

**Summary of the 2022-23 Draft Budget:**

Worked on the principle that there will be no carry forwards from the 2021-22 budget. Such carry forwards as do arise can be repurposed for a capital project. Some may be held in reserve in the event of a resurgence of Covid.

Staff numbers will remain the same as at October 2021.

The PCSO will still be funded. The full amount of £19,500 is included.

The payments to CAB and UCT have remained at their 2021-22 levels.

Inflation will be 2%.

Assumed the Precept will increase by 2%.

Assumed Band D housing stays the same as 2021-22. Any amount from an increase in numbers can either be used to reduce the precept or fund a capital project.

Income: the starting point is a "normal" year's income, with no Covid provision.

A provision has been made for new office rent should the staff leave the Town Hall. This should be offset by the income derived from renting out the Council Chamber and Committee Room.