

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 23 rd December 2020
Report Subject	Welsh Government Annual Budget 2021/22 and Provisional Local Government Settlement 2021/22
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Finance
Report Author	Chief Executive Corporate Finance Manager
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cabinet considered a full report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget 2021/22 at its meeting on 15 December and has reset the budget estimate prior to the formal annual budget-setting process.

The Welsh Government is due to announce its annual budget for 2021/22 on 21 December and the Provisional Local Government Settlement for the same period on 22 December. An analysis of the budget and the Provisional Settlement, and the implications for Flintshire, will be presented at the meeting.

Flintshire has communicated clearly its expectations of the national budget both via the Welsh Local Government Association and directly to senior Welsh Government Ministers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Cabinet (1) assesses the implications of the budget for the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget 2021/22 and (2) prepares a response to Welsh Government accordingly.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	WELSH GOVERNMENT ANNUAL BUDGET 2021/22 AND PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT 2021/22
1.01	The Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget 2021/22 was considered at Cabinet on Tuesday 15 th December 2020. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A to this report.
1.02	Welsh Government is scheduled to announce its annual budget for 2021/22 on 21 st December with the Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2021/22 due to be announced the following day. An analysis of the budget will be provided at the meeting on the key national headlines together with early indications of the impact on the Council's budget setting process.
2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget report.
3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	As set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget report.
4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	As set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget report.
5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A – Cabinet report – Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Colin Everett / Gary Ferguson Telephone: 01352 702101 / 01352 702271 E-mail: chief.executive@flintshire.gov.uk / gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	As set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget report.