



Andover Town Council

To **approve** the continuation of the work program to build the business case for Council's later review and final decision on whether the land purchase project goes ahead.

Item
No.

26A

Produced for: Full Council

By: Town Clerk

Date of Report: 16 Nov 2023

The Budget was reviewed in the last P&R meeting on 1st November. Some comments were made and the following amendments have been made:

Code	Change	Reason
4001/5 (IT Support and Equipment.)	Increase £1,000	To budget for replacement Laptops/Tablets for Councillors for upgrade in 5 years time. Initial purchase may be funded by General Reserve.
4201/5 (Staff parking)	Increase £2,000	To pay for Staff parking to ensure 2 members of staff can be in the office every day.
4700/2 (Christmas Lights)	Increase £4,013	For increased costs and extension.
4300/5 (Sids Admin & Management)	Increase £9,000	To pay for administering the SIDs. (currently unbudgeted for)
TOTAL	Increase £16,013	NOTE: This does <u>not</u> imply that the precept increases. RFO recommends that the Precept remains the same.

Recommendation from Officers:

1. To **note** the suggestions made.
2. To **agree** CODE NO.S of expenditure lines for the Responsible Financial Officer to further review in order to provide greater explanation for the December meeting.

(councillors to please come with a list of code no.s ready.)