

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

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5th January 2023

A meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, EAST COURT** on **THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2023** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AMENITIES AND TOURISM AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEES which will start at **7pm**.

The public are welcome to attend in person at East Court or via Zoom. Windows will be open in the committee room and the public are urged to dress appropriately. Facemasks are personal preference. Please do not attend in person if you have any illness symptoms.

A request for the zoom link should be sent via email to towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk before noon on the day of the meeting.

J W Holden
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

- 1 Public Participation: The public are welcome to attend the meeting virtually and may speak at this point. They may ask questions under the councils remit, or make representation on a matter that is on the agenda. Speaking is guided by the Councils standing order 1 (available on website). You should indicate to the Chairman you wish to speak by raising your hand. The Chairman will select the speakers, only 2 persons may speak for and 2 against any one item, therefore if you wish to be recognised you should speak with the Chairman before the meeting who will do his best to recognise you. There is no right of reply and your question or representation must not last any longer than 2 minutes. Should you wish to circulate anything to the committee this should be sent to the Town Clerk no later than 12pm on the day of the meeting
- 2 To commence not later than 7.15pm – apologies for absence.
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To Consider the Draft Budget Book for 2023/2024

Members are asked to bring with them to the meeting their copy of the draft revenue budget papers 2023/2024. The considerations that Members will need to undertake at the meeting will ultimately culminate in a formal recommendation to Council. In summary Members are asked to:

- A. Consider and approve the recommendation from the other Committees,
- B. Approve their own budget for cost centres under their own control, namely;
 - Democratic representation (cost centre 100),
 - Corporate management (cost centre 200),
 - Community support (cost centre 400) including the grants to community organisations, Central administration and support (cost centre 1100), and
 - Charities (cost centre 1000)

- 5 To formally recommend the overall Town Council budget for the 2023/2024 financial year to Council. It is Council that will then resolve the precept;
- 1) That the revenue estimates 2023/2024 as set out in the draft budget booklet, be approved by Council on to become the Town Council's budget for 2023/2024 financial year;
 - 2) That the Town Council's capital programme for 2023/2024 be as set down in the draft budget booklet;
 - 3) That the Town Council's estimate payments of £1,459,903 (one million four hundred and fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred and three pounds) and estimated income of £356,009 (three hundred and fifty-six thousand, and nine pounds) in the 2023/2024 financial year be approved, resulting in a net cost to the Town Council of £1,103,894 (1 million and one hundred and three thousand, eight hundred and ninety-four pounds)
 - 4) That Council, on 30th January 2023, be requested to approve an actual precept for the 2023/2024 financial year, which the Committee recommends should be set at £1,103,894 (1 million one hundred and three thousand, eight hundred and ninety-four pounds) (representing an annual council tax, increase of 1% at £93.26 per Band D property) based on the known tax base of £11,836.90

NB: The next full meeting of the Committee will be held on at 7.00pm. **THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023.**