

DCC Councillor update September 2022

Think it is safe to say all the main work has been going on to stabilise the budget. Good progress has been made so far - £40m overspend projected to come down to £17m – but we are still waiting for savings proposals to come through from Adults and Children’s Services and that is what will make the difference, though there are particularly difficult challenges with Children’s Services.

Phil Norrey has now retired and Jan Shadbolt (recently retired County Solicitor) is back as interim Chief Exec for 6 months or so, her task is to stabilise this year’s budget and set one for next year. The process for recruiting a new full-time replacement is already starting, aim will be to have someone in place by the start of the new financial year.

Councillor Locality budgets were frozen, of the £8,000 allocated this year, I have only £120 remaining.

I am glad local projects have benefitted. Details can be read on the DCC website.

In haste to make TTC deadline, I will provide a verbal update at the Meeting, if I am available to attend.

Best wishes

Debo Sellis