

Appendix 2

PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET TIMETABLE FRAMEWORK 2023/24

(Based on Provisional Settlement timescales comparable to recent years)

Date	Budget Strategy
Jul 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update Report considered at Cabinet • Budget Strategy Report considered at Council
Jul – Sept 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directorates develop work on 2023/24 savings proposals • Ongoing review of inflationary pressures and wider economic issues, with consideration of mitigating actions e.g. energy usage. • Ongoing review of the in-year monitoring position and the key risk areas identified in the body of the report • Assessment of likely ongoing reliance on the COVID-19 Budget • Directorates review scope for policy / transformation proposals
Oct – Nov 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Officer Meetings / Cabinet Member meetings to scrutinise proposals • Cabinet Members indicate areas in which further business case work to be targeted • Consider early implementation of 2023/24 efficiency proposals (i.e. those with no service impact) where possible and appropriate
Dec 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Local Government Settlement (estimated timescale) • Cabinet approval of 2023/24 Council Tax Base
Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence consultation on 2023/24 draft budget savings proposals • Fine-tuning of budget proposals, taking account of consultation feedback • Further review and consideration of medium term financial plans
Feb/ Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Corporate Plan and Budget • Final Local Government Settlement received • Statutory notices placed and Council tax bills issued

In addition, throughout this period there will be:

- continued involvement and consultation with council tax payers, the grants sector, Scrutiny Committees, Trade Unions, employees and statutory consultation with schools
- continued review of the 2023/24 Budget Gap and all underlying assumptions