

MSDC COUNCIL – 20 MARCH 2024

ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024

AMENDED PARAGRAPHS:

- 104.11 Councillor Davis outlined that when there were inflation rates of 6% in 2022, and 10% in 2023 the Council did not increase Council Tax and this impacted the real value of the council tax collected, so an increase of 2% now was modest recovery. Additionally, the Council Tax increase from the Council was at a lower level than at other levels of government.
- 104.12 Councillor Stringer outlined that the amendment was a short-term solution and unpredictable impacts from external sources could be mitigated by the rise in Council Tax and surpluses should be used to provide value for money in Council services. He added that small increases to Council Tax gave a greater stability to the Council and would allow the Council to put residents first.
- 104.14 Councillor Scarff stated that he supported small increases in Council Tax within the base budget, and he raised concern on the uncertainty of one year funding from Central Government and how this meant long-term financial security was unpredictable.
- 104.16 Councillor Patchett outlined that he had been reassured by Cabinet on the Council Tax rises and that due to the current inflation rates valuations on CIFCO could be uncertain in future.