

## **Head of Finance – Section 151 Comments on Labour Administrations Budget Amendments 2025-26 to 2028/29**

**Date 11-02-2025**

I have reviewed the budget amendment submitted by the Labour Group to the budget submitted for February Council and confirm that it is arithmetically correct.

The budget could be implemented if voted through.

The budget proposals within the amendment provide funding for specific projects / initiatives. The role of Council through budget setting is to allocate funding. The proposals within the proposed budget amendments will only secure the funding. All proposals will still require further decisions (whether by cabinet or officers where delegated) to bring them forward. Council cannot take decisions to implement the proposals as they are executive functions, it can only make the funding available.

### **The General Fund Revenue**

The budgeted amendments consisting of £785k of additional costs, funded by changes in the council tax reduction scheme, increased yield from car parking and the revenue saving from the sale of unused assets.

**HRA** – There are no proposed changes to the HRA Budget

**Capital Budget** – There are no proposed changes to the Capital Budget

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