

REPORT OF THE 2023/24 BUDGET SCRUTINY PANEL

(Scrutiny of 2024/25 Draft Budgets)

Foreword by Councillor Charles, Chair of the Panel

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1. Background

Following a decision of the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 7th August 2023, a Budget Scrutiny Panel has undertaken scrutiny of the Council's draft budgets for 2024/25.

2. Panel Membership

Councillors Charles (Chair), Haynes, Monk, Popley, Seaton, Westley.

3. Meetings and Matters Considered

24th October 2023

Considered:

- Scrutiny Plan/Timetable
- Presentation on financial position of the Council
- Approach to 2024/25 budget setting.

12th December 2023

Considered:

- Draft Budgets 2024/25 (Cabinet Report 14th December 2023)
- Whether any recommendations/observations for Panel's report at this meeting.

3rd January 2024

Considered:

- Provisional Financial Settlement from Government (verbal update)
- Final Panel report for submission to Scrutiny Commission on 8th January 2024.

The information considered by the Panel at its meetings is available on the Council's website, here:

[Browse meetings - Budget Scrutiny Panel - Charnwood Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk)

Minutes detail the Panel's discussions at each meeting and are available via the above link, also attached as an **Appendix** to this report.

4. Other Attendees

Others attended meetings of the Panel and assisted with its scrutiny as follows:

Director Finance, Governance and Contracts, Acting Head of Finance.

Leader of the Council, Cabinet Lead Member for Finance, Customer & Support Services, Revenues and Benefits.

5. Panel Recommendations

Insert.

6. Panel Observations

Insert (if any).

7. Background Papers

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8. Appendix

Minutes of 3 x Panel meetings outlined above.

January 2024