DECISION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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title: ORIGINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the draft revenue budget for 2024/25, for consideration at Special Policy and Finance Committee.
- 2 BACKGROUND COUNCIL'S OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION

3 Year Budget Forecast

- 2.1 The Council's three-year budget forecast was presented to Policy and Finance Committee in September. At that time you will recall we were still awaiting the outcome of the long anticipated reforms to local government finances. Therefore predicting our budget forecast with any certainty continued to be extremely difficult.
- 2.2 Our forecast in September predicted the following budget gaps; £877k in 2024/25, £2.261m in 2025/26, £2.740m in 2026/27, after allowing for the use of general fund balances. The biggest factors affecting our forecast then were:
 - Threat of losing New Homes Bonus.
 - Assumption that the 'One-off Funding Guarantee' was indeed a one-off for 2023/24.
 - What level interest rates and inflation would be over the life of the forecast.

Changes since the September forecast

- 2.3 The Government's Policy Statement on Local Government Finance was published on 5 December 2023. They announced that all councils would receive an increase in Core Spending Power next year of at least 3%. This will be achieved by continuing the One-Off Funding Guarantee where required. This increase in Core Spending Power will be before any decisions we make on the level of our council tax. Crucially, they also stated now was not the time for reforms to Local Government Finance as councils required stability and continuity.
- 2.4 They also announced:
 - New Homes Bonus Allocations will continue for 2024/25
 - Rural Services Delivery Grant will continue for 2024/25
 - Revenue support grant (RSG) will increase in line with CPI with no negative RSG
 - Business Rates will not be reset and Business Rate Pooling will continue
 - A council tax referendum principle of up to 3% or £5 for district councils
- 2.5 The government asks authorities to continue to consider how they can use their reserves to maintain services over this and the next financial year, recognising that not all reserves can be reallocated, and that the ability to meet spending pressures from reserves will vary between authorities.

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Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

2.6 The Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was published on Tuesday 19 December 2023. This sets out the detailed figures for all councils in terms of the government funding they will receive (subject to consultation) in 2024/25. Ribble Valley's provisional settlement is as follows:

Core Spending Power	Actual 2023-24	Provisional 2024-25	Movement
	£m	£m	£m
Settlement Funding Assessment	1.453665	1.508544	0.054879
consists of:			
Baseline Funding Level	1.405077	1.456737	0.051660
Revenue Support Grant	0.048588	0.051807	0.003219
Compensation for under-indexing the business rates multiplier	0.239342	0.294109	0.054767
Council Tax Requirement excluding parish precepts	4.139603	4.342947	0.203344
New Homes Bonus	0.506197	0.647509	0.141312
Rural Services Delivery Grant	0.126574	0.126574	0.000000
Services Grant	0.054777	0.008619	-0.046158
Funding Guarantee	0.773369	0.710563	-0.062806
Core Spending Power	7.293527	7.638865	0.345338

- 2.7 Ribble Valley's Core Spending Power is set to increase by 4.7% after assuming we increase our band d council tax charge by the maximum possible of £5. The overall average nationally is a 6.5% increase in Core Spending Power however districts average a 4.9% increase. This is mainly due to additional funding being put into children's and adult social care.
- 2.8 When comparing the Provisional Grant Settlement to our latest budget forecast we are £826k better off. This is due to the continuation of the New Homes Bonus for another year and also the Funding Guarantee being extended.
- 2.9 The announcements from the Government are clearly much better than we expected. This not only improves our financial position compared with our forecast for next year but also for potentially subsequent years. Given the fact there will be a General Election next year, it now appears unlikely that reforms will take place before the next Spending Review. Even then, whichever Government is elected, it would take some time to propose, consult and implement these substantial reforms.
- 2.10 The guidance from Policy and Finance Committee to service committees is to manage their services from within their existing budgets, finding savings to fund any growth items where possible. It is also recommended that fees and charges are increased on average by 4%.
- 2.11 At the special Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 13 February 2024 we will be in a position to determine the overall financial position after all service committees have met to consider their budgets and after updating the budget forecast to reflect our updated assumptions on government funding, inflation, interest rates etc.

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3 BUDGET PROCESS

- 3.1 Following a great deal of in-depth service analysis and meetings with regard to this committees budgets by the council's accountants, budget holders, heads of service and management team, a proposed draft budget is now presented to members. This budget is agreed as that which best reflects the services of this committee for the next financial year.
- 3.2 You have previously approved the level of this committee's fees and charges for 2024/25. The consequential impact of these fees and charges have been incorporated in to the service budgets shown within this report.
- 3.3 When all committees have approved their detailed estimates the overall position will be considered by Budget Working Group.
- 3.4 The Budget Working Group will then make recommendations in order to produce a balanced budget for consideration at the Special meeting of Policy and Finance Committee. The final budget report will then be presented to Full Council, at which point the Council Tax for 2024/25 will also be approved.

4 2024/25 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET

- 4.1 As far as your budget is concerned, the estimates have been prepared on the current levels of service and they allow for pay increases at 4%, price increases at 4% and income at 4%. The level of these increases will be kept under review during the budget preparation period and will be reviewed again at a final time in February in light of the very latest information. If necessary and agreed, a contingency for further increases (eg in pay awards) would be added to the budget at that stage.
- 4.2 Within this report the budget is shown in the same manner in which they are reviewed. Each costs centre within the report is shown individually. Behind each cost centre is a great deal more subjective level detailed budgets, but for the purposes of this report they are summarised in to the standard local government CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice basis.
 - **Employee Related**: this group includes the cost of employees, both direct and indirect to the council.
 - Premises Related: this group includes expenses directly related to the running of premises and land.
 - **Transport Related**: this group includes all costs associated with the provision, hire or use of transport, including travelling allowances.
 - **Supplies and Services**: this group includes all direct supplies and service expenses to the council.
 - Third Party Payments: a third party payment is a payment to an external provider which is operating independently, in return for the provision of a service.
 - **Transfer Payments**: this includes the cost of payments to individuals for which no goods or services are received in return by the local authority. A key item here would be the payment of housing benefits.
 - **Support Services**: charges for services that support the provision of services to the public. At this council the main support service cost is the support from staff based at the council offices building and the building's associated cost.

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- **Depreciation and Impairment**: this is the revenue impact of capital items shown in the service revenue accounts of the council.
- **Income**: this includes income from fees and charges, grants, donations and contributions. Also shown here is the associated 'income' to a support service from the redistribution of its costs to those providing services to the public.
- 4.3 As you will see, the draft proposed budget for 2024/25 for each service area is also built up looking at a number of stages. The starting point is the base budget, being the Original Estimate for the current financial year. A summary of the various elements is given below.
 - Original Estimate 2023/24: This represents the base budget for the council and assumes no change in service level from that set for the previous year's original estimate.
 - **Inflation at 4%:** The budget forecast allows for inflation on pay at 4%, prices at 4% (with some exceptions such as grants) and income at 4% in line with the September budget forecast. This is where that general allowance for inflation is brought in to the individual budget areas.
 - **Savings**: Here any savings or additional income that is identified from past service experience or trends would be brought in to the budget to adjust the base budget.
 - Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %: Inevitably, as we undertake detailed work on the budget it becomes evident that there are some items of income or spend that experience a greater or lower level of inflation. This is where we adjusted for those differing levels of inflation.
 - **Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs**: This relates to changes to a service, for example where costs are demand driven.
 - **Support Services**: Any changes that relate to the recharging of support service costs are included in this column.
 - **Capital**: Any changes relating to depreciation and impairment are included in this column.
 - **DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25:** The final column is the total of all preceding columns and is constructed from the base budget and any necessary changes to the base that are needed. If approved this will then form the base budget in next year's budget process.
- 4.4 Detailed in the following section of the report are the individual budget areas under this committee. Shown are the movements from the 2023/24 Original Estimate, to the DRAFT Original Estimate for 2024/25. Comments are also provided on the main variances.

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5 COMMITTEE SERVICE ESTIMATES

5.1 **Cost Centre and Description** ARTDV: Art Development

The arts development budget is used to develop cultural activity across the borough and is used to match fund larger projects in partnerships. This budget enables Ribble Valley to participate in county and regional schemes.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	17,240	690		370				18,300
Transport Related Expenditure	370	10						380
Supplies & Services	8,080	320						8,400
Transfer Payments	3,000	0						3,000
Support Services	11,700	0				-570		11,130
Total Expenditure	40,390	1,020	0	370	0	-570	0	41,210
Net Expenditure	40,390	1,020	0	370	0	-570	0	41,210

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5.2 **Cost Centre and Description** BUSSH: Bus Shelters

The Council maintains 85 bus shelters throughout the borough with a view to encouraging the use of the public transport system. The budget does not allow for new or replacement shelters, only basic maintenance of the existing stock.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	9,070	360						9,430
Supplies & Services	3,780	150						3,930
Support Services	8,060	0				420		8,480
Total Expenditure	20,910	510	0	0	0	420	0	21,840
Net Expenditure	20,910	510	0	0	0	420	0	21,840

5.3 **Cost Centre and Description** CARVN: Caravan Site

The Caravan and Camping Club manage the caravan site on a 25-year fully repairing lease (fixed term ends 31 March 2028, however the lease will continue unless either party brings it to an end). The Council receives a guaranteed minimum income from the operator annually and has a consultative role to play in its overall running.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Customer & Client Receipts	-9,520	-380						-9,900
Total Income	-9,520	-380	0	0	0	0	0	-9,900

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5.4 **Cost Centre and Description** CCTEL: Closed Circuit Television

The Council manages and maintains 32 cameras within the Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley Town Centre CCTV system.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	14,930	600			1,910	-2,840		14,600
Supplies & Services	16,780	660						17,440
Third Party Payments	133,050	5,320		3,140				141,510
Support Services	32,570	0				-2,320		30,250
Depreciation and Impairment	7,840	0						7,840
Total Expenditure	205,170	6,580	0	3,140	1,910	-5,160	0	211,640
Departmental Recharges	-31,080	0				-3,620	-	-34,700
Total Income	-31,080	0	0	0	0	-3,620	0	-34,700
Net Expenditure	174,090	6,580	0	3,140	1,910	-8,780	0	176,940

CCTEL: Closed Circuit Television

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in recharge of the cost of using the market office building mainly due to falling costs particularly in electricity prices partly offset by an increase in the requirement for electricity supply to additional CCTV cameras.

Third Party Payments

Estimated increase in the contract for the provision of CCTV monitoring cost.

Support Services

Decrease in the time allocation of Community Services staff to this area.

Departmental Recharges

Increases mainly due to inflation have resulted in a higher recharge of CCTV costs to car parks.

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5.5 **Cost Centre and Description** COMMD: Community Services Department

All costs are recharged to services based upon records of time spent on those services by individual members of staff. The following is an analysis of the department's budget.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	966,330	38,670		-470	15,020			1,019,550
Premises Related Expenditure	830	30		100				960
Transport Related Expenditure	27,050	1,080	-4,960	-590	-3,880			18,700
Supplies & Services	30,760	1,210	-450	-920	2,750			33,350
Support Services	229,810	0				17,500		247,310
Depreciation and Impairment	0	0					2,580	2,580
Total Expenditure	1,254,780	40,990	-5,410	-1,880	13,890	17,500	2,580	1,322,450
Other Grants and Contributions	-1,530	0						-1,530
Customer & Client Receipts	-160	-10						-170
Departmental Recharges	-1,253,090	0		-140		-56,840		-1,310,070
Oncosts Recovered	0	0			-8,100			-8,100
Total Income	-1,254,780	-10	0	-140	-8,100	-56,840	0	-1,319,870
Net Expenditure	0	40,980	-5,410	-2,020	5,790	-39,340	2,580	2,580

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COMMD: Community Services Department

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increased base salary costs due to the 2023/24 payaward, and also increasd salary costs due to incremental increases on pay grades.

Transport Related Expenditure

Decrease to estimated mileage payments to staff mainly due to the use of technology to enable remote meetings to take place and reduced expenditure on lease cars due to a lower number of vehicles.

Supplies & Services

Increase due to an allocation of the cost for use of the Geographic Information Service.

Support Services

Increase to the support service recharge particularly the Information Technology Department due to an increase in costs and the number of devices and Resources due to an increase in the allocation of officer time. Partly offsetting this is a reduction in the recharge of Council Offices mainly due to a reduction in energy costs.

Departmental Recharges

Recharges to other departments have increased mainly due to inflationary increases to the base budget along with the items mentioned above.

Oncosts Recovered

Increase due to recharge of staff time in respect of work related to the upkeep of play areas.

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5.6 **Cost Centre and Description** CPADM: Car Parks

The Council maintains numerous public car parks throughout the borough of which 18 are chargeable. Car parking charges are operated in Longridge, Clitheroe, Slaidburn, Ribchester, Sabden and Chipping.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	134,360	5,200		-690	-3,290	-750		134,830
Transport Related Expenditure	12,630	510				-2,820		10,320
Supplies & Services	39,870	1,590		-360	27,440			68,540
Third Party Payments	6,540	260						6,800
Support Services	459,180	0				39,920		499,100
Depreciation and Impairment	11,970	0					17,560	29,530
Total Expenditure	664,550	7,560	0	-1,050	24,150	36,350	17,560	749,120
Customer & Client Receipts	-534,190	-21,380		-8,190				-563,760
Miscellaneous Recharges	-263,130	0				-23,500		-286,630
Total Income	-797,320	-21,380	0	-8,190	0	-23,500	0	-850,390
Net Expenditure	-132,770	-13,820	0	-9,240	24,150	12,850	17,560	-101,270

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CPADM: Car Parks

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease to business rates due to reduction to the rateable value of various car parks, the largest impacting Railway View and Edisford Road Car Parks.

Transport Related

Reduction to use of vehicles charge as a result of lower depreciation charges.

Supplies and Services

Increase in the use of credit/ debit cards to pay for car parking; with the upgrading of the pay and display machines most of the car parks are now able to receive payments by card.

Support Services

Support services consists of two elements - recharges from other departments dependant upon staff time and also recharges of expenditure coded to Car Parks Administration being charged out to each individual car parks.

There has been an increase in the recharge from Community Services Department mainly due to an increase to the costs of the Community Services department as outlined under COMMD.

Recharges to individual car parks has also increased due to an increase in costs within this service area. The opposite entry showing the recharges being charged out of Car Parks Administration is reported within Miscellaneous Recharges.

Depreciation and Impairment

Increase in the depreciation charge due to the addition of charging points for electric vehicles and the resurfacing of Mardale car park.

Customer & Client Receipts

All charges have been increased in line with the inflationary increase agreed. The further increase in the budget of £8,190 in car park fees is to adjust for an increase in usage seen at various car parks, mainly Railway View, Edisford Road and Lowergate.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Increase in recharge of Car Parking Administration to the individual car parking sites as a result of an increase in costs within this service area.

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5.7 **Cost Centre and Description** CPVEH: Car Park Vehicles

We have two vehicles used for monitoring the council's car parks. The cost of these vehicles is recharged to Car Parks Budget in section 5.6

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transport Related Expenditure	8,520	350		550	-460			8,960
Depreciation and Impairment	4,110	0					-2,750	1,360
Total Expenditure	12,630	350	0	550	-460	0	-2,750	10,320
Miscellaneous Recharges	-12,630	0				2,310		-10,320
Total Income	-12,630	0	0	0	0	2,310	0	-10,320
Net Expenditure	0	350	0	550	-460	2,310	-2,750	0

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5.8 **Cost Centre and Description** CRIME: Crime and Disorder

This covers the Borough Council's contribution to the work of the Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership, includes officer support, promotional activities and financial support of police community support officers.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Supplies & Services	22,480	900			-11,840			11,540
Transfer Payments	22,000	0						22,000
Support Services	21,500	0				6,390		27,890
Total Expenditure	65,980	900	0	0	-11,840	6,390	0	61,430
Net Expenditure	65,980	900	0	0	-11,840	6,390	0	61,430
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-14,910	-600			10,600			-4,910
Net After Earmarked Reserves	51,070	300	0	0	-1,240	6,390	0	56,520

CRIME: Crime and Disorder

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Supplies & Services

Expenditure variation reflects funding set aside from previous years underspends being fully utilised in 2023/24.

Support Services

There has been an increase in the recharge from Economic Development and Planning department mainly due to an increase in the allocation of staff time to this area. Partly offsetting this is a reduction to the allocation of staff time by the Resources department.

Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves

Funds have previously been used from the earmarked reserve to support the Community Safety initiatives however the remaining balance is forecast to be fully used in 2024/25.

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5.9 **Cost Centre and Description** CULTG: Culture Grants

Grant aid is given to assist talented young persons with the costs associated with their particular cultural activity.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transfer Payments	4,280	0						4,280
Support Services	1,030	0				-330		700
Total Expenditure	5,310	0	0	0	0	-330	0	4,980
Net Expenditure	5,310	0	0	0	0	-330	0	4,980

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5.10 Cost Centre and Description CULVT: Culverts & Water Courses

Responsibility arising out of the Floods and Water Management Act 2010 to 'liaise and cooperate' with the lead Local Flood Authority (Lancashire County Council) for the area.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	3,570	140						3,710
Supplies & Services	6,530	260						6,790
Support Services	19,040	0				-1,570		17,470
Total Expenditure	29,140	400	0	0	0	-1,570	0	27,970
Net Expenditure	29,140	400	0	0	0	-1,570	0	27,970

CULVT: Culverts & Water Courses

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Support Services

There has been a decrease in the recharge from Community Services Department.

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5.11 Cost Centre and Description DRAIN: Private Drains

The Council provides a service to clear private blocked drains and a charge is made for this service. The charges contribute towards the direct costs of staff carrying out the clearance and the management and administration of the process.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	1,320	50						1,370
Supplies & Services	200	10						210
Support Services	3,510	0				380		3,890
Total Expenditure	5,030	60	0	0	0	380	0	5,470
Customer & Client Receipts	-2,100	-90						-2,190
Total Income	-2,100	-90	0	0	0	0	0	-2,190
Net Expenditure	2,930	-30	0	0	0	380	0	3,280

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5.12 **Cost Centre and Description** EALLW: Edisford All Weather Pitch

Edisford Sports Complex including a 3G artificial pitch. This is a high quality facility for which there is great demand in terms of football usage.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	30,740	1,230		1,330	2,500			35,800
Premises Related Expenditure	42,750	1,710		-5,550	450			39,360
Transport Related Expenditure	1,720	70			140			1,930
Supplies & Services	11,060	440		-370	120			11,250
Support Services	27,560	0				7,510		35,070
Depreciation and Impairment	69,840	0					6,290	76,130
Total Expenditure	183,670	3,450	0	-4,590	3,210	7,510	6,290	199,540
Customer & Client Receipts	-109,880	-4,390						-114,270
Total Income	-109,880	-4,390	0	0	0	0	0	-114,270
Net Expenditure	73,790	-940	0	-4,590	3,210	7,510	6,290	85,270

EALLW: Edisford All Weather Pitch

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in staffing costs including salary overheads

Premises Related Expenditure

Forecast decrease in electricity and gas prices.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs mainly due to an increase in an allocation of staff time from the Resources department.

Depreciation and Impairment

Increased depreciation charges due to revaluation of assets.

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5.13 **Cost Centre and Description** EDPIC: Edisford Picnic Area

This budget head relates to the maintenance of the Edisford picnic area, income from the mobile catering units and also fees received from our share of the model railway income.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	810	40		-240	-140			470
Supplies & Services	2,230	90						2,320
Support Services	990	0				270		1,260
Depreciation and Impairment	1,350	0						1,350
Total Expenditure	5,380	130	0	-240	-140	270	0	5,400
Customer & Client Receipts	-14,200	-570		3,660				-11,110
Total Income	-14,200	-570	0	3,660	0	0	0	-11,110
Net Expenditure	-8,820	-440	0	3,420	-140	270	0	-5,710

EDPIC: Edisford Picnic Area

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Customer & Client Receipts

Adjustment required in order to match the tender agreement of the food concession.

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5.14 **Cost Centre and Description** EVEHA: Works Administration Vehicles

We have a range of vehicles in order to help staff carry out a range of maintenance and repair works for the council. The cost of these vehicles is mainly recharged to Works Administration at section 5.46.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transport Related Expenditure	37,050	1,500		830	550			39,930
Depreciation and Impairment	23,820	0					-14,020	9,800
Total Expenditure	60,870	1,500	0	830	550	0	-14,020	49,730
Miscellaneous Recharges	-60,870	0				11,140		-49,730
Total Income	-60,870	0	0	0	0	11,140	0	-49,730
Net Expenditure	0	1,500	0	830	550	11,140	-14,020	0

EVEHA: Works Administration Vehicles

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Depreciation and Impairment

Decreased depreciation charges due to reassessment of expected working life of Works Administration vehicle PL68 HRO -£7,120 and the reversal of depreciation that was included in the original budget for an expected replacement vehicle for the Vehicle Workshop that was delayed until 2024/25 -£6,900.

Miscellaneous Recharges

The cost of vehicles to be recharged to works administration has decreased mainly due to a reduction in depreciation charges.

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5.15 **Cost Centre and Description** EXREF: Exercise Referral Scheme

Exercise referral was previously funded by LCC. However, this has now been replaced by the Together an Active Future contract. Exercise referral now covers activities such as tai chi and working in community facilities around the borough as either stand alone classes or with local groups to help provide opportunities for people who may not be eligible for help under the Together an Active Future contract. It also delivers other healthy lifestyle programmes supported by grant funding, currently being a Weight Management programme.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	45,490	1,810		1,410	250			48,960
Premises Related Expenditure	3,150	130						3,280
Transport Related Expenditure	1,090	40						1,130
Supplies & Services	2,910	120						3,030
Support Services	105,460	0				1,720		107,180
Total Expenditure	158,100	2,100	0	1,410	250	1,720	0	163,580
Other Grants and Contributions	-25,180	0						-25,180
Customer & Client Receipts	-3,380	-140						-3,520
Miscellaneous Recharges	-22,460	0				-3,500		-25,960
Total Income	-51,020	-140	0	0	0	-3,500	0	-54,660
Net Expenditure	107,080	1,960	0	1,410	250	-1,780	0	108,920
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-23,580	-940		-1,980				-26,500
Net After Earmarked Reserves	83,500	1,020	0	-570	250	-1,780	0	82,420

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EXREF: Exercise Referral Scheme

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs mainly due to the increase in costs in the Community Services Department partly offset by a decrease in time spent by Resources staff in this area.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Increase in recharge to Together an Active future programme due to inflationary increase in salary costs.

Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves

Use of monies set aside in the Exercise Referral Reserve to fund the delivery of Weight Management activities.

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5.16 Cost Centre and Description GMVEH: Grounds Maintenance Vehicles

We have a range of vehicles, mowers and plant in order to help staff maintain the council's parks, play areas, sports pitches and other public open spaces. The cost of these vehicles is recharged to the Grounds Maintenance Budget 5.25.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transport Related Expenditure	126,930	5,110		2,470	-6,590			127,920
Depreciation and Impairment	73,290	0					-28,640	44,650
Total Expenditure	200,220	5,110	0	2,470	-6,590	0	-28,640	172,570
Miscellaneous Recharges	-200,220	0				31,430		-168,790
Total Income	-200,220	0	0	0	0	31,430	0	-168,790
Net Expenditure	0	5,110	0	2,470	-6,590	31,430	-28,640	3,780

GMVEH: Grounds Maintenance Vehicles

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Transport Related Expenditure

Decrease mainly due to reduction in diesel costs due to an estimated reduction in prices compared to those previously forecast along with lower consumption of fuel. Partly offsetting this is a forecast increase to vehicle insurance premiums.

Depreciation and Impairment

Reduction in depreciation charges mainly due to the re-lifing of vehicles combined with a few vehicles being fully depreciated.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Decrease in recharge of vehicle costs due to a reduction in costs as mentioned above.

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5.17 Cost Centre and Description GRSRC: Grants & Subscriptions - Community

This committee supports a number of organisations that demonstrate the furtherance of committee's objectives by way of direct grant aid or by subscribing to such organisations.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Supplies & Services	380	20						400
Support Services	760	0				-760		0
Total Expenditure	1,140	20	0	0	0	-760	0	400
Net Expenditure	1,140	20	0	0	0	-760	0	400

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5.18 Cost Centre and Description HWREP: Highway Repairs

From time to time, depending on circumstances and where it is in the public interest, minor emergency repair works are carried out on unadopted streets and footpaths.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	660	30						690
Support Services	7,290	0				-4,340		2,950
Depreciation and Impairment	1,150	0						1,150
Total Expenditure	9,100	30	0	0	0	-4,340	0	4,790
Net Expenditure	9,100	30	0	0	0	-4,340	0	4,790

HWREP: Highway Repairs

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Support Services

Decrease to support service costs.

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5.19 **Cost Centre and Description** LDEPO: Longridge Depot

The council retains a small operational base at a depot in Longridge, primarily in relation to our grounds maintenance services carried out in the western fringe of the borough.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	10,840	440		-2,320	220			9,180
Supplies & Services	140	10		70				220
Support Services	1,380	0				40		1,420
Depreciation and Impairment	3,720	0					250	3,970
Total Expenditure	16,080	450	0	-2,250	220	40	250	14,790
Miscellaneous Recharges	-15,630	0				840		-14,790
Total Income	-15,630	0	0	0	0	840	0	-14,790
Net Expenditure	450	450	0	-2,250	220	880	250	0
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-450	-20			470			0
Net After Earmarked Reserves	0	430	0	-2,250	690	880	250	0

LDEPO: Longridge Depot

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in expenditure on electricity due to a forecast reduction in electricity prices.

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5.20 Cost Centre and Description LITTR: Litter Bins

Litter bins are provided throughout the area and are emptied by the refuse collection service and the street cleansing operatives. The Council has a duty to keep the streets and land open to the public free of litter and refuse, and the provision of litter bins aids that process. The budget allows the existing stock to be maintained but with little scope for expansion.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	4,100	160						4,260
Supplies & Services	5,040	200						5,240
Support Services	18,910	0				-3,240		15,670
Total Expenditure	28,050	360	0	0	0	-3,240	0	25,170
Net Expenditure	28,050	360	0	0	0	-3,240	0	25,170

LITTR: Litter Bins

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Support Services

Decrease to support service cost.

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5.21 **Cost Centre and Description** MCAFE: Museum Cafe

The Museum Café is operated by a contractor, who pays the Council an annual fee and a share of the turnover. The café forms part of the overall heritage offer at Clitheroe Castle Museum. The café is currently without an occupier.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	48,850	300		-30	-5,920	-18,420		24,780
Supplies & Services	4,400	180		20				4,600
Support Services	4,820	0				2,540		7,360
Depreciation and Impairment	12,410	0					570	12,980
Total Expenditure	70,480	480	0	-10	-5,920	-15,880	570	49,720
Customer & Client Receipts	-16,330	-650						-16,980
Total Income	-16,330	-650	0	0	0	0	0	-16,980
Net Expenditure	54,150	-170	0	-10	-5,920	-15,880	570	32,740

MCAFE: Museum Cafe

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Reduction in the recharge of gas due to a forecast decrease in gas prices £18,420 and the premises being exempt from a business rates charge as it is a vacant listed building.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs mainly due to an increase in staff time being spent in this area by Community Services staff.

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5.22 **Cost Centre and Description** MUSEM: Castle Museum

The Castle Museum is operated on behalf of the Council by Lancashire Museums Service, and is the Borough's prime heritage attraction.

Row Labels	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	114,470	4,580		-26,430	-2,080			90,540
Supplies & Services	2,060	80		-130				2,010
Third Party Payments	162,520	6,500						169,020
Support Services	26,320	0				2,870		29,190
Depreciation and Impairment	69,170	0					11,680	80,850
Total Expenditure	374,540	11,160	0	-26,560	-2,080	2,870	11,680	371,610
Customer & Client Receipts	-56,210	-2,240						-58,450
Miscellaneous Recharges	-41,490	0				18,420		-23,070
Total Income	-97,700	-2,240	0	0	0	18,420	0	-81,520
Net Expenditure	276,840	8,920	0	-26,560	-2,080	21,290	11,680	290,090

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MUSEM: Castle Museum

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in utility costs caused by a forecast decrease in electricity and gas prices £35,140 and a decrease in business rates following a revaluation of the premises for rating purposes £2,080. Partly offsetting this is an increase in the insurance premium the amount of insurance cover that is required for the building and contents has increased £8,890.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs mainly due to an increase in staff time being spent in this area by Community Services staff.

Depreciation and Impairment

Increase in the depreciation charge due to capital works including the roof renewal.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Decreased income from the utilities recharge to the Museum Cafe due to an expected price reduction in gas.

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5.23 **Cost Centre and Description** PAPER: Waste Paper and Card Collection

The Council's waste paper collection service provides households with the collection of all clean paper and cardboard.

Row Labels	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	129,740	5,190		3,680	1,250			139,860
Premises Related Expenditure	30	0		10				40
Transport Related Expenditure	129,150	5,170				-4,530		129,790
Supplies & Services	7,280	290						7,570
Support Services	32,230	0				230		32,460
Total Expenditure	298,430	10,650	0	3,690	1,250	-4,300	0	309,720
Customer & Client Receipts	-18,180	-730						-18,910
Total Income	-18,180	-730	0	0	0	0	0	-18,910
Net Expenditure	280,250	9,920	0	3,690	1,250	-4,300	0	290,810

PAPER: Waste Paper and Card Collection

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget along with incremental increase on pay grade.

Transport Related Expenditure

A decrease in the expenditure on vehicles used for the collection service mainly due to a reduction in diesel costs as a result of an estimated reduction in prices compared to those previously forecast.

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5.24 **Cost Centre and Description** PCADM: Public Conveniences

Provision and support of 16 Public Toilets within the borough. The Ribble Valley community toilet scheme operates alongside the council's direct provision of public toilets, to which approximately 40 venues partake.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	400	20						420
Premises Related Expenditure	155,620	6,210		-3,030	12,460			171,260
Supplies & Services	6,840	260						7,100
Support Services	153,090	0				11,520		164,610
Depreciation and Impairment	36,910	0					11,930	48,840
Total Expenditure	352,860	6,490	0	-3,030	12,460	11,520	11,930	392,230
Other Grants and Contributions	-30	0						-30
Customer & Client Receipts	-230	-10						-240
Miscellaneous Recharges	-125,070	0				-7,130		-132,200
Total Income	-125,330	-10	0	0	0	-7,130	0	-132,470
Net Expenditure	227,530	6,480	0	-3,030	12,460	4,390	11,930	259,760

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PCADM: Public Conveniences

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

An increase in repairs and maintenance has been included in the budget in respect of the addition of Changing Places facilities at Castle Field and Edisford premises £12,570. Partly offsetting this is a decrease to electricity expenditure due to a forecast reduction in electricity prices £5,150.

Support Services

Recharges to individual toilet sites has increased due to an increase in costs within this service area and the inclusion of Berry Lane toilets being cleaned by council staff.

Depreciation and Impairment

Increased depreciation charges across various toilet sites mainly due to the completion of capital works adding value to premises.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Increase in recharge of Public Conveniences Administration to the individual toilet sites as a result of an increase in costs within this service area.

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Cost Centre and Description PKADM: Grounds Maintenance

5.25 The grounds maintenance service comprises a team of staff and a range of vehicles and equipment to support the provision of the service. The team maintain the many areas of council owned parks and general open spaces in the ownership of the council, including trees and woodlands, play areas, sports pitches, cemeteries. They also undertake work for third parties, such as parish councils, for which a charge is made. This cost centre is where all costs are collated before being recharged out in full to various other service areas.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	303,000	12,130		9,040	-2,460			321,710
Premises Related Expenditure	74,180	110		990		-8,040		67,240
Transport Related Expenditure	198,500	7,940				-37,650		168,790
Supplies & Services	23,400	930		200	-1,150			23,380
Support Services	84,270	0				-3,170		81,100
Total Expenditure	683,350	21,110	0	10,230	-3,610	-48,860	0	662,220
Other Grants and Contributions	-13,060	0						-13,060
Oncosts Recovered	-670,290	0	_		21,130			-649,160
Total Income	-683,350	0	0	0	21,130	0	0	-662,220
Net Expenditure	0	21,110	0	10,230	17,520	-48,860	0	0

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PKADM: Grounds Maintenance

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in recharge of Salthill Depot due to a reduction of costs as detailed under SDEPO below.

Transport Related Expenditure

Decreased recharge from Grounds Maintenance Vehicles (GMVEH) mainly due to a reduction in depreciation charges as a result of the re-lifing of vehicles combined with a few vehicles being fully depreciated.

Support Services

Decrease to support service recharges from Community Services and Resources departments due to a reduction in staff time allocated to this area.

Oncosts Recovered

Decreased estimated expenditure within this service area has resulted in a reduction in oncosts to be recovered.

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5.26 Cost Centre and Description PLANT: Plant

We have a number of items of plant and equipment to help staff provide essential council services. These costs are all recharged out to the services using the plant and equipment

Row Labels	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	880	40		240				1,160
Transport Related Expenditure	31,430	1,240		-3,930	-350			28,390
Depreciation and Impairment	15,260	0					2,780	18,040
Total Expenditure	47,570	1,280	0	-3,690	-350	0	2,780	47,590
Miscellaneous Recharges	-47,570	0				-20		-47,590
Total Income	-47,570	0	0	0	0	-20	0	-47,590
Net Expenditure	0	1,280	0	-3,690	-350	-20	2,780	0

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Cost Centre and Description PLATG: Platform Gallery and Visitor Information

5.27 The Platform Gallery specialises in contemporary craft exhibitions and has gained a reputation within the region for its excellence in this field. There is a retail space that provides an outlet for a range of local artists and makers. There is also an education space that is used for workshops and arts activities, and the visitor information centre offers all the latest information about local events. Visitors can also book tickets and accommodation, and buy maps, books and souvenirs.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	104,970	4,200		4,930	2,430			116,530
Premises Related Expenditure	36,580	1,470		-10,810	670	10		27,920
Transport Related Expenditure	40	0						40
Supplies & Services	33,780	1,360	-2,080	560	260			33,880
Support Services	64,150	0				10,210		74,360
Depreciation and Impairment	4,650	0					170	4,820
Total Expenditure	244,170	7,030	-2,080	-5,320	3,360	10,220	170	257,550
Customer & Client Receipts	-49,680	-1,990	-				-	-51,670
Total Income	-49,680	-1,990	0	0	0	0	0	-51,670
Net Expenditure	194,490	5,040	-2,080	-5,320	3,360	10,220	170	205,880

PLATG: Platform Gallery and Visitor Information

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget.

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in expenditure on utilities due to a forecast reduction in utility prices.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs mainly due to an increase in the allocation of staff time of the Resources Department.

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Cost Centre and Description RCOLL: Refuse Collection

5.28 The collection of household waste is a statutory requirement placed on the Council. The overall service provided includes the collection of green waste for recycling into compost, a commercial waste collection service for shops, offices and other businesses in the borough and the emptying of litter bins, as well as the collection of domestic refuse from all properties in the borough and also the collection of dry mixed recyclables.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	957,680	38,300		27,310	1,920			1,025,210
Premises Related Expenditure	73,390	100		30		-8,840		64,680
Transport Related Expenditure	773,570	30,950		440		-48,320		756,640
Supplies & Services	48,230	1,940		380	910			51,460
Third Party Payments	50	0						50
Support Services	173,530	0				28,580		202,110
Depreciation and Impairment	51,010	0					-43,710	7,300
Total Expenditure	2,077,460	71,290	0	28,160	2,830	-28,580	-43,710	2,107,450
Customer & Client Receipts	-38,520	-1,540						-40,060
Miscellaneous Recharges	-146,340	0				-17,030		-163,370
Total Income	-184,860	-1,540	0	0	0	-17,030	0	-203,430
Net Expenditure	1,892,600	69,750	0	28,160	2,830	-45,610	-43,710	1,904,020
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-8,970	-360						-9,330
Net After Earmarked Reserves	1,883,630	69,390	0	28,160	2,830	-45,610	-43,710	1,894,690

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RCOLL: Refuse Collection

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget along with incremental increase on pay grade.

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in recharge of Salthill Depot due to a reduction of costs as detailed under SDEPO below.

Transport Related Expenditure

Decrease in the use of refuse collection vehicles mainly due to the decrease in diesel expenditure and partly offset by the addition to depreciation costs regarding a planned replacement vehicle, as mentioned in the refuse collection vehicle summary.

Support Services

Increase to support service recharges from Community Services due to an increase in the allocation of staff time to the Refuse Collection Service.

Depreciation and Impairment

Reduction in depreciation charge due to 2013/14 bin purchases scheme being fully depreciated.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Higher recharge of the Refuse Collection service to other departments due to an increase in costs as outlined above along with the inflationary increase allowed for.

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Cost Centre and Description RCVEH: Refuse and Paper Collection Vehicles

5.29 We have a fleet of split bodied refuse collection and recycling vehicles in order to carry out the statutory service. The cost of these vehicles is recharged to Refuse Collection Budget 5.28 and Waste Paper and Collection Budget 5.23.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transport Related Expenditure	678,620	27,240		-53,760	-11,570			640,530
Depreciation and Impairment	221,960	0					21,270	243,230
Total Expenditure	900,580	27,240	0	-53,760	-11,570	0	21,270	883,760
Miscellaneous Recharges	-900,580	0				16,820		-883,760
Total Income	-900,580	0	0	0	0	16,820	0	-883,760
Net Expenditure	0	27,240	0	-53,760	-11,570	16,820	21,270	0

RCVEH: Refuse and Paper Collection Vehicles

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Transport Related Expenditure

Decrease to estimated diesel costs to reflect an update to the forecast price £62,500 and usage £11,970. This is partly offset by an increase to vehicle insurance premiums £7,560.

Depreciation and Impairment

Replacement refuse vehicle purchased as part of the 2023/24 Capital Programme has resulted in an increase in depreciation charged, partly reduced by the result of the re-lifting of some vehicles in the fleet.

Miscellaneous Recharges

Expenditure on refuse collection vehicles is recharged to Refuse Collection and Paper vehicles to Waste Paper and Card Collection. A decrease in expenditure on the vehicles has resulted in a lower recharge.

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Cost Centre and Description RECUL: Recreation Grants

5.30

The Recreation Grants Scheme provides valuable support for the voluntary sports and arts sectors with an aim to increase participation in voluntary community activities. Grants are normally awarded on an annual basis. However, applications can be considered outside the annual timetable.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transfer Payments	31,140	0						31,140
Support Services	4,540	0				-720		3,820
Total Expenditure	35,680	0	0	0	0	-720	0	34,960
Net Expenditure	35,680	0	0	0	0	-720	0	34,960

Cost Centre and Description RIVBK: Riverbank Protection

5.31 The Council has land adjacent to main rivers where there is a riparian owner responsibility to safely maintain the banking.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	1,530	60						1,590
Depreciation and Impairment	3,480	0						3,480
Total Expenditure	5,010	60	0	0	0	0	0	5,070
Net Expenditure	5,010	60	0	0	0	0	0	5,070

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Cost Centre and Description ROEBN: Roefield Barn

5.32 The building is occupied by Roefield Leisure Centre who pay a quarterly rent to the Council. The Council are not responsible for running costs or repairs and consequently there are few costs here.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	310	10		300				620
Support Services	0	0				1,640		1,640
Total Expenditure	310	10	0	300	0	1,640	0	2,260
Customer & Client Receipts	-460	-20		-40				-520
Total Income	-460	-20	0	-40	0	0	0	-520
Net Expenditure	-150	-10	0	260	0	1,640	0	1,740

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Cost Centre and Description RPOOL: Ribblesdale Pool

5.33

Ribblesdale Pool provides a varied programme of use for casual public swimming, swimming instruction and hire by clubs and groups. The facility is well attended in comparison to other pools of its size.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	447,430	17,900		17,390	15,260			497,980
Premises Related Expenditure	652,840	26,080		-41,080	-270,940	70		366,970
Transport Related Expenditure	440	20						460
Supplies & Services	56,680	2,290	-1,110	-20	-460			57,380
Support Services	97,170	0				1,590		98,760
Depreciation and Impairment	67,090	0					-12,660	54,430
Total Expenditure	1,321,650	46,290	-1,110	-23,710	-256,140	1,660	-12,660	1,075,980
Customer & Client Receipts	-463,800	-18,560						-482,360
Miscellaneous Recharges	-11,270	0				-1,300		-12,570
Total Income	-475,070	-18,560	0	0	0	-1,300	0	-494,930
Net Expenditure	846,580	27,730	-1,110	-23,710	-256,140	360	-12,660	581,050

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RPOOL: Ribblesdale Pool

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs due to the pay award being higher than allowed for in the 2023/24 budget along with an increase in the working hours of a lifeguard and receptionist post.

Premises Related Expenditure

Decreased estimated expenditure on utilities including a forecast decrease in electricity expenditure £43,390 as the increase in the price of electricity is lower than allowed for in the original budget.

Decrease in gas expenditure is forecast at the pool £286,760. At the time when the 2023/24 budget was being prepared energy prices were volatile due to world affairs, the average unit price assumed at Original Estimate 2023/24 was £0.2616. However, we are now assuming the unit price to be £0.1216.

There has also been a reduction in gas usage; 1,629,715 kWh were assumed to be used in the Original Estimate for 2023/24 compared to 1,288,060 kWh at 2024/25. This reduction is due to operational adjustments including to the Pool Hall ventilation system.

There has also been an increase in business rates due to an increase in the rateable value of the premises (£7,660).

Depreciation and Impairment

An increase to the life of additional works at the pool has resulted in the depreciation charge being over a longer period therefore resulting in a smaller charge each year.

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Cost Centre and Description RVPRK: Ribble Valley Parks

5.34 Costs and income relating to the many parks and general open spaces in the ownership of the council are recorded under this cost centre. This comprises all public open spaces across the borough, including costs associated with play areas and sports facilities such as football pitches that are an integral part of our parks and general open spaces. A large proportion of the costs here relate to the council's own grounds maintenance service. The costs of that service are collated under cost centre PKADM and then recharged to various other service areas, including this one.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	582,620	23,300		-13,500	-31,450			560,970
Supplies & Services	46,420	1,870		-130				48,160
Support Services	49,570	0				1,960		51,530
Depreciation and Impairment	121,980	0					49,950	171,930
Total Expenditure	800,590	25,170	0	-13,630	-31,450	1,960	49,950	832,590
Other Grants and Contributions	-1,700	0						-1,700
Customer & Client Receipts	-27,280	-1,090		300				-28,070
Total Income	-28,980	-1,090	0	300	0	0	0	-29,770
Net Expenditure	771,610	24,080	0	-13,330	-31,450	1,960	49,950	802,820
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-40,000	-1,600			41,600			0
Net After Earmarked Reserves	731,610	22,480	0	-13,330	10,150	1,960	49,950	802,820

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RVPRK: Ribble Valley Parks

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decreased grounds maintenance recharge £31,450 largely due to an anticipated reduction in sgrounds maintenance service costs, which are recharged to this cost centre.

Decrease in electricity £11,530 and gas £3,870 expenditure due to forecast reduction in prices to these utilities.

Support Services

Increase to support services recharges mainly due to an increase in time allocation of Community Services staff and partly offset by a reduction in time allocation of Resources staff.

Depreciation and Impairment

Increased depreciation charge due to various capital schemes increasing the value of premises including the upgrading of various play areas and drainage works at Mardale playing fields.

Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserve

Funding was used in 2023/24 for expenditure on the maintenance of play areas that was previously funded from capital. This has now been allowed for in the 2024/25 base budget.

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Cost Centre and Description SDEPO: Salthill Depot

5.35 This is the council's main operational base for the staff who carry out directly delivered services in the borough, such as refuse collection and recycling, street cleansing, grounds maintenance, vehicle repair and maintenance and general works. In addition the Councils main stores are located here.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	34,120	1,370		1,180				36,670
Premises Related Expenditure	107,910	4,300		-23,470	8,920			97,660
Transport Related Expenditure	540	0				20		560
Supplies & Services	10,710	430		-3,070	650			8,720
Support Services	58,960	0				-5,590		53,370
Depreciation and Impairment	30,200	0					-390	29,810
Total Expenditure	242,440	6,100	0	-25,360	9,570	-5,570	-390	226,790
Customer & Client Receipts	-970	-40						-1,010
Oncosts Recovered	-67,180	0			-6,790			-73,970
Miscellaneous Recharges	-174,290	0				22,480	_	-151,810
Total Income	-242,440	-40	0	0	-6,790	22,480	0	-226,790
Net Expenditure	0	6,060	0	-25,360	2,780	16,910	-390	0

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SDEPO: Salthill Depot

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in electricity costs £24,500 due to a forecast reduction in electricity prices partly offset by an increase to estimated metered water costs £5,020 due to a reassessment of usage and an increase in business rates £3,900 due to an increase in rateable value.

Support Services

Decrease in support service costs mainly due to a reduction in the allocation of Computer Services costs.

Oncosts Recovered

Increase in recovery of costs relating to stores issues due to increases in the cost of stores goods purchased.

Miscellaneous Recharges

As this cost centre is in essence a holding account, reductions in expenditure within this service area results in decreases in recharges to other service areas.

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Cost Centre and Description SEATS: Roadside Seats

5.36 This budget pays for the maintenance of 150 seats situated in areas of public open spaces (except parks and recreation grounds) throughout the borough. There is no provision in this budget for new or replacement seats.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	2,330	90						2,420
Supplies & Services	690	30						720
Support Services	3,960	0				220		4,180
Total Expenditure	6,980	120	0	0	0	220	0	7,320
Net Expenditure	6,980	120	0	0	0	220	0	7,320

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Cost Centre and Description

SIGNS: Street Nameplates & Signs

5.37 The Council has a duty to allocate names to streets and to provide appropriate street nameplates. Also included here are the costs associated with the Gazetteer which is a software system containing all property addresses within the borough. Ribble Valley maintains the local property Gazetteer which then feeds through to the national property Gazetteer.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	4,560	180						4,740
Supplies & Services	5,690	230						5,920
Third Party Payments	1,040	40						1,080
Support Services	24,780	0				3,790		28,570
Depreciation and Impairment	2,650	0						2,650
Total Expenditure	38,720	450	0	0	0	3,790	0	42,960
Customer & Client Receipts	-13,370	-530						-13,900
Total Income	-13,370	-530	0	0	0	0	0	-13,900
Net Expenditure	25,350	-80	0	0	0	3,790	0	29,060

SIGNS: Street Nameplates & Signs

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Support Services

Increase to support service costs due to a increase in costs in Community Services and Resources Departments.

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Cost Centre and Description SPODV: Sports Development

5.38 Contributing to the Council's ambition to create safer and healthier lifestyles. The role of the sports development unit is to create and extend sporting opportunities throughout the Ribble Valley, particularly within identified low participation groups. This is done through the provision of specific activity programmes, supporting voluntary sector providers and working in partnership with others to achieve cross cutting outcomes.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	1,010	40		-550				500
Premises Related Expenditure	780	30		790				1,600
Supplies & Services	13,850	550			-2,010			12,390
Support Services	76,320	0				4,210		80,530
Total Expenditure	91,960	620	0	240	-2,010	4,210	0	95,020
Customer & Client Receipts	-190	0						-190
Total Income	-190	0	0	0	0	0	0	-190
Net Expenditure	91,770	620	0	240	-2,010	4,210	0	94,830

SPODV: Sports Development

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Supplies and Services

Reduction in insurance charge for the skatepark.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs due to an increase in time allocation of Community Services staff.

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Cost Centre and Description SPOGR: Sports Grants

5.39 Grant aid is given to assist talented young sports persons with the costs associated with their sport.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Supplies & Services	230	10						240
Transfer Payments	3,720	0						3,720
Support Services	2,570	0				-160		2,410
Total Expenditure	6,520	10	0	0	0	-160	0	6,370
Net Expenditure	6,520	10	0	0	0	-160	0	6,370

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Cost Centre and Description STCLE: Street Cleansing

5.40 The street cleansing service undertakes a borough wide operation for the cleansing of public adopted highways within the borough. A fly tipping service is also provided for the removal of dumped waste items on adopted areas within the borough. The service undertakes the clearance of leaves in autumn and winter and is also available for emergency call outs via Lancashire County Council with 24 hour/7 day cover.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	203,920	8,160		7,240	1,420			220,740
Premises Related Expenditure	29,660	20		20		-240		29,460
Transport Related Expenditure	187,280	7,480		1,750	240			196,750
Supplies & Services	54,460	2,190		100	-41,010			15,740
Support Services	68,670	0				2,860		71,530
Total Expenditure	543,990	17,850	0	9,110	-39,350	2,620	0	534,220
Other Grants and Contributions	-27,660	0		-940	-67,440			-96,040
Miscellaneous Recharges	-1,680	0				-70		-1,750
Total Income	-29,340	0	0	-940	-67,440	-70	0	-97,790
Net Expenditure	514,650	17,850	0	8,170	-106,790	2,550	0	436,430
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-39,430	0			39,430			0
Net After Earmarked Reserves	475,220	17,850	0	8,170	-67,360	2,550	0	436,430

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STCLE: Street Cleansing

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs mainly due to impact of 2023/24 pay award being higher than budgeted.

Transport Related Expenditure

Increase mainly due to the increase in the cost of vehicle hire as a result of the shortage of vans.

Supplies and Services

Adjustment in respect of additional expenditure that related to 2023/24 for carrying out public realm work on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs is mainly due to an increase in costs in both Community Services and Resources departments.

Other Grants and Contributions

Additional funding received form Lancashire County Council to support public realm work carried out on their behalf for weed spraying and leaf clearance.

Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves

Unspent funds received in past years have previously been used from the earmarked reserve. These funds are anticipated to be fully utilised in 2023/24.

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Cost Centre and Description TAFUT: Together an Active Future

5.41 Together an Active Future is a scheme funded by Sport England whereby projects are developed to increase the physical activity and well being of targeted groups of people.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Supplies & Services	1,750	70						1,820
Third Party Payments	35,000	1,400			-3,600			32,800
Support Services	24,650	0				1,310		25,960
Total Expenditure	61,400	1,470	0	0	-3,600	1,310	0	60,580
Other Grants and Contributions	-61,400	0		820				-60,580
Total Income	-61,400	0	0	820	0	0	0	-60,580
Net Expenditure	0	1,470	0	820	-3,600	1,310	0	0

TAFUT: Together an Active Future

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Third Party Payments

Decrease in contract payments as a reduction in delivery of projects by third parties.

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5.42 **Cost Centre and Description** TFRST: Waste Transfer Station

The operation of the waste transfer station in the depot at Salthill Industrial Estate is part of both the Council's commitment to supporting the Lancashire Municipal Waste Management Strategy and providing an efficient and effective refuse collection and recycling service to our residents.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	31,910	1,280		1,020				34,210
Premises Related Expenditure	25,470	1,020			7,890			34,380
Transport Related Expenditure	36,680	1,470				-10,670		27,480
Supplies & Services	3,390	130						3,520
Support Services	26,190	0				360		26,550
Depreciation and Impairment	910	0						910
Total Expenditure	124,550	3,900	0	1,020	7,890	-10,310	0	127,050
Net Expenditure	124,550	3,900	0	1,020	7,890	-10,310	0	127,050

TFRST: Waste Transfer Station

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Increase in business rates due to an increase in the rateable value of the premises.

Transport Related Expenditure

Expenditure incurred in the use of the Shovel (SHOVL) is charged to the Transfer Station. Decreases in the cost of diesel and depreciation charge of the Shovel have reduced the charge.

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Cost Centre and Description TRREF: Trade Refuse

5.43 The Council provides a commercial waste collection service to business premises in the borough at competitive charges.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	123,460					14,450		137,910
Supplies & Services	247,650	9,910						257,560
Support Services	95,300	0				-5,000		90,300
Total Expenditure	466,410	9,910	0	0	0	9,450	0	485,770
Customer & Client Receipts	-488,310	-19,530						-507,840
Total Income	-488,310	-19,530	0	0	0	0	0	-507,840
Net Expenditure	-21,900	-9,620	0	0	0	9,450	0	-22,070
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	2,440	100						2,540
Net After Earmarked Reserves	-19,460	-9,520	0	0	0	9,450	0	-19,530

TRREF: Trade Refuse

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Premises Related Expenditure

Increased recharge from refuse collection due to trade refuse waste being a higher proportion of the total waste tonnages collected and increased costs of the Refuse Collection service.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs in mainly due to a reduction in time allocation of staff in the Chief Executives Department and an increase in costs of Community Services and Resources Departments.

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Cost Centre and Description TWOWR: Two Way Radio

5.44 We have a radio system linking staff based at Salthill depot and vehicles and staff working out in the borough.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Premises Related Expenditure	2,650	100						2,750
Supplies & Services	460	20		70				550
Support Services	0	0				300		300
Total Expenditure	3,110	120	0	70	0	300	0	3,600
Miscellaneous Recharges	-3,110	0				-490		-3,600
Total Income	-3,110	0	0	0	0	-490	0	-3,600
Net Expenditure	0	120	0	70	0	-190	0	0

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Cost Centre and Description VEHCL: Vehicle Workshop

The garage at the depot maintains the Council's fleet of commercial vehicles and charges all of these costs to the relevant service area. The main services charged by the garage are the refuse collection service, works administration and grounds maintenance.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	78,370	3,140		1,570	2,400			85,480
Premises Related Expenditure	9,970	200		310	2,060	-640		11,900
Transport Related Expenditure	15,390	90			-2,060	-5,640		7,780
Supplies & Services	7,430	290			220			7,940
Support Services	41,530	0				4,560		46,090
Total Expenditure	152,690	3,720	0	1,880	2,620	-1,720	0	159,190
Oncosts Recovered	-152,690	0			-6,500			-159,190
Total Income	-152,690	0	0	0	-6,500	0	0	-159,190
Net Expenditure	0	3,720	0	1,880	-3,880	-1,720	0	0

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VEHCL: Vehicle Workshop

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs mainly due to impact of 2023/24 pay award being higher than budgeted and incremental increases in pay grade.

Premises Related Expenditure

Recategorization of calibration service from Transport Related Expenditure.

Transport Related Expenditure

Decrease in recharge of the mechanics vehicle costs due to a delay in replacing the mechanics' vehicle resulting in a decrease in depreciation and recategorization of the calibration service to Premises Related Expenditure.

Support Services

Increase to support service costs is mainly due to an increase in estimated time to be spent on the Vehicle Workshop by members of Community Services Department along with increases to costs to that service.

Oncosts Recovered

Increase in oncosts to be recovered due to a higher costs within this service area as outlined above.

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Cost Centre and Description WKSAD: Works Administration

The works administration service carries out a wide range of maintenance services across most of the council services, notably engineering services. The cost of all work carried out by works administration is charged out to the relevant service area.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	164,640	6,590		4,880	10			176,120
Premises Related Expenditure	18,580	30				-2,300		16,310
Transport Related Expenditure	58,120	2,320				1,380		61,820
Supplies & Services	9,920	390		-30	750			11,030
Support Services	42,530	0				-920		41,610
Total Expenditure	293,790	9,330	0	4,850	760	-1,840	0	306,890
Oncosts Recovered	-293,790	0			-13,100			-306,890
Total Income	-293,790	0	0	0	-13,100	0	0	-306,890
Net Expenditure	0	9,330	0	4,850	-12,340	-1,840	0	0

WKSAD: Works Administration

Commentary on Substantial Budget Changes

Employee Related Expenditure

Increase in base salary costs mainly due to impact of 2023/24 pay award being higher than budgeted.

Premises Related Expenditure

Decrease in recharge of Salthill Depot due to a reduction of costs as detailed under SDEPO.

Oncosts Recovered

5.46

Increase in oncosts to be recovered is mainly due to forecast inflationary cost increases.

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Cost Centre and Description XMASL: Xmas Lights & RV in Bloom

5.47 Grants are available to organised groups looking to provide Christmas light displays within the borough's parishes and towns, provided that match funding by the organisation is available. Also incorporated here is the Ribble Valley in Bloom budget, which is a small budget, used by local groups and parishes to enhance the borough as a place to visit. This creates one combined budget specifically for lights and flowers.

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Transfer Payments	2,060	0						2,060
Support Services	2,030	0				40		2,070
Total Expenditure	4,090	0	0	0	0	40	0	4,130
Net Expenditure	4,090	0	0	0	0	40	0	4,130

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6 SUMMARIES

6.1 The draft budget is summarised in two ways. One over the cost of the service provided by the committee (objective). The other is over the type of expenditure and income (subjective)

Cost Centre and Description	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
ARTDV: Art Development	40,390	1,020		370		-570		41,210
BUSSH: Bus Shelters	20,910	510				420		21,840
CARVN: Caravan Site	-9,520	-380						-9,900
CCTEL: Closed Circuit Television	174,090	6,580		3,140	1,910	-8,780		176,940
COMMD: Community Services Department	0	40,980	-5,410	-2,020	5,790	-39,340	2,580	2,580
CPADM: Car Parks	-132,770	-13,820		-9,240	24,150	12,850	17,560	-101,270
CPVEH: Car Park Vehicles	0	350		550	-460	2,310	-2,750	0
CRIME: Crime and Disorder	65,980	900			-11,840	6,390		61,430
CULTG: Culture Grants	5,310	0				-330		4,980
CULVT: Culverts & Water Courses	29,140	400				-1,570		27,970

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Cost Centre and Description	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
DRAIN: Private Drains	2,930	-30				380		3,280
EALLW: Edisford All Weather Pitch	73,790	-940		-4,590	3,210	7,510	6,290	85,270
EDPIC: Edisford Picnic Area	-8,820	-440		3,420	-140	270		-5,710
EVEHA: Works Administration Vehicles	0	1,500		830	550	11,140	-14,020	0
EXREF: Exercise Referral Scheme	107,080	1,960		1,410	250	-1,780		108,920
GMVEH: Grounds Maintenance Vehicles	0	5,110		2,470	-6,590	31,430	-28,640	3,780
GRSRC: Grants & Subscriptions - Community	1,140	20				-760		400
HWREP: Highway Repairs	9,100	30				-4,340		4,790
LDEPO: Longridge Depot	450	450		-2,250	220	880	250	0
LITTR: Litter Bins	28,050	360				-3,240		25,170
MCAFE: Museum Cafe	54,150	-170		-10	-5,920	-15,880	570	32,740
MUSEM: Castle Museum	276,840	8,920		-26,560	-2,080	21,290	11,680	290,090

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Cost Centre and Description	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
PAPER: Waste Paper and Card Collection	280,250	9,920		3,690	1,250	-4,300		290,810
PCADM: Public Conveniences	227,530	6,480		-3,030	12,460	4,390	11,930	259,760
PKADM: Grounds Maintenance	0	21,110		10,230	17,520	-48,860		0
PLANT: Plant	0	1,280		-3,690	-350	-20	2,780	0
PLATG: Platform Gallery and Visitor Information	194,490	5,040	-2,080	-5,320	3,360	10,220	170	205,880
RCOLL: Refuse Collection	1,892,600	69,750		28,160	2,830	-45,610	-43,710	1,904,020
RCVEH: Refuse and Paper Collection Vehicles	0	27,240		-53,760	-11,570	16,820	21,270	0
RECUL: Recreation Grants	35,680	0				-720		34,960
RIVBK: Riverbank Protection	5,010	60						5,070
ROEBN: Roefield Barn	-150	-10		260		1,640		1,740
RPOOL: Ribblesdale Pool	846,580	27,730	-1,110	-23,710	-256,140	360	-12,660	581,050
RVPRK: Ribble Valley Parks	771,610	24,080		-13,330	-31,450	1,960	49,950	802,820

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Cost Centre and Description	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
SDEPO: Salthill Depot	0	6,060		-25,360	2,780	16,910	-390	0
SEATS: Roadside Seats	6,980	120				220		7,320
SIGNS: Street Nameplates & Signs	25,350	-80				3,790		29,060
SPODV: Sports Development	91,770	620		240	-2,010	4,210		94,830
SPOGR: Sports Grants	6,520	10				-160		6,370
STCLE: Street Cleansing	514,650	17,850		8,170	-106,790	2,550		436,430
TAFUT: Together an Active Future	0	1,470		820	-3,600	1,310		0
TFRST: Waste Transfer Station	124,550	3,900		1,020	7,890	-10,310		127,050
TRREF: Trade Refuse	-21,900	-9,620				9,450		-22,070
TWOWR: Two Way Radio	0	120		70		-190		0
VEHCL: Vehicle Workshop	0	3,720		1,880	-3,880	-1,720		0
WKSAD: Works Administration	0	9,330		4,850	-12,340	-1,840		0

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Cost Centre and Description	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
XMASL: Xmas Lights & RV in Bloom	4,090	0				40		4,130
Grand Total	5,743,850	279,490	-8,600	-101,290	-370,990	-21,580	22,860	5,543,740
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-124,900	-3,420	0	-1,980	92,100	0	0	-38,200
Net After Earmarked Reserves	5,618,950	276,070	-8,600	-103,270	-278,890	-21,580	22,860	5,505,540

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b) Type of Expenditure/Income (Subjective)

	Original Estimate 2023/24	Inflation at 4% for Pay, Prices and Income	Savings	Variation to Standard Budgeted Inflation %	Unavoidable Changes to Service Costs	Support Services	Capital	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
Employee Related Expenditure	3,516,990	140,720		80,330	40,000			3,778,040
Premises Related Expenditure	2,293,060	77,120		-124,360	-279,240	-27,540		1,939,040
Transport Related Expenditure	2,325,120	92,590	-4,960	-52,240	-23,980	-108,230		2,228,300
Supplies & Services	735,560	29,430	-3,640	-3,630	-23,370			734,350
Third Party Payments	338,200	13,520		3,140	-3,600			351,260
Transfer Payments	66,200	0						66,200
Support Services	2,105,930	0				124,250		2,230,180
Depreciation and Impairment	834,770	0					22,860	857,630
Total Expenditure	12,215,830	353,380	-8,600	-96,760	-290,190	-11,520	22,860	12,185,000
Other Grants and Contributions	-130,560	0		-120	-67,440			-198,120
Customer & Client Receipts	-1,846,960	-73,890		-4,270				-1,925,120
Departmental Recharges	-1,284,170	0		-140		-60,460		-1,344,770
Oncosts Recovered	-1,183,950	0			-13,360			-1,197,310
Miscellaneous Recharges	-2,026,340	0				50,400		-1,975,940
Total Income	-6,471,980	-73,890	0	-4,530	-80,800	-10,060	0	-6,641,260
Net Expenditure	5,743,850	279,490	-8,600	-101,290	-370,990	-21,580	22,860	5,543,740
Associated Movement in Earmarked Reserves	-124,900	-3,420		-1,980	92,100			-38,200
Net After Earmarked Reserves	5,618,950	276,070	-8,600	-103,270	-278,890	-21,580	22,860	5,505,540

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7 EARMARKED RESERVES

- 7.1 In the Original Estimate for 2023/24 this committee planned to take £124,900 from earmarked reserves to support its expenditure in future years. Looking forward to 2024/25, the proposal included in the estimates is that this committee take £38,200 from earmarked reserves.
- 7.2 The table below provides a summary of the DRAFT Original Estimate for 2024/25 together with the budgeted impact on the relevant earmarked reserves. Also detailed is a summary of the reasons for the movements on the earmarked reserves.

	DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25	Reason for Movement on Earmarked Reserve
Committee Net Cost of Services	5,543,740	
COBAL/H239: Crime & Disorder Reserve	-4,910	Monies set aside from previous years underspends, to be used to fund future years expenditure.
COBAL/H282: Exercise Referral Reserve	-26,500	Utilisation of unspent funding relating to Weight Management set aside from previous years to be used to fund future years expenditure.
COBAL/H333: Refuse Collection Reserve	-6,790	Income generated from the sale of householder bins and the bin hire scheme to be set aside in an earmarked reserve to fund future purchase of bins issued through the scheme.
Committee Net Cost of Services after Movements on Earmarked Reserves	5,505,540	

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8 KEY VARIATIONS

8.1 Within the proposed Original Estimate 2024/25 there are a number of substantial movements, and the main ones are summarised in the table below.

Description	Movement from Original Estimate 2023/24 to DRAFT Original Estimate 2024/25
VARIOUS: Standard Inflation The impact of inflation applied to the budget forecast at 4% for pay, other costs and income.	279,490
STCLE: Street Cleansing Additional funding received from Lancashire County Council to support public realm work carried out on their behalf for weed spraying and leaf clearance.	-67,440
RCVEH: Refuse Collection Vehicles Decrease to estimated diesel costs to reflect an update to a reduction in the forecast price £62,500 and usage £11,970.	-74,470
RPOOL: Ribblesdale Pool Decreased estimated expenditure on utilities including a forecast decrease in electricity expenditure £43,390 as the increase in the price of electricity is lower than allowed for in the original budget. Decrease in gas expenditure is forecast at the pool £286,760. At the time when the 2023/24 budget was being prepared energy prices were volatile due to world affairs, the average unit price assumed at Original Estimate 2023/24 was £0.2616. However, we are now assuming the unit price to be £0.1216. There has also been a reduction in gas usage; 1,629,715 kWh were assumed to be used in the Original Estimate for 2023/24 compared to 1,288,060 kWh at 2024/25. This reduction is due to operational adjustments including the Pool Hall ventilation system being turned down out of hours and adjustments made to the day-time air temperatures.	-330,150

9 CONCLUSION

9.1 The difference between the Proposed Original Estimate 2024/25 and Original Estimate 2023/24 is a decrease in net expenditure of £113,410 after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves.

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9.2 It is anticipated that there will be some substantial reductions on utility budgets for this committee across most services next year. These include gas, electric, diesel and water costs. World prices remain very volatile and the spend in these areas will need to be kept under review and a further assessment made before the final budgets for 2024/25 are agreed.

10 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
 - Resources: The total movement from the Original Estimate 2023/24 to the Original Estimate 2024/25 is a decrease of £200,110, or £113,410 after movements in earmarked reserves.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal: none identified
 - Political: none identified
 - Reputation: sound financial planning safeguards the reputation of the Council
 - Equality and Diversity Equality and diversity issues are considered in the provision of all Council services.

11 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

11.1 Approve the revenue original estimate for 2024/25 and submit this to the Special Policy and Finance Committee.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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CM2-24/HS/AC 3 January 2023

For further background information please ask for Helen Seedall

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None

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