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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 2023**

The following item of additional business will be considered at the MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023 at 10.00 am

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

13 February 2023

<b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS</b>		
13.	<b>Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent</b> (Pages 3 - 4)  <b>Scottish Government Budget Announcement 2023/24</b> Briefing Note by Acting Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached.)	5 mins

## NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT – 2023/24**

**Briefing Note by Acting Chief Financial Officer**

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### **SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

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1. Following the approval of the Scottish Government Budget in Parliament on the 21st February 2023, the Council has received a letter from Deputy First Minister (DFM) John Swinney, outlining the implications for Local Government.
2. In recognition of significant budget challenges faced by Local Government, the DFM announced in parliament that an additional £100 million will be provided IN 2023/24 as a contribution to support Councils to make a meaningful 2023-24 pay offer for non-teaching local government staff, recognising the critical role that those staff play in delivering front line services.
3. COSLA understands that the £100m is the first instalment of the £155m required by Local Government to match the current 5.5% offer to teachers for 2023/24.
4. It is hoped that this additional funding commitment will enable a swift agreement in the Scottish Joint Council (SJC) pay negotiations so that relevant staff receive a pay increase in 2023-24 as early as possible.
5. The DFM also confirmed a further £156 million in Scottish Government funding (£33 million for 2022-23, and £123 million for 2023-24) to support the enhanced offer to the SNCT (teachers) pay negotiations for both years.
6. The £100m will provide an additional estimated £2.1m for SBC based on our normal Grant Aided Expenditure share and the £156m will provide an additional £3.1m based on our normal teaching staff allocations. These amounts will be grossed up into the budget in the appropriate financial years, in line with the normal process, when the Council receives distribution details.

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