

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

11th January 2024

A meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, EAST COURT** on **MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC SERVICES, AMENITIES AND TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL COMMITTEES** which will start at 7pm.

Representations or Questions may be submitted at the beginning of the meeting during public participation. The public are welcome to attend in person at East Court or via Zoom.

A request for the zoom link should be sent via email to towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk before 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

J W Holden,
Town Clerk.

Order of Meeting

Public Participation

The public are welcome to attend the meeting in person or by virtual link to observe. Before the start of the substantive agenda there is an allotted period of up to 15 minutes where the public may ask a question of the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's remit.

AGENDA

- 1 To commence immediately after the Environmental & Sustainable Travel Committee Meeting – apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 To Consider the Draft Budget Book for 2024/2025

Members are asked to bring with them to the meeting their copy of the draft revenue budget papers 2024/2025. 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)

- 4 To formally recommend the overall Town Council budget for the 2024/2025 financial year to Council. It is Council that will then resolve the precept;
 - 1) That the revenue estimates 2024/2025 as set out in the draft budget booklet, be approved by Council on to become the Town Council's budget for 2024/2025 financial

year;

- 2) That the Town Council's capital programme for 2024/2025 be as set down in the draft budget booklet;
- 3) That the Town Council's estimate payments of £1,601,433 (one million six hundred and one thousand, four hundred and thirty three pounds) and estimated income of £364,355 (three hundred and sixty-four thousand, three hundred and fifty-five pounds) in the 2024/2025 financial year be approved, resulting in a net cost to the Town Council of £1,237,078 (1 million and two hundred and thirty seven thousand, and seventy-eight pounds)
- 4) That Council, on 29th January 2024, be requested to approve an actual precept for the 2024/2025 financial year, which the Committee recommends should be set at £1,237,078 (1 million two hundred and thirty seven thousand, and seventy-eight pounds) (representing an annual council tax, increase of 10.9% at £103.44 per Band D property) based on the known tax base of 11,959.5.

NB: The next full meeting of the Committee will be held on at 7.00pm. THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024.