REPORT TO: Town Council – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024
REPORT ON: Recommendations from Committees
REPORT By: Responsible Figures Officer

**REPORT BY:** Responsible Finance Officer **REPORT DATE:** 13th December 2024

#### Planning & Development Committee – 4th December 2024

No recommendations.

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#### Finance, Policy & Assets Committee – 9th December 2024

#### FP2412.5 POLICIES.

RECOMMENDED	(i) Co-Option of Town Councillors, as amended be approved.
	(ii) Audio Recording of Meetings, be approved.
	(iii) Data Protection, be approved.
	(iv) Market Terms & Conditions, be approved.

#### FP2412.8 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025/2026.

Note: Agenda item FP2412.8 is to be discussed within the main Agenda item TC2413.7

RECOMMENDED	That the	budget	of	£1,827,977	for	the	financial	year	2025/2026	be
	approved. That the approved.	precept	of	£1,643,344	for	the	financial	year	2025/2026	be

#### **FP2412.9 EARMARKED RESERVES 2025/2026.**

Note: Agenda item FP2412.9 is to be discussed within the main Agenda item TC2413.8

RECOMMENDED	That the earmarked reserves of £646.814 for the financial year 2025/2026
	be approved.

Report to: Town Council - 16th December 2024 Report on : Council Budget 2024/2025 Report by: Responsible Finance Officer Report Date: 13th December 2024

			DAVENTRY	TOWN COUN	CIL - BUDGE	DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL - BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2024/2025	3 REPORT 2	2024/2025		
SUMMARY TOTALS										
		Budget	ets		Actuals	slen	Estimate	Estimated Outturn	Year End	
	Original		Transfer (to)/from	Revised					Projected	
Budget Heading	Budget	Virements	reserves	Budget	Actuals	Committed	%	9	Under/(over)	Notes
Finance & Policy Committee										
General Administration	471,484	0	843	472,327	344,367	119707	%86	464,901	7,426	
Elections	4,000	0	(4,000)	0	0	0	#	0	0	
Civic Expenses	8,200	0	10,378	18,578	14,560	0	%88	16,373	2,205	2,205 Underspend of £2,2K to be moved to EMR War Memorial
Premises	63,985	0	(2,000)	58,985	30,300	22929		56,827	2,158	
Market	3,745	0	0	3,745	2,342		%98	3,229	516	
Welton Road Cemetery	788	0	0	788	(19,285)		-10	(8,168)	8,956	Underspend of £3.8K for Ground Maintenance to moved to EMR
Holy Cross Church Cemetery	9,202	0	0	9,202	6,389			8,519	683	683 Underspend of £6K for Ground Maintenance to moved to EMR
Public Open Spaces	804,142	0	1,680	805,822	559,565	193,15		746,780	59,042	59,042 Underspend of £57.5K for Ground Maintenance to moved to EMR
Street Funiture	5,000	0 0	0 0	5,000	33		100%	5,000	0 (%)	
Grants & Donations	10,000	o c	0 0	10,000	5,777	1,435		10,000	064	
CCLV	70,500	0	0	70,500	54,168			74.463	(3.963)	
Section 17 Crime & Disorder	47,281	0	3,656	50,937	13,986			15,286	35,651	Underspend of £35.6K for Ground Maintenance to moved to EMR
Social Capital	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000			10,000	0	
Allotments	0	0	0	0	(727)	1,194	#DIV/0I	473	(473)	
Sub-Total Finance & Policy Committee	1,513,577	0	7,557	1,521,134	1,023,852	373,497		1,408,503	112,631	
Community Services Committee										
External Communications	7,100	0	40	7,140	2,796	730	104%	7,447	(307)	
Community Transport	7,500	0	0	7,500	7,500		100%	7,500	0	
Children & Young People	0	0	14,258	19,258	16,658	0	100%	19,178	80	
Events	44,200	0 0	0 0	44,200	36,254			40,103	4,097	
Sub Total Committee Committee	005,200	0 0	27 137	49,729	110 000	2,090	100%	49,808	(6/)	
Sub Total Community Selvices Communice	32,673	2	27,17/	6/8/76	110,039	3,1/0		124,030	2,721	
Musuem Committee Museum	8,090	0	140	8.230	98	2.551	%88	7.235	566	
Sub-Total Musuem Committee	8,090	0	140	8,230	3,388			7,235	995	
Planning & Development Committee		(								
Consultation Sub-Total Planning & Development Committee	2,000	0 0	(2 000)	0 0	0	0	%0		0	
	2,000		(2,000)	2					2	
Other Rank Interact	(4 500)		c	(4 500)	(3 597)	(2,040)	175%	(5,637)	1 103	
Precept	(1,614,861)	0	0	(1,614,861)	(1,614,861)	(pto/y)	100%	(1,614,861)	0	
CIL Income	0	0	(128,593)	(128,593)	(128,593)			(128,593)	0	0 Moved to EMR on receipt
\$106 Income Contribution to EMR	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0		99,700	002,889	Projected underspends to be moved to EMR
Sub-Total Other	(1,619,361)	0	(128,593)	(1,747,954)	(1,747,041)	(2,040)		11,649,3811	INCHE!	
Total Net Expendiure	0	0	(90,769)	O	(609,702)	377,178		100 CT	18,844	

REPORT ON: Council Budget and Precept 2025-26 with recommendations and reports on key

budget lines.

**REPORT BY:** Responsible Finance Officer

REPORT DATE: 13th December 2024

#### BACKGROUND

Each Committee has reviewed their services, ambitions, operational needs and duties to support the community for 2025/26 and beyond, with the Finance and Policy Committee having reviewed and considered each of the budgets put forward by each committee.

The Finance and Policy Committee makes the following recommendations based on a review of each budget line, identifying the major increases and reductions that influence the final precept proposal:

#### **BUDGET ANALYSIS**

#### Income

The allotments, retail radio scheme and Welton Road Cemetery are the only income generating services provided by the Council.

The budget for CCTV contribution has been decreased by £1.6K, the challenges faced by retailers during the cost-of-living crisis has resulted in a decrease of the number of retailers subscribed to the business together retail scheme.

The price per pole for allotments has increased for 2025/26, the overall impact is a minimal increase in the income for this facility.

Due to there being no increases to the burial fees for Welton Road Cemetery the budgeted income remains the same.

Based on the current level of interest rates, it is anticipated that the return on the council's reserves will increase, the budgeted income has been increased by £1K to reflect this.

An anticipated contribution of £25K, currently under negotiation with West Northamptonshire Highways, which provides for the cyclic highway maintenance, which forms part of the responsibilities within the environmental and landscaping services.

It is predicted that the outside event organisations (e.g. circus) will continue to request to use land currently under the management and maintenance of the council which will provide an anticipated income of £1.2K.

#### Expenditure

#### Finance & Policy

The Finance and Policy Committee are proposing:

- an overall increase in wages and salaries of £27.9k (6.52%). The personnel panel having received a report from the Chief Officer on a review of all employee's job descriptions and satisfactory performance (via appraisals) together with the changes in employer national insurance contributions effective from April 2025 and a predicted pay offer of 5% being agreed by NJC and the Unions for the financial year 2025/26, proposed a budget of £456,861.00, with any shortfall for 2025/26 to be funded via the general

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reserves, and the total amount of any shortfall to be considered for inclusion in the precept in the financial year 2026/27. This proposal was approved by council at its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

- a reduction of £0.5K for postage for 2025/2026

- an increase of £0.6K for subscriptions, due to an anticipated increase in annual charges.
- an increase of £2K for Legal and Professional Fees, for the appointment of a consultant to provide professional advice, products and services in relation to Employment Law, HR and Health and Safety.
- an increase of £10K for Office & IT Infrastructure, during 2025 the council will need to replace 5 office computers and upgrade the presentation system used for meetings.
- an increase of £0.6K for IT Support required to setup the new computers to be purchased in 2025.
- an increase of £1.1K for Training costs, this will ensure that following the May 2025 local elections, all newly elected councillors will be able to complete the Northants CALC, Councillor Development Framework Foundation Course.
- an increase of £0.3K for insurance costs, due to anticipated increase in annual charges for 2025/2026.
- a reduction of £0.3K for Civic Expenditure for 2025/2026.
- a reduction of £1.1K for business rates for 2025/2026.
- a reduction of £0.8K for premised utilities, due to anticipated savings in the annual charges for 2025/2026.
- an increase of £1.5K for cleaning, due to increased rates for the ongoing cleaning contract.
- a decrease of £0.5K for the market electricity costs, due to anticipated savings in the annual charges for 2025/26.
- the removal of £45,9K from the budget for PCSO Sponsorship, this service ceased in 2024, unspent monies for 2024/2025 are to be earmarked (please see appendix A) for use in 2025/2026.
- an increase of £4,2K for the continuation of the retail crime initiative scheme for 2025/2026, which was introduced in September 2023 to combat and prevent shoplifting in Daventry Town. Unspent monies within the Sponsored PCSO budget were to used fund the service in 2023/2024, and also part fund the service for 2024/2025 (please see appendix A), with the shortfall of £1.3K being included within the 2024/2025 budget.
- Continued support for Daventry and District Citizen's Advice by awarding grant of £10,000 for financial year 25/26.

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- an increase of £10.6K for the management and maintenance of the environmental and landscaping services, which include Welton Road Cemetery and the Holy Cross Churchyard. The annual uplift for 2025/2026, is estimated to be an increase of 4.15%, based on three indexation elements, see summary below:

- **fuel cost** - indexation confirmed and agreed -9.46%

- all other costs Estimated indexation 2.3% (based on October 2024 CPI). To be confirmed on the release of the November CPI, to be published on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The current forecasts suggest the CPI has moved to upwards of 2.7% for November.
- employee costs NJC pay award for 2025/2026 to be confirmed. Discussions to agree the estimated indexation are ongoing. Norse are currently estimating a 7% increase for the NJC uplift element of the contract, whilst DTC are estimating a 5% increase. The changes to employer national insurance contributions which will come into effect in April 2025, will result in a further increase to the employee costs for 2025/2026, the final calculation is to be completed, once the NJC % uplift estimate for 2025/2026 has been agreed by both parties.
- an increase of £0.3K for Welton Road Cemetery waters costs, due to anticipated increase in costs for 2025/2026.
- a decrease of £0.7k for Welton Road Cemetery electricity costs, due to anticipated savings in the annual charges for 2025/2026.
- the inclusion of a budget of £15K to be earmarked for future play equipment provision (please see appendix A)

#### **Community Services**

Finance and Policy Committee have reviewed and recommend the following proposals from the Community Services Committee:

- a decrease of £0.2K to the external communication's budget line, due to cost savings.
- Continued support of the community transport service by awarding funding £7.5K for 2025/2026.
- The removal of the of £5k for Youth Provision, the council used unspent monies from 2022/2023 to provide funding for the provision of a youth hub and youth outreach programme in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 (please see Appendix A), the unspent monies during 2024/2025 did not provide the full level of funding required for the service to continue in 2024/2025, so a budget of £5K was included to fund the anticipated shortfall. It is proposed that unspent monies during 2024/2025 for the sponsored PCSO (please see Appendix A) be used to provide the full level of funding needed to continue the provision of the youth hub and youth outreach programme in 2025/2026.
- the inclusion of £0.6K to provide continued support to the Teen Clinic Daventry.
- an increase of £2.6K to the events budget. The Committee propose an increase in the specialist market budget by £1K, which will provide sufficient funds for the council to provide three family friendly themed markets for 2025. The committee proposed an

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increase of £1.1K for the Heritage Buses to return and be part of the councils Heritage Open Days programme for 2025. The Committee proposed the inclusion of £0.5K to support the Pride Party in the Park event for 2025.

- an increase of £5.5K to the Town Enhancements budget. The Committee proposes the reduction of £1.5K for the Christmas Tree for 2025/2026, this will provide sufficient funds for the council to provide a tree for the town centre for 2025. The Committee propose the introduction of a £5K budget to be earmarked (please see Appendix A) for future replacements/enhancements to the councils Christmas lights scheme, the council utilised earmarked reserves (please see Appendix A) during 2024 to carry out repairs and enhancements to the current scheme.

#### Museum Committee

Finance and Policy Committee have reviewed and recommend the following proposals from the Museum Committee:

- an increase of £2.4K for the museum to carry out a project to refresh the wall of faces with a new Timeline of Daventry display.

#### Planning & Development

Finance and Policy Committee have reviewed and recommend the following proposals from the Planning & Development Committee:

 that a £0 budget should be included for 2025/26, as monies that have been earmarked will provide a sufficient level of fund for the appointment of professional advice as required.

#### **Earmarked Reserves**

Finance and Policy Committee have reviewed the proposals from all committees in relation to earmarking funds for future projects. Please refer to appendix A for a full report.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

On reviewing the budget proposals submitted by each Committee and having due regard to the Council's duties and the needs of the community the Council budget of £1,827,977 be approved and a precept of £1,643,344 be approved, as an increase of £2.76 per year (5.3 pence per week) on a band D property (1.53%).

\*The council tax base figure reflects the actual amounts paid by residents and takes account of those who are eligible for discounts via local support schemes. The tax base figure is calculated by the principal authority (West Northamptonshire Council) and is expressed in terms of Band D properties.

# Appendix A - Daventry Town Council - Earmarked Reserves

	Balance as at 31st March 2024	2024/2025 Budget Allocation	2024/2025	13th December 2024	Proposed release	Proposed Additions (under utilised allocation)	Proposed Additions to Budget Allocation	Proposed Proposed Earmarked Reserves
Community Infrastructure Levy	£ 135,878.84	£ 128,592.84		£ 264,471.68		1	- 3	£ 264,471.68
Healthy Young Daventry Grant	£ 5,298.78		£ 40.40	£ 5,258.38		- -		£ 5,258.38
Teen Clinic Daventry Grant	£ 7,458.84	£ 2,324.08	£ 1,240.57	£ 8,542.35	£ 200.00	т -	£ -	£ 8,342.35
PWLB Loan	£ 6,642.00			£ 6,642.00	· Ч	-	- -	£ 6,642.00
S106 - Allotments	£ 5,148.74			£ 5,148.74	, ч	- -	,	£ 5,148.74
S106 - Middlemore Grounds Maint	£ 6,203.00			£ 6,203.00	- 41	- -	£	£ 6,203.00
S106 - POS - Dennets Close	£ 15,254.04			£ 15,254.04	· ч	- -	- -	£ 15,254.04
Sub Total Restricted Earmarked Reserves Balance	£ 181,884.24	£ 130,916.92	£ 1,280.97	£ 311,520.19	£ 200.00	Ę.	- 3	£ 311,320.19
Museum Donations	£ 2,129.41	£ 90.00	£ 230.00	£ 1,989.41	н '	-	- -	£ 1,989.41
Planning Consultant	£ 1,831.68	£ 2,000.00	£	£ 3,831.68	£ -	٠ -	- <del>J</del>	£ 3,831.68
Mayors Chain of Office	£ 12,987.00	- J	£ 10,378.37	£ 2,608.63	- ч	- 3	, 4	£ 2,608.63
Open Spaces	£ 72,346.64	£ -	£ 1,680.00	£ 70,666.64	, 44	£ 57,500.00	- -	£ 128,166.64
Devolution	£ 7,466.62	£ -	£ 558.60	£ 6,908.02	- -	E.	٠ -	£ 6,908.02
Christmas Lights	£ 27,614.10	- J	£ 17,828.98	£ 9,785.12	- -	- -	£ 5,000.00	£ 14,785.12
Building Repairs	£ 27,200.00	£ 5,000.00		£ 32,200.00	ا ن	-	£ 5,000.00	£ 37,200.00
Civic - War Memorial	£ 7,296.00	£ -	£	€ 7,296.00	- -	£ 2,200.00	41	£ 9,496.00
Elections	00.000,8 ₹	£ 4,000.00	- J	£ 12,000.00	Ę -	£	£ 4,000.00	£ 16,000.00
Cemeteries	£ 46,603.40		- J	£ 46,603.40	- 3	£ 4,400.00	Э	£ 51,003.40
Street Lighting	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ -	€ 2,000.00	- -	- -	- -	£ 2,000.00
Play Equipment Renewals	£ 10,000.00	£ -	- J	£ 10,000.00	- -	- -	£ 15,000.00	£ 25,000.00
Crime & Disorder	£ 3,656.25	- <del>J</del>	£ 3,656.25	- <del>3</del>	- <del>3</del>		£	- -
Training	£ 1,306.00	£ -	£ 284.00	£ 1,022.00	£ 168.00	- -	£	£ 854.00
Health & Wellbeing - renames from Youth Provision	£ 20,444.81		£ 15,320.62	£ 5,124.19	£ 5,124.19	£ 35,651.00	t)	£ 35,651.00
Sub Total General Earmarked Reserve Balance	£ 250,881.91	£ 11,090.00	£ 49,936.82	£ 212,035.09	£ 5,292.19	£ 99,751.00	£ 29,000.00	£ 335,493.90
Total Earmarked Reserve Balance	£ 432,766.15	£ 142,006.92	£ 51,217.79	£ 523,555.28	£ 5,492.19	£ 99,751.00	£ 29,000.00	£ 646,814.09





#### WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

#### <u>HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 — SECTIONS 65 AND 66</u> <u>SHARED USE CYCLEWAY / FOOTWAY</u>

### AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23 PROVISION OF TOUCAN CROSSING

#### STAVERTON ROAD & YEOMANRY WAY, DAVENTRY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that West Northamptonshire Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 proposes to install a shared use cycleway / footway in the section of the road as specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice and in exercise of its powers conferred by Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, provide a zebra crossing in the section/s of road as specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice.

Details of the proposals may be inspected on the Council's website at <a href="www.westnorthants.gov.uk">www.westnorthants.gov.uk</a> and at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700.

Any persons wishing to make any comments regarding these proposals should send them in writing by 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to The Traffic Orders Section, Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email to <a href="https://www.www.www.email.com/www.www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/www.email.com/ww

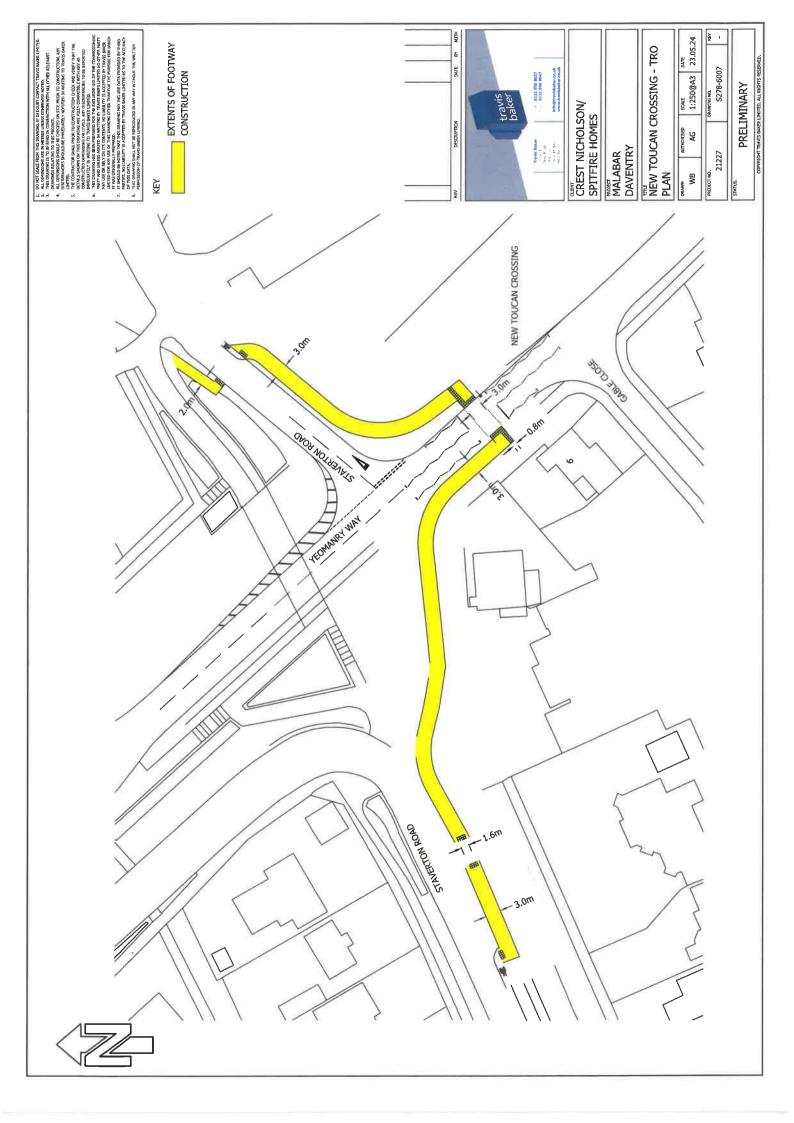
Dated this 28th day of November 2024

### SARAH HALL Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer (Interim) Schedule 1 shared use cycleway / footway

<u>Item</u>	Road Name / Place	<u>Description</u>
1.	Staverton Road,	Approximately 166 metres of new shared use cycleway on
	Yeomanry Way	Staverton Road southeast side leading into Yeomanry Way
		southwest side to accommodate the crossing point on
		Yeomanry Way leading to the northeast side back into
		Staverton Road southeast side and then northwest side.

#### Schedule 2 Toucan Crossing

<u>Item</u>	Road Name / Place	<b>Description</b>
1.	Yeomanry Way	New toucan crossing approximately 176 metres in length between its northeastern junction of Staverton Road and its junction with Gable Close.



**Report to:** Town Council – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Report on: Recruitment of Chief Officer

Report by: Personnel Panel
Date: 13 December 2024

The Personnel Panel confirms that following the decision<sup>1</sup> to recruit for a Chief Officer within the LC4 Substantive band (SCP 50-54 £62,377-70,065), at the Town Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the following actions have been taken:

Advertisements have been placed in the following sectors:

- Daventry Town Council website and social media
- NCALC
- NALC
- SLCC
- LinkedIn
- Indeed

The Chief Officer will be involved in the process up to and including the shortlisting.

A copy of the job application pack is attached.

The deadline for applications is 12th January 2025.

Shortlisting will take place on 14th January 2025.

Interviews will take place on 25th January 2025.

Appointment to be made on 25th January 2025.

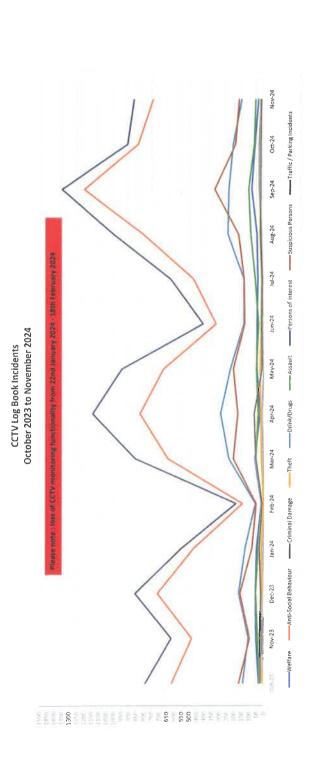
The Personnel Panel have appointed Cllrs Matthews, Knape and Tweedale to the interview panel, with Danny Moody, Principal NCALC observing and advising.

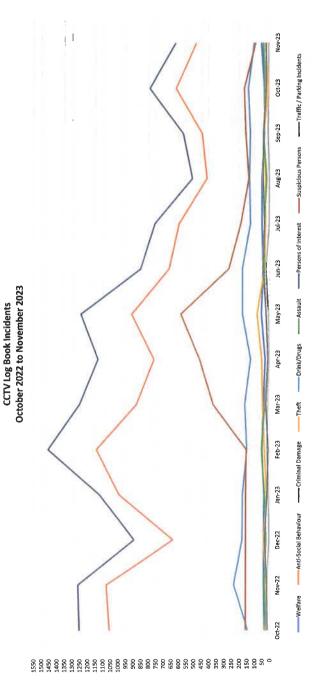
Recommendation: Town Council to confirm delegation of authority to the Personnel Panel to appoint a Chief Officer to Daventry Town Council.

Chief Officer Application Pack

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LC4 - Substantive - Chief Officer

All the above plus lead and advise the Council on policies and initiatives that meet the identified needs of the community. Produce all the information required for making effective decisions and implement council services and activities constructively. Strong management skills and able to bring team with them and develop their skills. Work with partner organisations, focusing on the development of the town and community wellbeing. CiLCA qualification. Evidence of CPD and/or Degree level qualification







## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

# SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF 2025/26

2025	TOWN COUNCIL 18:30	FINANCE & POLICY 18:30	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 18:30	MUSEUM 18:30	COMMUNITY SERVICES 18:30	ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY 19:00
JANUARY	27	13	8 & 29			
FEBRUARY	24	10	19		က	
MARCH	31	10	12			17
APRIL	28	21	2 & 23	14		
MAY	12	10	28			
JUNE	29	တ	60		7	
JULY	28	41	9 & 30			
AUGUST	25	7	20			
SEPTEMBER	29	00	10		_	
OCTOBER	27	13	1 & 22	20		
NOVEMBER	24	10	12			
DECEMBER	22	œ	က			