**Clerk/RFO Budget 2024/25**

**Report for Governance 8th April 2024**

The 2024/25 budget agreed at Full Council in December 2023 has had minimal adjustments since that meeting. In December the Council resolved as follows:

- **Resolved FC2324/86.1** the2024-25 budget for precept report from the Clerk/RFO was noted and the budget for 2024/25 approved as £329,878.

- **Resolved FC2324/86.2** there will be a 3% rise in the precept proposed to Bradford Council by Baildon Town Council for 2024/25, to address a range of increased cost pressures and in order to set a balanced budget without recourse to General Reserves

In early January 2024 Bradford Council confirmed our final number of electors for calculating the precept and this increased our precept income by £201.

Committees had recommended their budgets to Governance by the end of October (as per Financial Regulations) and they were approved. The rationale was to make some small savings so that the increase of the precept and use of reserves could be kept under financial control.

Since the round of Committee meetings (Economy late September 23, Community October 2023 and Environment early November 2023) the expenditure profile of the 23/24 budgets has further developed.

* In some areas some small adjustments could be usefully considered:

Northgate toilets 7010 generally consider budget provision.

Finance Software 2015 increase by £200 from another Governance budget line

* Budget lines which may need adjustment mid-year:

Salaries 1001/1 Pay award unknown

Pensions1001/2 Impact of pay award unknown

**Resolution:**

To delegate the Clerk/RFO small adjustments to the 2024/25 budget.