

|   | 2026/27       | 2026/27       | 2026/27   |  |
|---|---------------|---------------|---|--|
|   | Draft Budget  | Draft Budget  | Movement Increase/ (Decrease) against 11th December | Comment  |
|   | 11/12/2025    | 17/02/2026    |   | 2026/27  |
|   | £000          | £000          | £000  |  |
| Gross Expenditure                                   | 56,832        | 55,507        | (1,325)   | Thorough review, efficiency forecast adjustments.  |
| Less: Fees/Charges and Specific Grants              | (17,698)      | (16,975)      | 723   | Thorough review, efficiency forecast adjustments.  |
| Less: Housing Benefits Grant                        | (14,522)      | (14,522)      | 0   |  |
| <b>Net Expenditure</b>                              | <b>24,613</b> | <b>24,010</b> | <b>(602)</b>  |  |
| <b>Net Service Expenditure</b>                      |               |               |   |  |
| Assets Mgt.   | 2,122         | 1,865         | (257)   | Reduction driven by staff efficiencies , deleted vacant posts  |
| Commissioning & Transformation                      | 5,516         | 5,082         | (434)   | £132k staff efficiency savings (deleted vacant posts); the rest on running costs (£302k).  |
| Community & Wellbeing                               | 3,951         | 3,894         | (57)  | Efficiency savings in running costs.   |
| Finance & Corporate Services                        | 3,819         | 4,374         | 555   | Increase mostly because budget realignments to increase transparency and to reflect the correct service (£518K) and, increase of £38k on external audit feesand other.   |
| Legal and Elections                                 | 1,958         | 1,967         | 9   | Driven by running cost adjustment due to forecasted service demand.  |
| Neighbourhood Services                              | 3,333         | 2,977         | (357)   | £161k due to staff efficiencies (deleted vacant posts) , the rest (£196k) due to net impact of reimbursements and running costs.   |
| Place, Protection & Prosperity                      | 3,915         | 3,852         | (63)  | Driven by efficiency savings on running costs .  |
| <b>Net Expenditure</b>                              | <b>24,613</b> | <b>24,010</b> | <b>(602)</b>  |  |
| Inflation and Pay                                   | 1,012         | 1,013         | 1   | No change as driven by the 4% pay rise on salary base.   |
| Savings   | (276)         | (1,393)       | (1,117)   | Driven by efficiency savings especially cashable unallocated savings sitting in corporate resources (£1m) and the rest (£117k) efficiencies from Asset Mng (£57k) and Community and Wellbeing (£60k)   |
| Unavoidable Growth Expenditure                      | 548           | 1,252         | 704   | Driven by staff budget because of increased demand in HMO licencing , increased application validation and enforcements.   |
| <b>Total Expenditure at Service Level</b>           | <b>25,897</b> | <b>24,882</b> | <b>(1,015)</b>                                      |  |
| Investment & Regeneration property                  | (41,381)      | (42,629)      | (1,248)   | Driven mostly by lower landlord costs.   |
| Minimum Revenue Provision                           | 51,428        | 53,127        | 1,699   | Increase due to inclusion of KGE loans (£412k), leases ( £515k), increase in MRP provision (£377k) and the rest (£395k) due to review of unsupported borrowing in investment properties and land and buildings. It must be emphasised that lease impact is offset by an increase in earmarked revenue (£449k) leaving only a net bottom line impact of £66k. |
| Loan Interest                                       | 29,782        | 32,803        | 3,021   | The increase is due to loan restructure driven by the latest review of costs of our loans, and reflects inclusion of KGE and leases interest, previously siting separately.  |
| Loan Discount                                       | (34,261)      | (34,261)      | 0   | Redeemed PWLB loan discount  |
| Prior yr to yr exp on Housing Schemes write-off     | 0             | 0             | 0   |  |
| Interest Receivable                                 | (2,056)       | (1,932)       | 124   | Improvements in few other interest receivable budget areas.  |
| <b>Budget Requirement</b>                           | <b>29,408</b> | <b>31,991</b> | <b>2,583</b>  |  |
| General Government Grants                           | (5,970)       | (5,798)       | 172   | Lead by the latest announced provisional local government figures as previously was based on estimates.  |
| Business Rates                                      | (3,800)       | (4,074)       | (274)   | Improvement advised by the external specialist advisor.  |
| Appropriation to/(from) Reserves:                   | (2,342)       | (2,801)       | (459)   | Driven mostly by the allocation of earmarked reserve to offset the impact of leases on MRP   |
| <b>Net Budget Requirement</b>                       | <b>17,296</b> | <b>19,318</b> | <b>2,022</b>  |  |
| Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit)                   | 0             | (801)         | (801)   |  |
| Income from Council Tax                             | (9,721)       | (9,721)       | 0   |  |
| <b>Net Position - Over/ (Under) budget</b>          | <b>7,575</b>  | <b>8,796</b>  | <b>1,221</b>  |  |
| Appropriation from reserves to close the budget gap | (7,575)       | (8,796)       | (1,221)   |  |
| <b>Net Budget Balance</b>                           | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>  |  |