

## **HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 February 2024

Present

Councillor Munday (Chairman)

Councillors Brent, Crellin, Gray, Keast, Milne, Patrick, Sceal, Tindall, Turner and Weeks

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Bowdell

### **28 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kennett.

### **29 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests relating to matters on the agenda.

### **30 Havant Borough Council Budget 2024/25**

The Committee was given an opportunity to scrutinise the Council budget for 2024/25.

Members asked questions of clarification from the Cabinet Lead for Finance and the officers and raised points in relation to:

- Guidance on how VAT was charged.
- The impact of the budget on the Council's Reserves.
- The proposed percentage increase to be applied to fees and charges.
- The limitations placed on fees and charges.
- The Council's investment strategy.
- The strategies that informed the Council's Budget.
- How the Council would determine cuts to services, if deemed necessary.
- The proposed Capital Budget.
- The provision made for mayoral duties.

- The amount of money spent on external consultants.

In response to questions raised, the officers agreed to supply details of expenditure on external consultants to members of the Committee.

RESOLVED that the information, evidence and data presented be noted.

**The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and concluded at 6.46 pm**

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**Chairman**