

Previously Proposed and New Budget Changes: Environment & Highways

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		Countryside & Waste						
		Waste Demography						
PP Pressures	Demand	2025EPDG2026E&H1 - Add new year of estimated demographic growth for Waste Management (resulting from population growth increasing waste tonnes being disposed of)	0.400					0.400
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH102026E&H1 - Demand increases resulting from population growth increasing waste tonnes being disposed of, ranging from 2.9% to 3.2% per annum		0.400				0.400
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in volume of Dry Recycling - add new years to plan			0.047	0.053	0.054	0.154
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in volume of organic waste - add new years to plan			0.042	0.048	0.049	0.139
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Energy Recovery - add new years to plan	0.250	-0.150	0.206	0.221	0.226	0.753
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in Landfill volumes - add new years to plan			0.020	0.021	0.021	0.062
		Subtotal Waste Demography	0.650	0.250	0.315	0.343	0.350	1.908
PP Pressures	Policy Change	2026EH12 - New carbon tax applied to fossil fuel carbon generated from waste incinerated from April 2028. Need for pre-implementation activity in the run up to the scheme starting in April 2026.	0.200	0.000				0.200
PP Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2026EH14 - The waste management contract was extended until October 2027, so costs associated with a new contract were moved to 2027/28.		0.625				0.625
PP Pressures	Other	2026EH15 - Dean Pit leachate management and Dix Landfill long term management and Landfill Tax increase	0.050					0.050
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H3 - Contractor passing through costs resulting from a change in law.	0.060					0.060
New Pressures	New Responsibilities	2027E&H9 - Additional costs to cover purchasing strategy of carbon allowances (hedging etc) in the run up to the beginning of the scheme in January 2028. Includes the Monitoring and external support costs.	0.160	1.000	4.000			5.160
New Pressures	New Responsibilities	2027E&H9 - Potential New Burdens grant from central government for Carbon Allowances (not yet confirmed)		-0.800	-3.328			-4.128

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New Pressures	Commercialisation and Optimisation of Fees & Charges	2027E&H10 - Consultancy support to evaluate options for re-provision of the contract for the disposal of food and garden waste. Current contract expires 2029 and re-procurement options may include Joint Ventures and or construction of our own facilities which need to be evaluated and have a significant lead in period.	0.100			-0.100		0.000
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H11 - Funding required to carry out essential maintenance at the council's Household Waste Recycling Centres.	0.050					0.050
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H13 - 2026E&H25 - a short-term contract for running HWRCs in Oxfordshire would be relatively more expensive in the short run but would potentially increase options for savings following Local Government Reform.		2.000				2.000
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H13 - It is anticipated that through commercial negotiation the cost of the contract can partially reduce, though it is anticipated that the council will take a greater share of the risk.		-0.300				-0.300
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H15 - Savings on food and garden waste contract. Actual spend is weather dependent and mainly driven by that so may not be achievable.	-0.100	-0.050				-0.150
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H16 - Improvements to contractual arrangements for bulking, haulage and disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants.	-0.100	-0.050				-0.150
		Use of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities funding						
New Pressures	pEPR Funding	2027E&H1 - Waste Management contract inflation funded by packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities (pEPR) funding	-0.162		-0.985	-0.942		-2.089
New Pressures	pEPR Funding	2027E&H19 - Use pEPR funding to manage Waste Management pressures.	-0.420	-1.650	-0.987	-0.243		-3.300
New Pressures	PEPR Funding	2027E&H20 - Use of pEPR funding to meet costs of managing the disposal of waste packaging means council budget can be released.	-4.807	1.650	1.972	1.185		0.000
		Subtotal use of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities funding	-5.389	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-5.389
PP Savings	Other	2025EP693 - Various pressures associated with service areas within Environment & Circular Economy - to be managed within the existing budget allocation 2024/25 (offsets pressure EP692)	0.123					0.123

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PP Pressures	Other	2025EP692 - Various pressures associated with service areas within Environment & Circular Economy (offset by saving EP693). Remaining funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.123					-0.123
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H12 - The council currently provides funding of £6,000 per annum to contribute to the management of 200+ Local Wildlife Sites in Oxfordshire. All partners have been asked to provide additional funding as part of delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and our Biodiversity Action Framework.	0.060					0.060
		Highways Maintenance						
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH11 - Increase in maintenance of street lighting and its signs as a result of highways asset growth.	0.145					0.145
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH19 - Increase in maintenance of highway assets as a result of the maintainable network growing.	0.270	0.250				0.520
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH20 - Increase in the number of traffic signals that need to be maintained as a result of asset growth.	0.120					0.120
PP Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2026EH28 - Use commuted sums to fund increase in maintenance as a result of network and asset growth (offsets 2026EH11, 19, 20 and 28)	-0.535	-0.250				-0.785
PP Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates)	2.517	2.910				5.427
New Pressures	Inflation	2027E&H2 - Contract Inflation - changes to the current assumption in the MTFS and add new years to plan 2028/29 (CPI - 1.9% to 2%; RPI - 3.1% to 2.9% RPIX - 2.9% to 2.8% and other fixes rates)	0.225		1.773	1.822	1.858	5.678
New Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates) move home to school transport inflation to Children's Services.	-0.661	-0.790				-1.451
New Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates) move Concessionary Fares inflation to E&P.	-0.339	-0.350				-0.689
PP Pressures	Demand	2025EP622 - Increased highway maintenance activity (additional funding for potholes)	0.050					0.050
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H14 - 2027E&H14 - Current funding for CCTV expires.	0.250		-0.125	-0.125		0.000
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H14 - Fund CCTV pressure from reserves (Parking Account)	-0.250		0.125	0.125		0.000
PP Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.394	-0.394				-0.788

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PP Pressures	Policy Change	2026EH23 - the Department of Transport have now approved the Lane Rental Scheme in Oxfordshire so income is expected to start to be received in 2026/27 in line with previously proposed budget assumptions.	-1.075					-1.075
PP Savings	Commercialisation and Optimization of Fees & Charges	2026L&CO21 - Full year effect of receipts from increased enforcement of streetworks achieved through investment in increased enforcement of streetworks (2 Officers and 1 Senior Officer). See 2026L&CO9	-0.114					-0.114
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026L&CO9 - Full year effect of increased enforcement of streetworks (2 Officers and 1 Senior Officer) from 2026/27	0.065					0.065
New Pressures	Service Enhancement	2027E&H7 - Ongoing / increased drainage activity to extend beyond gullies - look at carrier drain and surveys etc	0.200					0.200
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H7 - Fund additional drainage activity from Commuted Sums	-0.200					-0.200
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H5 - Increased number of network management assets across county due to sustained BSIP investment. To ensure larger asset base can be maintained and maximum operating lifespans achieved additional funding will be required.	0.320	0.017	0.018	0.019		0.374
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H5 - Funding from reserves to support increased number of network management assets	-0.320	-0.017	-0.018	-0.019		-0.374
New Saving	Other	2027E&H19 - The council will reduce the on-going £1.5m additional investment in its gully cleaning budget agreed in February 2025 by £0.3m following analysis of information collected from this year's programme to empty every highway gully in the county	-0.300					-0.300
PP Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2025EP588 - Increased Parking Service operational and maintenance costs	0.200					0.200
PP Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2025EP598 - Increased drawdown from Parking Reserve to support increased Parking Service operational and maintenance costs	-0.200					-0.200
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH22 - Additional maintenance & management costs associated with Park and Ride car parks.	0.075					0.075
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H8 - Pressures relating to asset routine & cyclical maintenance	0.350					0.350

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New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H1 - Maintenance contract inflation funded by Commuted Sums.	-0.063		-0.521	-0.535	-0.525	-1.644
PP Savings	Reserves Funded Expenditure	2025EP620 - Increase the use of commuted sums held in reserves to maintain new infrastructure as a result of new developments and changes to the highway	-0.100					-0.100
		Park & Rides						
PP Investments	Other	2026EH40 - Investment of £0.4m required to support holding the price of a joint ticket (parking and bus fare) at Park & Ride car parks unchanged from 2024/25 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.400					-0.400
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H4 - Demand for joint ticketing deal has exceeded expectations, to provide service on an ongoing basis additional funding will be required.	0.400	0.062	0.065	0.068		0.595
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H4 - Funding for P&R joint ticketing deal	-0.400	-0.062	-0.065	-0.068		-0.595
PP Savings	Commercialisation and Optimization of Fees & Charges	2026L&CO22 - Introduce long stay parking charge(s) at Thornhill Park & Ride in 2026/27 for those connecting to coach-services for Heathrow and Gatwick. Nominal amount included pending actual income generated through scheme operation.	-0.010					-0.010
		Subtotal Park & Rides	-0.410	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.410
		Ash Tree Dieback						
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H17 - Annual revenue maintenance costs associated with the council's ash tree dieback plan.	0.150					0.150
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H17 - Fund revenue maintenance cost of ash tree dieback from Commuted Sums	-0.150					-0.150
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H18 - The cost of the planned programme to assess, inspect and remove infected ash trees across the county.	0.353	1.528	2.236	-2.234	0.023	1.906
		Subtotal Ash Tree Dieback	0.353	1.528	2.236	-2.234	0.023	1.906
New Saving	Other	2027E&HPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.123	-0.123	-0.123			-0.368
		Total	-4.203	5.456	4.352	-0.704	1.706	6.607