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Dear Councillor Carter

**Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask **“Given this administration’s financial mismanagement over recent years has led to failures in balancing budgets, how does the council plan to address this in the coming year”?**

There have been no failures to balance the budget.

The annual revenue budget financial outturn reports to Cabinet show that the Council’s revenue budget financial outturn has been within overall budget for each of the past four years (2016/17 – 2019/20).

It is also anticipated that a balanced budget will be maintained for 2020/21 after taking account of Covid related expenditure and associated Government Grant. This position is reported within the latest Financial Monitoring report on the Cabinet agenda for 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

A report on the review and update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy which is also on the Cabinet agenda for 23<sup>rd</sup> November identifies that a balanced budget position can be maintained for 2021/22, subject to the outcome of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2021/22 which will determine the Council’s funding from Government for next year.

I hope above information adequately answers your question.

Yours sincerely



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