

Assumes no change in Council Tax rates each year

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 2016/17 and each year thereafter. There was a 2.2% pay award to cover 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- 5 Inflation based on relevant indices as per contracted arrangements. November 2014 RPI was 2% and the OBR forecast of 1.1% for 2016/17, 2.3% for 2017/18, 3.0% for 2018/19, 3.1% for 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- 6 Apprenticeship scheme in the base budget from 2013/14 and 2014/15 only with a new investment bid for 2015/16 and onwards.
- 7 An investment allowance of £150k per annum over the life of the New Homes Bonus.
- 8 The base rate is anticipated to remain at the low 0.5%.
- 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 2014. 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 2014. 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 and assumes an average award of £1,100 per new property. The assumption for 2016/17 has been updated to reflect the actual of 236 homes Oct 14 - Oct 15. Estimates provided by Planning Officers for 17/18 are based on the Local Plan not materialising but will need to be updated as data is published. 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.
- 13 Includes the settlement adjustment for the 2% cap on the Business Rate multiplier and returned NHB funding. Also Ctax Freeze grant assumed at 1% per annum.
- 14 The NHDC share of the Collection Fund deficit was £1.2million at 31 March 2015. 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 Estimated tax base increase of 0.83% for 2015/16. Assumed tax base increase of 0.5% per annum for each year thereafter 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.