

Notes/assumptions

- 1 Base adjustments to reflect previously agreed changes to the budget and the ongoing impact of budget proposals
- 2 The Lump Sum contribution in 2013/14 of £2.4million reduced the annual lump sum contribution to £565k per annum until 2017/18. The contribution rate on pay to fund the cost of future accrued benefits is to be maintained at 15.5%.
- 3 In April 2016 the government has announced the introduction of the Single Tier Pension - estimated annual cost of £100k.
- 4 Contractual increase (increments) and 1% pay award in 2014/15 and each year thereafter.
- 5 Inflation based on relevant indices as per contracted arrangements. National Forecast of 2.8% for 2015/16, 3.3% for 2016/17 and 3.6% for 2017/18 and 3.8% for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 6 Apprenticeship scheme in the base budget from 2013/14 and 2014/15 only
- 7 An investment allowance of £150k per annum over the life of the New Homes Bonus.
- 8 Interest income will fall again in 2015/16 as a result of reduced cash balances. Assume any increase in income as a result of improved interest rates is used to re-pay capital.
- 9 Specific grants and contributions largely consist of SLA and Agency agreements with other bodies. Assume contributions will increase in line with inflation. Reduction in the HB Admin Grant in 2015/16.
- 10 2015/16 reflects provisional settlement announcement in December 2013. The Spending Round 2013 suggested further reductions in 2016/17 and 2017/18 and further announcements suggest an extended period of austerity to 2020.
- 11 2015/16 reflects provisional settlement announcement in December 2013. For 2016/17 onwards Increase in baseline retained business rates assumed by the scheme in line with inflation forecast.
- 12 New Homes Bonus based on estimate of new properties built between October and October of the previous year and a 80:20 split between the District and County. The assumption for 2015/16 and onwards of 350 new homes per year will need to be updated as data is published. The Government has announced a review of the scheme in spring 2014. A total of £150k per annum of the bonus is being used to provide an allowance for new investment over the life of the new homes bonus. An apprentice scheme is being funded for three
- 13 Includes the settlement adjustments and returned NHB funding. Also included in 2015/16 is the S31 grant for Small business rate relief which partly offset the cost to the general fund of the 2013/14 deficit position.
- 14 The NHDC share of the Collection Fund deficit was £742k at 31 March 2014. This will be charged to the general fund in 2015/16.
- 15 District precept is the band D tax rate multiplied by the taxbase. The taxbase incorporates the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. An overspend on the scheme will create a deficit on the Collection Fund.
- 16 Assumed tax base increase of 0.5% per annum and collection rate of 99%
- 17 Minimum general fund reserve balance includes an allowance for known risks and a 5% of net expenditure for unknown risks.
- 18 Special Reserve maintained to fund invest to save projects and to support unavoidable fluctuations in contract prices as contracts are renewed.