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Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held at Forge Green on Monday 28 November 2022 at 2pm.
M Watling (Assistant Clerk)

Present

Cllr Baxter Cllr Byers Cllr Craig Cllr Irving Cllr Kaye-Kreczkowski Cllr Kyle

Apologies

Cllr Drouet – on Court duty

Cllr Kyle took the chair and explained the reason for calling the meeting was to revisit the draft budget and precept request for 2023/24 which would be recommended to the Parish Council meeting on 13 December 2022.

The draft budget and precept request discussed at the Policy & Resources meeting on 18 October 2022 showed a precept request of £87,800 which was an increase of 7.5% or 10p per week for a Band D property. This would give a small budget surplus of £4,156 before any costs for the roof replacement at Forge Green.

It has now been announced that the Principal Authority precept increase will be restricted to 3% with an additional 2% for Social Care which is a 5% overall increase. They do not have to fix their precept until 5 March although Parish Councils must submit their request by 6 January 2023. The Parish Council should not be responsible for forcing a referendum if the 7.5% increase from the first budget were to push the City Council over the 5% limit.

The RFO had circulated a revised budget showing a precept of £85,758, an increase of 5 %, which equates to 7p per week for a Band D property and a budget surplus of £1,898.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kyle and seconded by Cllr Kaye-Kreczkowski to take a cautious approach and accept the revised budget. All were in agreement. The budget and precept request for £85,758 will be recommended to the Parish Council on 13 December 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm