

Date: 2 January 2020

**Final Budget 2020/2021**

**Executive Summary**

Members are asked to consider and adopt the final Council budget for 2020/2021.

**Recommendation to Council (13 January 2020)**

That Members approve the final draft of the budget set out in Annex A and note the confirmation of the Precept and Band D equivalent figure.

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Members are asked to consider and adopt the final budget for 2020/2021.

**2. Background**

2.1 Ash Parish Council is required to set a budget each year that sets out the expenditure and income proposed. The main increases to next year's budget are increased fees for street lighting electricity and maintenance for the increase in CCTV cameras.

2.2 At the Amenities, Finance and Administration Committees of 28 October 2019 and the 25 November 2019, Members approved the first and third draft of the 2020/2021 budget. At the Council meetings of the 11 November and 9 December 2019 Members considered the second and fourth drafts of the budget.

2.3 On 29 November 2019, Guildford Borough Council wrote to the Clerk to confirm the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) Grant of £44,986 and the Council Tax Base (the estimated number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish) of 6,723.56. The Borough Council also confirmed that it has awarded Ash Parish Council £20,500 towards its four concurrent function grant projects for 2020/2021. These figures have been taken into account when preparing the fourth draft budget.

2.4 Guildford Borough Council require the final precept figure to be submitted to them by 17 January 2020, which will be done following this meeting.

**3. Options**

3.1 Members may decide to:

- a) Agree the Clerk's recommendation; or
- b) Agree a different set of budget figures.

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 This report discusses the draft budget for Ash Parish Council for 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and therefore has significant financial implications for the Council.

4.2 The budget currently shows:

A funding requirement of:	£542,066
Minus the LCTSS:	£44,986
And therefore a Precept Requirement of:	£487,080
Divided By a Council Tax Base Figure of:	6723.56
Gives Band D Equivalent Figure for 2020/2021 of:	<b>£72.44</b>
<i>The Band D Equivalent Figure for 2019/20 is:</i>	<i>£68.63</i>
<i>This equates to an Increase on the 2019/20 of:</i>	<b>5.57%</b>

**5. Implications on Crime and Disorder**

5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 17) requires a parish council to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decision. There are no direct crime and disorder implications to this report.

**6. Implications on Biodiversity**

6.1 The Natural Environment and Communications Act 2006 (Section 40) requires parish councils to consider the impact any decisions will have on biodiversity. There are no direct biodiversity implications to this report.

**7. Background Papers**

- i. Amenities, Finance and Administration Committee Minute 76: 28 October 2019: First Draft Budget 2020/2021
- ii. Council Minute 96: 11 November 2019: Second Draft Budget 2020/2021
- iii. Amenities, Finance and Administration Committee Minute 99: 25 November 2019: Third Draft Budget 2020/2021
- iv. Council Minute 113: 9 December 2019: Fourth Draft Budget 2020/2021

**8. Appendices**

Annex A Final Budget 2020/2021