

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)

FINAL BUDGET 2020/21 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- 9.1 The Panel received the Final Budget 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy at its meeting on 5th February 2020.
- 9.2 Following a query on the Overview and Scrutiny comments on the draft budget and whether they were considered, the Panel was reassured that the comments were given full consideration before a decision was made.
- 9.3 The Council Tax increase was discussed. The Panel was informed that the increase is affordable as it is beneath the average rise in local wages and in line with the increase in the state pension.
- 9.4 A Member highlighted the fact that there was no change in the budget relating to One Leisure Fees and Charges. It was confirmed that because there is no planned increase in the budget it does not necessarily mean there will not be an increase in charges during the course of the calendar year.