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**REPORT TO:** FULL COUNCIL

**DATE:** 18 FEBRUARY 2021

**SUBJECT:** PART 'B' REFERRALS FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 4 FEBRUARY 2021

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### 36 Ryedale's Financial Strategy 2021-25

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

Councillor Duncan proposed and Councillor Docwra seconded the following amendment:

Replace recommendation (iii) with 'To freeze Council Tax at the current level and therefore approve a council tax charge of £200.73 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, Including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council). This would mean a further call on reserves of £109k to balance the budget'

#### Resolved

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

#### Voting record

8 For

2 Against

#### Recorded vote

##### For

Councillors Arnold, Burr, Delaney, Docwra, Duncan, Frank, Graham and Riby

##### Against

Councillors J Andrews and Clark

#### Recommendation

That Council is recommended to agree the updated Financial Strategy and in particular:

- (i) To note the Section 25 assurance statement provided by the Chief Finance Officer (s151) regarding the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the reserves and the risk assessment detailed in Section 10 of the Strategy
- (ii) To approve a revenue budget of Revenue Budget for 2021/22 of £9,600k, after use of Reserves which includes
  - a. Savings/additional income totalling £377k (Financial Strategy Appendix 3)
  - b. Growth Pressures totalling £971k (Financial Strategy Appendix 4)

c. One-off contingency to support COVID costs amounting to £787k, funded from reserves

d. One-off maintenance costs of £55k funded from reserves

- (iii) To freeze Council Tax at the current level and therefore approve a council tax charge of £200.73 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council). This would mean a further call on reserves of £109k to balance the budget
- (iv) to approve the special expenses amounting to £54,090
- (v) to approve the revised Capital Programme (Appendix 6)
- (vi) to note the financial projection for 2020/21 – 2024/25
- (vii) to note that there may be a need to revisit the budget mid-year, in the light of changing circumstances such as potential continuing costs relating to COVID or other unquantifiable pressures, and that any future proposals will be brought forward on a case-by-case basis

#### **Voting record**

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