

## Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 - 2026/27

## Net Operating Budget

	INDICATIVE BUDGET								
	2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		
	Base Budget Rolled Forwards from 2023/24	Proposed Allocation	Proposed Budget	Proposed Rolled Forwards Base Budget	Proposed Allocation	Proposed Budget	Proposed Rolled Forwards Base Budget	Proposed Allocation	Proposed Budget
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Directorate Budgets</b>									
Adult Services	229,459	22,105	251,564	251,564	11,858	263,422	263,422	14,000	277,422
Children's Services	172,753	21,869	194,621	194,621	6,163	200,785	200,785	-6,029	194,756
Environment & Place	73,435	-413	73,022	73,022	3,519	76,541	76,541	750	77,291
Community Safety & Public Health	31,935	2,088	34,024	34,024	1,064	35,088	35,088	120	35,208
Resources	72,257	529	72,786	72,786	1,320	74,106	74,106	-572	73,534
Pay Inflation <sup>(1)</sup>				0	800	800	800	7,500	8,300
<b>Directorate Budgets</b>	<b>579,839</b>	<b>46,178</b>	<b>626,017</b>	<b>626,017</b>	<b>24,725</b>	<b>650,742</b>	<b>650,742</b>	<b>15,769</b>	<b>666,511</b>
<b>Strategic Measures</b>									
Capital Financing									
- Principal	13,399	1,534	14,933	14,933	1,484	16,417	16,417		16,417
- Interest	15,003	313	15,316	15,316	-161	15,155	15,155		15,155
Interest on Balances	-16,629	-3,566	-20,195	-20,195	4,134	-16,061	-16,061	3,100	-12,961
Un-Ringfenced Specific Grants	-42,896	-2,600	-45,496	-45,496	2,100	-43,396	-43,396		-43,396
Contingency & Inflation	3,399	3,918	7,317	7,317	100	7,417	7,417		7,417
Insurance Recharge	1,436	302	1,738	1,738		1,738	1,738		1,738
<b>Total Strategic Measures</b>	<b>-26,287</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>-26,386</b>	<b>-26,386</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>-18,729</b>	<b>-18,729</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>-15,629</b>
<b>Contributions to/from Balances &amp; Reserves</b>									
General Balances	6,800	-6,800	0	0		0	0		0
Prudential Borrowing Costs	10,804	-594	10,210	10,210	-1,920	8,290	8,290		8,290
Budget Equalisation Reserve	4,286	-3,134	1,152	1,152	-1,152	0	0		0
Budget Priorities Reserve	1,823	-1,823	0	0		0	0		0
COVID - 19 Reserve	-7,380	3,624	-3,756	-3,756	1,438	-2,318	-2,318	2,318	0
Demographic Risk Reserve	4,000		4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000		4,000
<b>Total Contributions to (+)/from (-) reserves</b>	<b>20,333.0</b>	<b>-8,727</b>	<b>11,606</b>	<b>11,606.0</b>	<b>-1,634</b>	<b>9,972</b>	<b>9,972.0</b>	<b>2,318</b>	<b>12,290</b>
<b>Budget Shortfall</b>	0		0	0	-13,946	-13,946	-13,946	64	-13,882
<b>Net Operating Budget</b>	<b>573,884</b>	<b>37,352</b>	<b>611,237</b>	<b>611,237</b>	<b>16,802</b>	<b>628,039</b>	<b>628,039</b>	<b>21,251</b>	<b>649,289</b>

(1) Adjustment for inflation and other items that have not yet been allocated by Directorate including demography, demand and priorities

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**Financing**

	INDICATIVE BUDGET								
	2024/25			2025/26			2026/27		
	Base Budget Rolled Forwards from 2023/24 £000	Proposed Budget Change £000	Proposed Budget £000	Proposed Rolled Forwards Base Budget £000	Proposed Budget Change £000	Proposed Budget £000	Proposed Rolled Forwards Base Budget £000	Proposed Budget Change £000	Proposed Budget £000
Net Operating Budget	573,884	37,352	611,237	611,237	16,802	628,039	628,039	21,251	649,289
<b>Funded by:</b>									
<b>Government Grant</b>									
- Revenue Support Grant		-1,394	-1,394	-1,394	0	-1,394	-1,394		-1,394
- S31 Business Rate Reliefs	-14,427	-606	-15,033	-15,033		-15,033	-15,033		-15,033
- Business Rates Top-up	-42,662	-2,901	-45,563	-45,563	-905	-46,468	-46,468	-923	-47,391
<b>Total Government Grant</b>	-57,089	-4,901	-61,990	-61,990	-905	-62,895	-62,895	-923	-63,818
<b>Business Rates</b>									
- Business Rates local share	-36,045	-2,884	-38,929	-38,929	-779	-39,708	-39,708	-794	-40,502
- Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Business Rates</b>	-36,045	-2,884	-38,929	-38,929	-779	-39,708	-39,708	-794	-40,502
Council Tax Surpluses	-14,116	2,411	-11,705	-11,705	3,705	-8,000	-8,000		-8,000
Care Leavers Discount	21	0	21	21		21	21		21
<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>466,655</b>	<b>31,978</b>	<b>498,633</b>	<b>498,633</b>	<b>18,823</b>	<b>517,456</b>	<b>517,456</b>	<b>19,534</b>	<b>536,990</b>
<b>Council Tax Calculation</b>									
Council Tax Base			273,890			278,683			283,560
Council Tax (Band D equivalent)			£1,820.56			£1,856.79			£1,893.74
<b>Increase in Council Tax (precept)</b>			6.9%			3.8%			3.8%
<b>Increase in Band D Council Tax</b>			4.99%			1.99%			1.99%