

Appendix 2

The Table below gives an overall summary of the Council's General Fund MTFP position (which includes a wide range of assumptions).

MTFP General Fund Summary

2022/23 £'000		Notes	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000
14,785	Net Direct Cost of Services		16,074	16,418	17,080	17,672	18,096
(1,715)	Net recharge to HRA		(1,800)	(1,854)	(1,891)	(1,929)	(1,968)
687	Provision for Repayment of Borrowing	1	710	929	1,039	1,150	1,146
13,757	Net Service Costs		14,985	15,493	16,228	16,892	17,274
(993)	Net Interest Costs/(Receipts)	2	(1,005)	(838)	(1,058)	(1,218)	(1,218)
153	Finance Lease Interest Payable		170	200	126	116	106
(2,677)	Net Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	3	(286)	326	279	518	618
10,240	Total Budget Requirement		13,863	15,182	15,575	16,309	16,699
	Funded By:						
(1,855)	Retained Business Rates	4	(3,558)	(3,599)	(3,236)	(3,279)	(3,345)
(99)	Lower Tier Services Grant	5	(99)	(99)	0	0	0
(490)	Rural Services Delivery Grant		(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)
(719)	New Homes Bonus	5	(719)	(719)	0	0	0
(153)	2022/23 Services Grant	5	(153)	(153)	0	0	0
(6,925)	Council Tax–MDDC	6	(6,733)	(6,947)	(7,267)	(7,493)	(7,726)
(10,240)	Total Funding		(11,751)	(12,007)	(10,993)	(11,262)	(11,561)
0	Annual Gap – Increase/(Decrease) In-year		2,111	1,063	1,408	464	173
0	Cumulative Gap		2,111	3,175	4,582	5,046	5,219

Notes:

1. The Provision for repayment of borrowing incorporates the financial implications of the proposed Capital Programme shown in Appendix 4.
2. The reduction in Net Interest Costs/(Receipts) reflects a prudent assumption of the interest earned from 3 Rivers Developments Ltd. This will be updated once the latest Business Plan has been approved.
3. Net Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves reflects planned contributions to, or drawdowns from reserves. The 2022/23 value includes the drawdown from the Business Rates Smoothing Reserves to offset the loss caused by Covid-19 reliefs being applied, where S31 Grant was received instead (see Note 4).
4. The Retained Business Rates income drops in 2025/26 to reflect the potential changes the Government might implement to the Business Rates Retention Scheme. These include Re-Baselining and Resource Equalisation.
5. Earlier this year the former Secretary of State announced at the Local Government Association annual conference that there would be a two-year settlement covering 2023/24 and 2024/25. This indicates it is highly likely to be another roll forward settlement. As such, the current assumption is for a cash freeze in 2023/24 and 2024/25.
6. Council Tax income is forecast assuming Band D charge increases in line with assumed referendum limits, and a prudent return to Pre-Covid-19 collection rates