

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATES - SUMMARY

		2012/13 Outturn		2013/14 Estimate		2014/15 Estimate		2015/16 Estimate		2016/17 Estimate		2017/18 Estimate		2018/19 Estimate		
		£		£	% change	£	% change	£	% change	£	% change	£	% change	£	% change	
Gross Expenditure																
B/Fwd Budget before in year changes		27,959,743		28,131,150		27,907,000		27,391,000		27,262,000		27,258,000		27,118,000		
Base Budget adjustments	1	-849,470		-550,000				-345,000		-240,000		-300,000		-150,000		
Carry Forwards		128,000		-128,000		-485,000										
Superannuation Contributions increase	2	0		85,000		186,000		186,000		186,000		100,000		100,000		
NI increase	3	0		0		0		0		100,000		0		0		
Pay Inflation & Increments	4	108,000		180,000		159,000		180,000		180,000		180,000		180,000		
Other Contractual Inflation	5	406,000		315,000		300,000		300,000		320,000		330,000		330,000		
Apprenticeship Scheme	6			200,000												
Investment allowance	7	119,000		105,000		150,000		150,000		150,000		150,000		150,000		
Grant to Parish Councils for Ctax Reduction Scheme	8			90,850												
Efficiencies required to maintain the GF Balance		-609,000		-850,000		-826,000		-600,000		-700,000		-600,000		-300,000		-3,236,000
Total Gross Expenditure (net of Housing Benefit Subsidy)		27,262,273		27,579,000		27,391,000		27,262,000		27,258,000		27,118,000		27,428,000		
Funding of Gross Expenditure:																
Revenue Support Grant	9	-190,000		-3,599,507	1,794.48	-2,737,000	-23.96	-1,919,000	-29.89	-1,367,000	-28.76	-904,000	-33.87	-904,000	0.00	
Retained Business Rates	10	-5,258,000		-2,487,348	-52.69	-2,568,000	3.24	-2,640,000	2.80	-2,722,000	3.11	-2,814,000	3.38	-2,814,000	0.00	
Start-up Funding Assessment		-5,448,000		-6,086,855	11.73	-5,305,000	-12.84	-4,559,000	-14.06	-4,089,000	-10.31	-3,718,000	-9.07	-3,718,000	0.00	
New Homes Bonus	11	-1,041,405		-1,533,921	47.29	-1,983,921	29.34	-1,581,000	-20.31	-2,047,000	29.48	-1,995,000	-2.54	-1,995,000	0.00	
Housing Benefit Administration Grant	12	-781,000		-781,000	0.00	-781,000	0.00	-781,000	0.00	-781,000	0.00	-781,000	0.00	-781,000	0.00	
Council Tax Freeze Grant	13	-247,124		0	-100.00	-94,025	100.00	-188,520	100.50	0	-100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
Income Generation Proposals						-210,000										
Fees and Charges	14	-5,700,000		-5,762,000	1.09	-5,939,000	3.07	-6,309,000	6.23	-6,504,579	3.10	-6,725,735	3.40	-6,954,410	3.40	
Other Income	15	-4,586,000		-4,283,000	-6.61	-4,068,000	-5.02	-4,062,000	-0.15	-4,012,000	-1.23	-4,012,000	0.00	-4,012,000	0.00	
District Precept		-9,944,741		-9,355,702	-5.92	-9,402,480	0.50	-9,449,493	0.50	-9,496,740	0.50	-9,544,224	0.50	-9,591,945	0.50	
Total Funding		-27,748,270		-27,802,478	0.20	-27,783,426	-0.07	-26,930,012	-3.07	-26,930,319	0.00	-26,775,959	-0.57	-27,052,355	1.03	
Net Expenditure	16	16,195,273		16,753,000		16,393,000	-2.15	16,110,000	-1.73	15,960,421	-0.93	15,599,265	-2.26	15,680,590	0.52	
Use of Balances (-) / Contribution to Balances (+)		485,997		223,478	-54.02	182,426	-18.37	-331,988	-281.98	-327,681	-1.30	-342,041	4.38	-375,645	9.82	
Average Band D Council Tax		196.59		200.32	1.89	200.32	0.00	200.32	0.00	200.32	0.00	200.32	0.00	200.32	0.00	
Council Tax increase		0.0%		1.9%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		
Tax base	17	50,586		46,705	-7.67	46,938	0.50	47,173	0.50	47,409	0.50	47,646	0.50	47,884	0.50	
1% on Council Tax		99,447		91,817		94,025		94,495		94,967		95,442		95,919		
General Fund Reserve Balances at Year End:																
GF Balance	18	3,159,997		2,366,000	-25.13	2,019,650	-14.64	2,005,500	-0.70	1,998,021	-0.37	1,979,963	-0.90	1,984,030	0.21	
GF Special Reserve	19	967,000		1,984,475	105.22	2,513,251	26.65	2,195,414	-12.65	1,875,212	-14.59	1,551,228	-17.28	1,171,517	-24.48	
Total Balances		4,126,997		4,350,475	5.42	4,532,901	4.19	4,200,914	-7.32	3,873,233	-7.80	3,531,191	-8.83	3,155,546	-10.64	
Allowance for Known Financial Risks (incl. in GF balance)		890,000		1,230,000		1,200,000		1,200,000		1,200,000		1,200,000		1,200,000		

1 Base adjustments to reflect previously agreed changes to the budget and the ongoing impact of budget proposals. (For example, Apprenticeship scheme included in the base for 3 years)

2 The Pension Fund Actuary has said the annual lump sum payment to reduce the Fund deficit will need to increase by £186k in 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. 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 2013/14 and each year thereafter.

5 Inflation based on relevant indices as per contracted arrangements. Forecast of 3.1% for 2014/15, 2.7% for 2015/16, 3.1% for 2016/17 and 3.4% for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

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 Assume the grant to the Parish Councils for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme will remain static.

9 The Spending Round 2013 announced further reductions in funding to Local Government of 10% for 2015/16. Also suggestion of further reductions in 2016/17 and 2017/18. Assume 10% reduction is on the 'Start-up funding assessment' and all taken from RSG.

10 Retained Business rates assumed to increase by RPI which will be applied to the multiplier. Assume no growth in taxbase.

11 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 2013/14 and onwards of 350 new homes per year will need to be updated as data is published. A top slice to fund the Single Local Growth Fund of 35% in 2015/16, 29% in 2016/17 and 28% in 2017/18. 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 years (total cost of £600k).

12 Assume at this stage the Housing Benefit Administration Grant will continue at the current level. However, the Council may face additional funding pressures when the Universal Credit is implemented

13 Spending Round 2013 announced continuation of the Council Tax Freeze grant. Assume grant is taken, is equivalent to 1% of Council Tax and 2014/15 grant is for two years and 2015/16 grant is one year only (this would be consistent with previous years)

14 Includes the main fees and charges for services provided by the Council. Assume inflationary increase in income as per RPI assumptions (see Note 5)

15 Includes investment interest, rental income, benefit overpayments, recycling credits and sales and waste minimisation grant and contributions from HCC and NHH for agency and SLA agreements.

16 Net expenditure is gross expenditure less fees and charges and other income and represents the net amount funded by central government non-specific grants, retained business rates and the District Precept.

17 Assumed tax base increase of 0.5% per annum and collection rate of 99%

18 Minimum general fund reserve balance includes an allowance for known risks and a 5% of net expenditure for unknown risks.

19 Special Reserve maintained to fund invest to save projects and to support unavoidable fluctuations in contract prices as contracts are renewed.