

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 – Revised	(A)	16,720 16,830	15,356 15,436	15,918 15,998	16,416 16,496	16,973 17,053
(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 – Revised		15,540 15,661	14,348 14,439	14,982 15,074	15,553 15,644	16,069 16,160
(993)	Net Interest Payable / (Receipts) – Revised	3 (B)	(1,532) (1,032)	(1,365) (865)	(1,585) (1,085)	(1,745) (1,245)	(1,745) (1,245)
153	Finance Lease Interest Payable		180	200	126	116	106
(2,677)	Net Transfers to / (from) Earmarked Reserves	4	(1,594)	918	1,019	1,338	1,264
0	Transfer (from) General Reserves	(C)	(610)	0	0	0	0
10,240	Total Budget Requirement – Revised		12,606	14,113 14,693	14,554 15,134	15,274 15,854	15,704 16,284
	Funded By:						
(1,855)	Retained Business Rates	5	(4,319)	(4,360)	(3,997)	(4,040)	(4,106)
0	Revenue Support Grant	6	(98)	(98)	0	0	0
(99)	Lower Tier Services Grant	6	0	0	0	0	0
(490)	Rural Services Delivery Grant	6	(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)	(490)
(719)	New Homes Bonus	6	(395)	(395)	0	0	0
(153)	2022/23 Services Grant	6	(86)	(86)	0	0	0
0	Funding Guarantee	6	(469)	(469)	0	0	0
(6,925)	Council Tax–MDDC	7	(6,749)	(6,963)	(7,284)	(7,510)	(7,742)
(10,240)	Total Funding		(12,606)	(12,862)	(11,770)	(12,040)	(12,338)
0	Annual Shortfall – Increase / (Decrease) – Revised		0	1,252 1,832	1,532	450	132
0	Cumulative Shortfall – Revised		0	1,252 1,832	2,784 3,364	3,234 3,814	3,366 3,946

REVISIONS following recommendations from Full Council (22 February 2023):

- (A)** Car Parking revenue has been reduced by £120k in 2023/24 (on-going), Member's Allowances has been reduced by £40k (on-going) and £30k provision has been included for the external review of 3Rivers Developments Ltd (one-off).
- (B)** Interest Receivable has been reduced by £500k in 2023/24 (on-going).
- (C)** Transfers FROM General Reserves has increase by £610k in 2023/24. This is reversed in 2024/25 to reflect the replenishment of Reserves. A total of £1,400k of interest related to 3Rivers is included across the future MTFP (£382k in 2024/25, £416k in 2025/26, £301k in 2026/27 and £301k in 2027/28).

Notes:

- Recharges have been calculated based upon the updated salary budgets.
- 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 and a prudent assumption of the interest earned from 3 Rivers Developments Ltd in line with the Business Plan. 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, including the balancing contribution of £58k from New Homes Bonus. 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 has increased in 2023/24 due to growth and the revaluation. 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. The Government announced the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24. It includes a funding guarantee that all Councils receive a 3% increase in "Core Spending" before taking into account any increases to Council Tax. The Council will receive Revenue Support Grant again due to two other grants being transferred into the overall settlement consideration.
7. Council Tax income is forecast assuming Band D charge increases in line with the 3% referendum limit and the agreed Taxbase.