

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Monday 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm at Haverhill Arts Centre,
High Street, Haverhill

Present: Mayor Councillor L Smith
Councillor A Brown Councillor J Mason
Councillor J Burns Councillor M Marks
Councillor B Davidson Councillor P Fox
Councillor A Stinchcombe Councillor D Smith
Councillor P Hanlon Councillor D Roach
Councillor A Luccarini

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Councillor E McManus
Councillor P Firman
Councillor L Miller-Jones

Absent: None

In Attendance: Colin Poole (Town Clerk)
Alisha Jenkins (Office Administrator)
Dylan Mills (Tech Manager)

2 members of the public were present. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.

Welcome:

Mayor L Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

C22 **Apologies for Absence**

/001 The above apologies were noted. The Mayor further advised Councillor Jason Crooks has resigned from his position of Town Councillor but remains a District Councillor.

C22 **Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation**

/002 None.

C22 **The minutes of the Town Council meetings 20th December 2021**

/003 It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor A Brown that the minutes of the meeting held 20th December 2021 be adopted as a true record.

RESOLVED

ACTION

C22 /004 **To note progress of actions arising from the minutes not covered by this Agenda**

C21/192 Meeting Dates for 2022: The Clerk informed that meeting dates have been added into the Town Council Meetings Calendar on Outlook, which all members have access to.

C22 /005 **Reports from District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to HAVERHILL and the PUBLIC FORUM**

- a) Police – see appendix 1
- c) County Councillors – see appendix 2
- d) District Councillors – see appendix 3
- e) Members of the public – see appendix 4

C22 /006 **Consultations**

- a) **West Suffolk Limited Community Governance Review:**

The Clerk has spoken to the Elections Officer who is arranging a meeting with Clerks to give a further briefing. In respect of Withersfield Parish, the Elections Officer would be open to arguments that it should be warded, to ensure the residents of the village, outnumbered by the residents of Hanchett End and with more residential development around the science park approved, are guaranteed representation on their parish council. Such a request normally comes from the residents but could be made by a third party.

The guidance from the Local Council Boundary Commission for England is that they would only consider a boundary review of a principal area such as a county council if all if all the parties involved (Suffolk County Council, Essex County Council, West Suffolk Council and Braintree District Council) all agreed to review that boundary. Unfortunately, Essex County Council and Braintree District Council have previously stated they have no interest in reviewing the boundary that zig-zags across the Haverhill bypass.

Warding issues in Haverhill predominantly focus on the Central and Mount Road parish wards which are out of kilter in terms of representation ratios and should be merged to become coterminous with the District Central ward. Additionally, the West parish ward is not coterminous with the county divisions.

Councillor J Burns is happy to pass on any concerns at CGR Review Group meetings, the Council itself will need to make a formal submission on these matters in due course.

C22 /007 **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor's report – see appendix 5

C22 /008 **ONE Haverhill Partnership**

Nothing further to report.

C22 /009 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

- a) **Planning Working Party:**

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor D Smith that the minutes of the meeting held 21st December 2021 be adopted.

RESOLVED

b) Leisure and Community Working Party:

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor A Brown that the minutes of the meeting held 11th January 2022 be adopted.

RESOLVED

c) Finance Working Party:

It was proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor J Burns that the minutes of the meeting held 18th January 2022 be adopted.

RESOLVED

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns and seconded by Councillor M Marks to that Councillor J Mason be elected to the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED

C22 Financial Matters

/010

a) Authorisation of payments: It was proposed by Councillor D Roach, seconded by Councillor P Fox, that the listed payments totalling £91,207.62 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C22 Budget & Precept 2022/23

/011

a) To approve the 2022/23 budget:

The Mayor referred the meeting to the budget report, which recommended a budget resulting in a precept increase in line with the prediction made in January 2021 - See appendix 6.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Net Expenditure	£1,659,958	£1,679,692	£1,716,471
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Band B	£ 127.47	£ 132.09	

It was proposed by Councillor A Brown and seconded by Councillor P Hanlon to approve the 2022/23 budget.

RESOLVED

b) Approve the precept:

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon and seconded by Councillor D Smith to approve the precept being set at £1,139.309. On the request of Councillor P Fox a recorded vote was made.

For

Mayor L Smith
Cllr A Brown
Cllr J Burns
Cllr P Hanlon
Cllr M Marks
Cllr J Mason
Cllr D Roach
Cllr D Smith
Cllr A Stinchcombe

Against

Cllr B Davidson
Cllr P Fox
Cllr A Luccarini

RESOLVED

- c) Authorise the Chairman and Clerk to serve the precept demand upon the District Council:

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns and seconded by Councillor A Stinchcombe to authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to serve the precept demand upon the District Council.

RESOLVED

C22 Actions taken under delegated powers

/012 None.

C22 To receive urgent correspondence

/013 None.

C22 Dates of next Meeting:

/014 The meeting noted that the next meeting will be held on 21st February 2022 at 7:15pm – Haverhill Arts Centre.

C22 Closure

/015 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

- Appendix 1 – Police**
- Appendix 2 – County Councillors’ reports**
- Appendix 3 – District Councillors’ reports**
- Appendix 4 – Public Speaking**
- Appendix 5 – Mayor’s Report**
- Appendix 6 – Budget Report**

APPENDIX 1 – Police

Further to the email circulated by the Clerk on Saturday 22nd January regarding the issuing of a dispersal order on the Chalkstone Estate due to antisocial behaviour, Councillor J Burns advised there have been 2 x 'Section 35' dispersal orders on the Chalkstone & Birds estates over last few days. Which he understands is because a group of youths have been causing mischief around Rushmere Place. He has asked the police for a full report as to what action has been taken previously and what is being done to resolve this.

Councillor P Hanlon and Councillor L Miller-Jones has been speaking to residents on the Chalkstone and Birds estates who have reported that youths had been arguing until the police intervened but this has been an ongoing issue near Rushmore Place play park. Councillor Hanlon suggested that a youth club in the area might give the young people somewhere to go and things to do.

APPENDIX 2 – County Councillors' reports

Councillor D Roach:

There have been reports in the West Ward of non-working streetlights especially around some of the walkways, e.g Spring Close and Apple Acre. These are not owned by Suffolk County Council as they were never adopted which leaves the responsibility with the developer. Suffolk County Council will be contacting the developer to try and get them to repair them.

Councillor J Burns advised that he understood St Edmundsbury Borough Council in 2000 did not put any conditions on adopting the roads or streetlights. Councillor Roach advised that if the infrastructure is not adopted it remains the responsibility of the developer.

Councillor P Hanlon reported on the upgrading of some lights in Dovehouse Road, whilst others have not been upgraded.

Councillor J Mason:

Referred the meeting to his previously circulated report:

County

- No SCC full Council meeting in January
- Unable to attend Scrutiny meeting in January
- Greater Cambridge Partnership Meeting
Found this meeting somewhat frustrating and limited in scope. Just focussed on improving the bus service.
- Progressing the Bus Stop works for Greenfields Way. Awaiting project timescales for completion from the LHB team. Waiting for some permissions from West Suffolk. I am chasing and will continue to chase this.
- Met with the Disabilities Forum at HAC to discuss dropped curbs and listen to their needs/concerns. The group plan to do an audit of access needs from the estates into Town. Dropped curb sites will be identified before projects submitted to SCC. I invited group to present to HTC/ Leisure & Community to share their experiences, frustrations and needs,
- Downs Crescent & Howe Road - Still awaiting costings/assessment from engineers for patching for Downs Crescent and resurfacing for section of pavement on Howe Road.
- Pot Holes/Trip Hazards - Complaints regarding state of road along High Street.
- Unsuccessful in finding Highway Safety solutions for residents on Chapelwent Drive. Requested measure rejected by Highways.
- Visited REACH with fellow SCC councillors in December to see the new I.T. REACH had purchased with the SCC locality money donated by Cllrs Roach, Sowa and myself.
- Residents on Boyton Hall, frustrated with ongoing road works and traffic light system – Set to continue for some time with new building developments

Some Haverhill Relevant - Suffolk County Council News.

- Suffolk County Council waives fees for Platinum Jubilee events
To mark the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Suffolk County Council will be waiving street party road closure fees.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/suffolk-county-council-waives-fees-for-platinum-jubilee-events>

- Suffolk proudly supports Register My Appliance Week
Residents urged to make their homes safer by registering their appliances
We all rely hugely on our fridges, washing machines and microwaves for keeping our busy lives on track, but would your appliance manufacturer know which machines you have and where to find you if a fault came to light with your model?

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/suffolk-proudly-supports-register-my-appliance-week>

- Children's services and adult care at the heart of Suffolk County Council's new budget plans
Suffolk County Council has outlined how it plans to spend money on public services in 2022/23.

- More money to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
 - Extra resources for adults in need of care
 - Additional funds to prevent flooding and fix footpaths
- Under the proposals, the council's budget for 2022-23 would rise by 4.5% (from £598.2 to £625.4m). This additional money is generated by a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, and an increase in grants received from the Government.

West Suffolk

- Was unable to attend Overview & Scrutiny this month
- Attended Mental Health Action Group (Zone)
- Meeting Planning officers this week to discuss Persimmon Development and progress relating to additional Community Room Project attached to the School yet to be built and subject to planning approval)
- Met Audrey Woodley at the Library. Photo Op regarding renovations and new book shelves at the Library supported with WSC locality money. Looks Great

Other Case Work:

Working with residents of Slaters Drive regarding managing grass verges outside their properties. Damien Parker is involved to oversee and confirm agreements.

Successful meeting with Rugby Club and Damien Parker regarding fencing around main pitch. Specifications submitted to West Suffolk for approval before fund raising needs identified.

APPENDIX 3 – District Councillors' reports

Councillor J Burns reported:

NW Haverhill: Work continues. Sports provision and infrastructure plans still under discussion. Meeting being arranged to look over plans for next phases.

Great Wilsey Park: The connection to the main sewer from the site on Chalkstone Way is now completed. The 3 x show homes at Chalkstone Way progresses with some of the new homes for the spline road now at 1st floor level. The work on the Chalkstone Way roundabout has been deferred due to some legal complications with the advanced warning signs removed to avoid confusion.

The lights on the A143 to facilitate the remaining construction of the new round about and linkage to the A143 are now in place. The roundabout is due to open around Easter time. The construction of houses in that area continues apace. The first occupations were due this month.

Waiting to hear about the lights at end of Chalkstone Way previously reported on.

Manor Road School Site: WSC are looking at stripping the vegetation build-up off the adjacent railway walk to see whether that is a suitable hardcore surface before deciding how we spend the £33K s106 monies from the development.

I have reminded Barley Homes they still have a “under construction” sign up there. The new street sign due to be installed this week. The 3 x streetlights were refused for adoption by SCC so Barley Homes are looking to fix them so they can be.

Castle Hill Site: Work continues apace with sales ongoing. I did ask about the adjacent SCC land (the old school) but been told that Barley Homes currently using as a storage yard. We were promised this would be landscaped.

Chapelwent Road Site: Still awaiting confirmation regarding the s106 funding for the railway walk near to Howe Road. We were promised £25K for railway walk upgrade at that end.

Atterton & Ellis site: Still no updates.

Police Matters: December crime stats will not be available until end of the month. There has been no new edition of Constables County.

I attended (virtually) the Police Accountability Panel on 14th Jan. Not much to report from there other than what was in the agenda papers.

This Friday (28th Jan) I am in Ipswich for the Police & Crime Panel where the primary agenda items are the proposed £10 precept increase to Band D properties as well as the new 2022-2025 Police & Crime Plan. The papers for these were sent to Councillors on 18th Jan. Any comments need to be with me by end of day 27th.

There have been 2 x Section 35 orders on the Chalkstone & Birds estates over last few days. I understand that is because a group of youths have been causing mischief in way of Rushmere Place. I have asked the police for a full report as to what action has been taken previously and what is being done to resolve this.

Covid-19 SCC Highways / High Street Closures: WSC tell me they are analysing the results of the recent survey on what people thought of the road closures and hope to issue soon.

Still awaiting the replacement road signs to be put up. I have now chased SCC 3 times since the 3 months when the roads were reopened. We are seeing a lot more damage to the pavements and the High Street paving is awful in places but Highways once again failing to do anything. Usual road rage incidents including one last Saturday where a driver drove across the Market Square and down the High Street in middle of the market just to get to Greggs. I have reported him to the police because of his attempt to deliberately run me down.

Combined Authority: No further news.

Greater Cambridge Partnership: Although I came in on a recent WSC meeting late I was very surprised that the GCP just sent along one officer rather than any of the Councillors running it. This is very poor and the proposals, in my opinion, are worthless as totally based around the thing they love which is buses. As was said by me the linkages between SCC, WSC and the GCP are virtually non-existent.

Parking: Once again WSC enforcement still poor. 4pm becomes bedlam with cars parked illegally everywhere.

Markets: The West Suffolk review is still ongoing. We have a meeting with “experts” in early February 2022 and a visit to Saffron Walden market tomorrow (25th Jan) with discussions with the Town Council officers. The analysis of the comments from the survey is due to be discussed at a meeting late in February. The final report is due out around May 2022.

Haverhill market itself continues to be poor with many stallholders not returning after the Xmas break. Makers markets are due to return in February and I am trying to encourage WSC to ensure they are integrated with the main market rather than separated on the Market Square. A “green market” is scheduled for March organised by the TC and I hope this will do the same.

Sturmer Arches: Still awaiting an update from WSC following their last briefing. They had promised us something by year end 2021.

Vixen PH (Millfields Way): No further updates.

Strasbourg Square: Still awaiting plans by WSC over its renovation of the planting areas.

Market Square: Still nothing has been done about the large dips in the paved area and the resulting large deep puddles when it rains. I keep chasing. The cleaning of the Square and Queen Street is due to resume later on today (24th) once the tree has been removed. The rest of the cleaning looks a lot better than it did.

Queen’s Jubilee/AFD & Remembrance 2022: Plans for the Jubilee celebrations have now started, and ideas being collated including the lighting of a beacon and entertainment on the Thursday and Friday of the long bank holiday weekend in June. The Armed Forces Day convoy will return and a new FaceBook page has been created to encourage participation. Remembrance will be similar to last year and we are trying to source a marching band early.

Other work: Attended the final two long meetings of the WSC Grant Working party to recommend approval of Community Chest applications. Attended first meeting of the Community Governance Review (CGR) group to determine the scope of the review. This will include looking at Haverhill and the chaos caused by the LGBCE edict from the SEBC/FH merger.

Continue to support Clerk and others working from home/office with IT and other issues. Usual ton of emails and questions answered as well as many online and occasional physical meetings. Will be facilitating broadcast of TC council meeting (25th) at the Arts Centre. Restarting working with others on the new WSC Local Plan process. Filmed the panto and currently editing versions.

APPENDIX 4 – Public Speaking

Julie Clarke Haverhill Town Centre Manager, Heart of Haverhill:

The Heart of Haverhill BID Group has now put together a business plan which is being delivered to local businesses in the town centre, the Clerk has circulated copies to all councillors present. A drop-in session is being held next Thursday 3rd of February between 3pm -7pm at the Haverhill Leisure Centre where which is open to all businesses who would like further information and ask questions.

Heart of Haverhill is a non-profit, the Town Centre Manager is the only paid position within the Partnership and all Board positions are elected volunteers.

The ballot papers will be handed out to business on the 10th of February and the ballot is due to close on 10th March. 201 businesses eligible to vote and a BID requires over 50% of businesses that take part in the ballot to vote yes.

Mr Dennis Wendell – TT Dementia Support Group, Family Carers Group and Haverhill Men's Club:

Mr Wendell advised that all three groups are once again up and running again with regular attendance at the Burton Centre next to the Haverhill Library. The main issue with the use of this building is the parking facility as the car park just next to the building is a short stay car park only, allowing 3 hours maximum at a time. The Burton Centre is investigating whether it would be possible to remove the outdoor football pitch and replace with parking just for the Burton Centre visitors.

Councillor J Burns believed that blue badge holders should get 6 hours of parking instead of 3 – Cllr JB to investigate and update Mr Wendell after the meeting. **ACTION: Cllr J Burns**

The Clerk reminded Mr Wendell that the Community Trust still holds £4,000 of funds for TT Dementia Support Group and £400 for the Haverhill Men's Group.

APPENDIX 5 – Mayor's Report

Mayor's Report January 2022

Happy new year to you all and hope that it was a good start to the year for all of you. There hasn't been any events for me to attend this month and there is little in the diary as yet. This could of course be a result of the uncertainty over Covid leading up to Christmas as some events have been cancelled by other councils.

On the evening of the last Town Council, we of course had the Freedom of the Town which was awarded to Maureen Byrne, Brian and Charmian Thompson. It was lovely to see them and hear about the wonderful work they continue to be involved in. We also used this opportunity to have some official photos taken and to finally give Cllr Burns his former Mayor badge.

I was happy to attend Mary Argent's leaving do on Sunday 23rd January and to be able just to say a few words of thanks and best wishes. It was a nice turnout for her including some of the town councillors. She has shown such dedication over the years and an example to us all.

Plans are underway for my Charity Dance night on February 18th and please remember to book tickets through the box office if you are coming. I hope as many of you can come as possible and to make this a rewarding event for all.

I met with Julie Clark, town centre manager, this morning (24th Jan) and she will be helping me to get raffle prizes for the Charity event. We have already received a very generous donation from John Mayhew.

Another event I need to get a date for is a Thanksgiving Service for my Mayoral year in late April, early May before the annual meeting obviously. This will be held at St Felix church. More details of this will follow.

Mayor Liz Smith

Haverhill Town Council

Budget briefing January 25th 2022

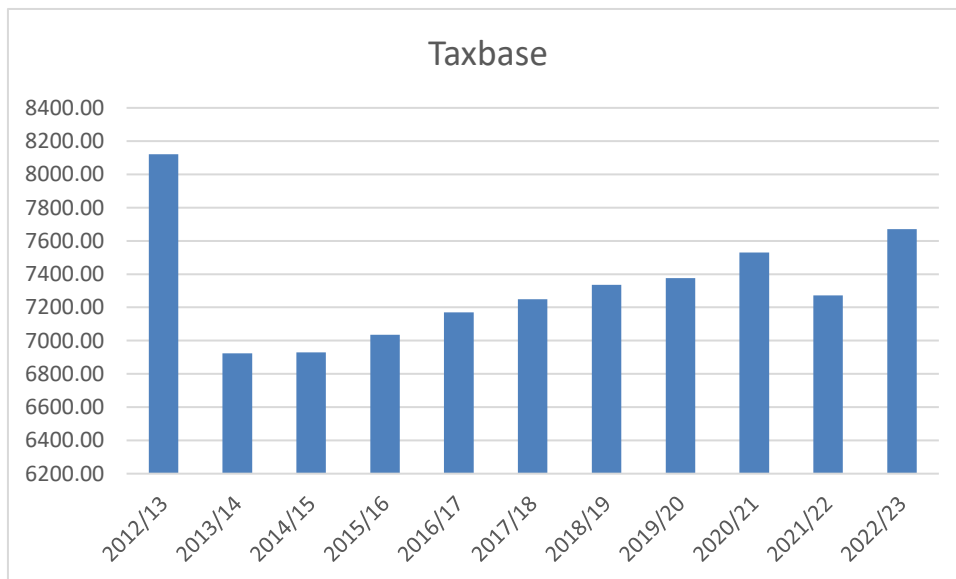
Item 11 Budget briefing 2022/23

Councillors are reminded of legal principles:

Principles:

This second draft budget has been compiled on the following basis

1. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires all local councils in England and Wales set a lawful budget. Estimates of expenditure and income must be 'best estimates' made in good faith. The budget must balance, with the balancing sum being the precept.
2. Take into account the additional costs of new activity.
3. Take into account comments by Councillors on the first draft, discussed 20th December 2021 (C21/194) and on the second draft discussed by Finance Committee 18th January 2022 (F22/009).
4. Take into account the effect of inflation (estimate >4%) and salary uplift (3%) on existing budget lines.
5. Take into account revisions to the tax-base – West Suffolk have confirmed the new tax base as 7671.05. This has recovered from the dramatic drop seen in 2021/22, but doesn't appear to fully reflect the increased activity in housebuilding - suggesting the pandemic still has an influence on exemptions locally.



6. Zero-based budgeting recalculating costs each year, using inflation-uplift basis only where no other information is available
7. Take into account the aspirations of the Council as expressed at the meeting held 26th October 2021 (C21/160), in respect of projects.
8. Take a forward view to the budget being set in January 2023, which this council sets ahead of the May election, but the incoming council has to live with, so it is good practice to aim to leave a healthy financial position to hand over.

Commentary

General: Following the confidential discussion at the end of the Full Council meeting in December I have worked the staffing adjustments into the budget. I have deleted the Arts Centre café, retained the bar and transferred key personnel from the café to the kiosk to avoid the need for any redundancies. As reported to Finance Committee on 18th January, in my calculations I have assumed the café will close on 31st March and contracted staff will then work new hours in the kiosk until 30th September; this will give us time to redeploy those contracted staff into any vacancies that may occur. We will need to open discussions with staff on the implications of this to them before issuing revised contracts. Non-contracted staff will be able to cover absences and will also be given the option to sign up for shifts in other areas within the council, i.e. ushering or at the Zone.

The budget allows for a review of the management structure of the council to provide more capacity and resilience.

Inflation:

The cost of living impacts the public sector the same as households.

- I have applied a 4% general inflation uplift where relevant on the 2022/23 and 2023/24 budget figures to model the impact of inflation. It obviously has a big effect, and we will need to think about 2023/24 in terms of precept-setting ahead of the May 2023 local election. The Bank of England estimate of inflation for 2022 indicates it could peak at 6% by spring before some of the 2021 price rises begin to fall out of the calculation.
- Staff costs represent a very big percentage of our overall costs. I have applied the known proposals for increases in both the NMW and Real Living Wage (from April 2022) which average 4%.
- Estimates for NJC-based salaries are complicated by the fact the 2021/22 pay round has not been settled yet, with 1.75% rejected by the unions, so I've had to estimate that at 2% and then add the 2022/23 pay settlement on top of that, for which I am estimating 3% but with inflation running above that and currently the UK private sector pay increases are reportedly 4.9%, that could embolden the JNC.
- The Suffolk Local Government Pension Scheme's parish council employers' contribution for 2022/3 remains at 23% of pay. There are no proposed changes to our NEST pension arrangements.
- Our analysis of savings in energy use are inconclusive, most likely down to insufficient data points to give us any reliable picture, but in any case energy charges have doubled.

Challenges:

Achieving savings wherever possible has enabled us to absorb almost all the inflation on expenditure. However, the big unknown, and biggest risk is the impact the pandemic might have on income streams.

However efficiently we run our services, we rely on income to make the numbers stack up, and because our services have been forced to close for much of 2021/22 or operate on reduced capacity to facilitate social distancing, we have very little data upon which to base income predictions, and that data shows reduced income is very likely. In order to balance the books I have had to compensate for these revised estimates of income.

In order to provide clarity, I've introduced a budget line called "Income Deficit Support", which is the funds to balance the books on our services where income is hard to predict.

HTC Grant to Haverhill Community Trust	60,500.00	This is up from £51k to cover increased costs for maintaining the Old Town Hall
Contribution to HCT Zone	42,000.00	This is up from £32k to cover end of grants
Contribution to Arts Centre	377,500.00	This figure has been kept the same, and represents the subsidy for providing an Arts Centre
Income deficit support (December draft had this figure at £176k)	117,250.00	This represents £56,450 to support loss of ticket sales at the Arts Centre and £60,800 to support loss of sales at the Zone.

I've added in a line for councillor projects, £15k, with the assumption that £5k will come from grants and £10k from relevant reserves.

To reduce the impact on the precept, I've included £117,255 expenditure from earmarked reserves where appropriate for a number of expenditure lines. This is £30k less than predicted in December and the reductions achieved above flow through the precept figures.

Impact on precept

The overall impact on the budget is set out below. As can be seen, the savings mean that whilst costs have gone up, the main impact on the precept is from the reduction in predicted income:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
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From reserves	<u>£ 5,000</u>	<u>£ 48,600</u>	<u>£ 77,000*</u>	<u>£ 117,255</u>	<u>£ 20,000</u>
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%age	2%	5%	5.5%	3.63%	9.63%
Band B		£ 120.81	£ 127.47	£ 132.09	

*This has been adjusted to exclude £200k from earmarked reserves for the splashpad, to give like-for-like comparisons.

The percentage increase in the precept for 2022/23 is below predicted inflation as by drawing on reserves we are able to keep to the figure mooted for 2022/23 in last year's calculations. The majority of households in Haverhill are in Band B. The budget would increase our share of council tax by 8p a week.

Colin Poole
Town Clerk 20th January 2022