

## Taunton Charter Trustees

Thursday, 10th December, 2020,  
6.00 pm

[SWT VIRTUAL MEETING WEBCAST  
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**Members:** Francesca Smith (Chair), Sue Lees (Vice-Chair), Lee Baker, Chris Booth, Simon Coles, Caroline Ellis, Marcia Hill, Richard Lees, Libby Lisgo, Derek Perry, Martin Peters, Hazel Prior-Sankey, Federica Smith-Roberts, Alan Wedderkopp, Danny Wedderkopp and Brenda Weston

### ADDENDUM

#### 11. Taunton Charter Trustees Budget 2021/2022

To approve a Budget for the Taunton Charter Trustees for the 2021/22 financial year.

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**JAMES HASSETT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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## **ADDENDUM**

### **Taunton Charter Trustees Budget 2021/2022**

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Possible Option 1**

- a) Resolve that the Taunton Charter Trustees set their budget for 2021/2022 at £52,019 with a request to SWT to precept on their behalf the amount of £52,019 on the Unparished Area. (£3.42 on a Band D).
- b) Delegate authority to the Clerk to transfer the unspent balance from the 2020/21 budget into the General Reserves of the Taunton Charter Trustees at the end of 2020/21 to fund unplanned expenses in future years (approx. £12,060)

##### **Possible Option 2**

- a) Resolve that the Taunton Charter Trustees set their budget for 2021/2022 at £52,019 with a request to SWT to precept on their behalf the amount of £38,959 on the Unparished Area. (£2.56 on a Band D)
- b) Delegate authority to the Clerk to transfer any unspent balance from the 2020/2021 budget into an earmarked reserve at the end of 2020/21 as identified in the table below to fund expenditure in 2021/22 (approx. £12,060).

Alternatively, the Charter Trustees may wish to seek an option which lands somewhere between these two options as laid out.

## **Summary of Budget for 2021/22**

The indicative tax base for the Unparished Area is 15,208.33. However, this is subject to a recalculation as at the 30<sup>th</sup> November (due to be worked on imminently) and approval from the Section 151 Officer.

The following table provides an overview of the amount and areas to be precepted broken down on a Band D property in the Unparished Area of Taunton.

<b>Taunton Charter Trustees Budget 21/22</b>	<b>Charter Trustees £</b>	<b>Estimate 20/21 underspend £</b>
Mayoral Civic Activities and Events Spend	4000	6000
Special Responsibility Allowance for Mayor and Deputy	3814	0
Insurance for Insignia/Regalia	650	0
Supporting Civic Twinning Links	0	0
Staffing/Administration Costs	30,095	2250
Accommodation	0	1760
Mayoral Vehicle Lease	0	2000
Audit of Accounts	400	0
<b>Total Estimated Costs:</b>	<b>38,959</b>	<b>50,969</b>
Contingency/Reserves:	0	1050
<b>Total Precept/Budget:</b>	<b>38,959</b>	<b>52,019</b>

Yellow = Mayor of Taunton Costs

Orange = Taunton Charter Trustees Costs

So when looking at the budget for next year, you need to divide it by this tax base figure to get the Band D basic rate;

**£38,959 / 15,208.33 = £2.56 per Band D property.**

**£52,019 / 15,208.33 = £3.42 per Band D property.**

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