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## **General Fund Budget 2021/22**

I am writing to let you know that I have published a draft budget for the City Council in 2021/22. The budget can be found on my website ([www.leicester.gov.uk/citymayor](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/citymayor)).

As you will be aware, local government services have suffered very substantial cuts over the past decade – on a like for like basis we have lost over £100m of Government grant since 2010.

Our difficulties in planning our finances have been compounded by the coronavirus pandemic. The draft budget has been prepared in a climate of considerable uncertainty about the length and impact of pandemic restrictions, and the extent of Government support. The city has, of course, been under restrictions for the entirety of the period since March, the only city in the country to be affected in this way.

Our budget for 2021/22 is a stop gap. We need to carry out a thorough review of our financial strategy to reflect the new ways of working which will be required once the pandemic is over and the economic outlook is more certain. The budget for 2021/22 is supported by the savings we have been able to make in earlier years, which have left us better placed to absorb shocks than would otherwise have been the case.

As a representative of a key constituency of interest, I would welcome any comments you might have on the Council's budget.

The Council will consider the budget on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. It would be helpful to receive any comments you might have by 27<sup>th</sup> January please.

Yours sincerely,

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