

ENHANCEMENTS TO THE 2022/23 BUDGET PROPOSALS FROM THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

It is recommended that Council approves the two enhancements to its 2022/23 Budget, as detailed below. These amendments will support the Council's commitment to tackle the Climate and Environmental Emergency and many of its corporate objectives, including its corporate themes of: '*A Green Borough*' and '*Healthy Communities*'. These enhancements to the proposed budget can all be met from within existing resources with no requirement to further increase Council Tax:

- (1) The Council enhances its commitment to the Health and Wellbeing of residents and the environment by allocating £50,000 from developers' contributions to establish a nature reserve on the land to be purchased at Stoke Park Farm, Bishopstoke.**
- (2) The Council enhances its commitment to the Health and Wellbeing of residents by carrying out a wellbeing survey of all residents to inform future health strategies. The £5,000 cost of this survey can be absorbed within Health and Wellbeing budgets.**