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## **Combined Fire Authority**

**19 February 2021**

### **Notes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2021**

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#### **Report of the Chair of the Finance Committee**

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**Members Present:** Cllr A Batey in the Chair

Cllrs R Bell, J Shuttleworth, D Freeman, C Potts, Cllr H Crumbie

#### **Purpose of the report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the discussions and recommendations.

#### **Forecast Outturn 2020/21 Quarter 3**

2. Members were presented with details of the service's forecast revenue and capital financial outturn position. The forecast revenue outturn position is an underspend of £0.290M based on income and expenditure to 31 December 2020.

The Committee **noted** the report.

#### **Short term investments 2020/21 Quarter 3**

3. Members were presented with information on the Service's short-term investments for the period ending 31 December 2020.

The Committee **noted** the report.

## **Revenue and Capital Budgets 2021/22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan**

4. Members were presented with details of the provisional local government finance settlement for 2021/22 to consider the revenue and capital budgets and medium-term financial plan (MTFP) and to agree a firm recommendation to the meeting of the Fire Authority on 19 February 2021.

The committee discussed possible effects of a council tax increase.

- (i) The committee **considered** the information in the report.
- (ii) The committee **considered** the level of council tax for the 2021/22 financial year.
- (iii) The committee **noted** the risks that had been identified as part of the budget setting process
- (iv) The committee **agreed** that a firm recommendation be made to the Combined Fire Authority meeting on 19 February 2021 that council tax for 2021/22 be increased by 1.96%.