

Emergency Motion by the SNP Group

Governance Risk and Best Value Committee – 14 March 2023 Budget Process

Notes the budget process for 2023/24 was particularly challenging for the council.

Notes complaints from residents, councillors and stakeholders which included concerns over a lack of information, and information being provided very late in the process.

Notes that, unlike in previous years, there was no residents' consultation and the full suite of budget proposals were not published anywhere ahead of the papers being published for the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on the 7th February.

Agrees that this was not a good model for budget setting, transparency or the reputation of the council.

Agrees that there will be an internal audit undertaken to review the budget process and make best practice recommendations for future years.

Agrees that this audit should be prioritised to be carried out in the first half of the year so that management actions can be completed ahead of next year's budget process.

Moved by **Councillor Kate Campbell**

Seconded by **Councillor**