29 | £21.70 | £26.52 | £31.35 | £36.17 | £43.40 | | |
| | 35% | £16.88 | £19.69 | £22.51 | £25.32 | £30.95 | £36.57 | £42.20 | £50.64 | | |
| | 40% | £19.29 | £22.51 | £25.72 | £28.94 | £35.37 | £41.80 | £48.23 | £57.87 | | |
| | | Council Tax Band weekly increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept | | | | | | | | | |
| | Increase | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | | |
| | 0% | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| | 5% | £0.05 | £0.05 | £0.06 | £0.07 | £0.09 | £0.10 | £0.12 | £0.14 | | |
| | 10% | £0.09 | £0.11 | £0.12 | £0.14 | £0.17 | £0.20 | £0.23 | £0.28 | | |
| | 15% | £0.14 | £0.16 | £0.19 | £0.21 | £0.26 | £0.30 | £0.35 | £0.42 | | |
| | 16% | £0.15 | £0.17 | £0.20 | £0.22 | £0.27 | £0.32 | £0.37 | £0.45 | | |
| | 20% | £0.19 | £0.22 | £0.25 | £0.28 | £0.34 | £0.40 | £0.46 | £0.56 | | |
| | 26% | £0.19 | £0.28 | £0.32 | £0.36 | £0.44 | £0.52 | £0.60 | £0.72 | | |
| | 25% | £0.23 | £0.27 | £0.31 | £0.35 | £0.43 | £0.50 | £0.58 | £0.70 | | |
| | 30% | £0.28 | £0.32 | £0.37 | £0.42 | £0.51 | £0.60 | £0.70 | £0.83 | | |
| | 35% | £0.32 | £0.38 | £0.43 | £0.49 | £0.60 | £0.70 | £0.81 | £0.97 | | |
| | 40% | £0.37 | £0.43 | £0.49 | £0.56 | £0.68 | £0.80 | £0.93 | £1.11 | | |

14. As of 2022/23 the percentage make up of properties by Council Tax Band was as follows:-

| Todmorden % make up of Property by Band | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BAND A | BAND B | BAND C | BAND D | BAND E | BAND F | BAND G | BAND H |
| 51.47% | 14.80% | 11.40% | 8.40% | 7.67% | 4.30% | 1.78% | 0.03% |

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. The forecast option for 2024/25 are based on what is known at the time, but going forward also includes an element of inflationary increases, as outlined in point 7.
16. The tax band for this projected budget is based on the provisional 24/25 figure.
17. The proposed options budget do not include a cost for the Project Manager for the Town Deal projects as these would be covered by the funding received in relation to this project.
18. A budget provision of £10,000 has been put in place for Todmorden in Bloom to make this a annual payment to be reviewed every year if TIB still require it.
19. A budget provision of £10,000 has been put in place for foodbanks to make this a annual payment to be reviewed every year as required.
20. A budget for Mayors day has be included of £500 which would mean the formal Mayor Making could take place during the annual meeting when the legal requirements for the Council are done based on the 2023 event. Any changes to the previous arrangements would require a budget increase.

RECOMMENDATION

21. That Members confirm the budget presented and implications as set out before them and confirm the precept request will be for £409,550 which is an increase of £56,490 - 16%

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

22. That the Full Council agreed this increase provisionally on advice from the Resources Committee who is delegated to consider the annual budget. They have reviewed the information provided and believe a 16% increase is suitable subject since there was no drastic changes in the tax base.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

23. None directly arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

24. The Resources Committee

CLIMATE CHANGE:

25. Budget provision of £11,500 in total has been made in this report relating to Climate Emergency activity subject to Members deciding to continue with this. This would cover their annual 'My Tree Promise' project and £5000 for climate related grants, however £3,000 of this would be used from a EMR Climate of funds from 23/24.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

26. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

23. Appendix 1 - 3-year budget detail
Appendix 2 – 3 year Budget Summary
Appendix 3 - Budget Financial Background Paper

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