## Midsomer Norton Town Council Revenue Budget 25/26 Preparation Working Group Terms of Reference

- 1. The Working Group shall comprise of all members of the Town Council.
- 2. The Working Group has no power to make decisions on behalf of the Council.
- 3. The overarching role of the Revenue Budget 25/26 Working Group shall be to provide input to the RFO and Town Clerk for the development of a draft budget for consideration by the Finance & Operations Committee to include:
  - 3.1. A review of the current budget.
  - 3.2. To understand where expenditure is largely non-discretionary To consider recommendations for new or novel expenditure.
  - 3.3. To consider a desired level of any increase in the precept.
  - 3.4. To consider the target amount of the general reserve at the end of FY 25/26
  - 3.5. To understand the likely level of general reserve at the end of FT24/25.
  - 3.6. To consider input from Committees.
  - 3.7. To consider if Earmarked Reserves should. / can contribute the revenue budget for 24/25.
- 4. The Working Group will be dissolved once a draft budget has been produced and forwarded to the Finance & Operations Committee.

(Approved by Resolution of the Town Council 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024).