

Appendix 1

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		17,262	16,605	17,267	17,858	18,283
(1,715)	Net recharge to HRA	1	(1,872)	(1,926)	(1,963)	(2,001)	(2,040)
687	Provision for Repayment of Borrowing	2	703	929	1,039	1,150	1,146
13,757	Net Service Costs		16,093	15,608	16,343	17,007	17,389
(993)	Net Interest Payable / (Receipts)	3	(1,532)	(1,365)	(1,585)	(1,745)	(1,745)
153	Finance Lease Interest Payable		180	200	126	116	106
(2,677)	Net Transfers to / (from) Earmarked Reserves	4	(1,735)	(1,122)	(1,169)	(930)	(830)
10,240	Total Budget Requirement		13,006	13,321	13,715	14,448	14,919
	Funded By:						
(1,855)	Retained Business Rates	5	(3,882)	(3,923)	(3,560)	(3,603)	(3,669)
(99)	Lower Tier Services Grant	6	(99)	(99)	0	0	0
(490)	Rural Services Delivery Grant	6	(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)
(719)	New Homes Bonus	6	(719)	(719)	0	0	0
(153)	2022/23 Services Grant	6	(153)	(153)	0	0	0
(6,925)	Council Tax–MDDC	7	(6,758)	(6,973)	(7,193)	(7,419)	(7,652)
(10,240)	Total Funding		(12,101)	(12,357)	(11,343)	(11,612)	(11,911)
0	Annual Shortfall – Increase / (Decrease)		905	60	1,408	464	173
0	Cumulative Shortfall		905	965	2,372	2,836	3,009

Notes:

1. Recharges have been calculated based upon the updated salary budgets. This may still move depending on the final budget set.
2. The Provision for repayment of borrowing incorporates the financial implications of the proposed Capital Programme shown in Appendix 4.
3. The increase in Net Interest Costs / (Receipts) reflects the increase in interest rates a prudent assumption of the interest earned from 3 Rivers Developments Ltd in line with the Business Plan previously reviewed by Scrutiny and Audit Committee. At present, no new external borrowing is forecast, which lowers the previous assumption in Interest Payable.
4. Net Transfers to / (from) Earmarked Reserves reflects planned contributions to, or drawdowns from reserves. The 2023/24 value includes the final drawdown from the Business Rates and Council Tax Smoothing Reserves to offset the loss caused by Covid-19 reliefs being applied (see Note 4).
5. 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.
6. Recently the Government confirmed that the Local Government Finance Settlement (due 21 December) will cover 2023/24 and provide the key assumptions for 2024/25. 2023/24 should receive a 3% increase in "Core Spending" before taking into account any increases to Council Tax. Until the exact allocations are known, we continue to assume funding will be frozen.
7. Council Tax income is forecast assuming Band D charge increases in line with assumed referendum limits and the agreed Taxbase.