

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 8 – Wiltshire Council Financial Plan

From Andy Oliver

To Councillor Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment and Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council

Question (P21-04)

The ongoing challenges to our communities in a post COVID world are largely unknown even once the vaccination roll-out is complete. How can I be certain services can continue to be funded and operate and residents be properly supported?

Response

The Council have set a balanced budget for 2021/22 based on the known estimates and assumptions at this point in time.

The Council have a track record of managing its financial position during the year. Whilst we have acknowledged the challenges and demands are uncertain, we have also set aside funding in a latent demand reserve to meet the potential for increased demand in services over and above the budget estimates, should that need arise next financial year.