

Service Growth 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Strategy

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	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2026/27</u>	<u>2027/28</u>
Environment and Community				
Increasing costs in Places Leisure budget - BID levy, NNDR costs and energy benchmarking	38			
Maintenance of leisure buildings	47			
Closed churchyard - statutory liability at St Michaels (part year and full year impact)	34	18		
Reduction in income target to allow the theatre room-hire prices to remain at a market-competitive level	9			
Theatre/Pantomime budget - impact of national minimum wage	13			
Contractual inflation on our car parking services	39			
One-off budget requirement for a deepclean (as specified within the 'stripe' report)	17	(17)		
Maintaining safe walking routes, hatched lines and parking bay line painting - one cost plus ongoing base cost	12	(6)		
Radio Communication - the replacement of current radio system (repeater) which is inoperable	3			
Increase in costs for card processing due to the impact of increased parking chargings with fee increase	26			
Cost pressure for vehicle maintenance costs	1			
Insurance increase for 14 Doman Rd (Depot) - separate insurance risk	6			
Increase cost of leasing vehicle programme following change to use electric vehicles to provide meals at home service.	10			
Waste contract JWS contractual inflation uplift (gross)	965	482		
Retender of waste services contract - consultancy support			200	(200)

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Retender of waste services contract - anticipated increase in costs of new contract from 2027/28				650
Environmental Protection budget pressure for Land Registry searches (contras with a sdaving- shown for completeness)	3			
Contractual uplift on the stray dog contract (6% max allowed in contract) – statutory service requirement.	1			
Correcting overstatement of income in EH budget – relating to target for likely income from Legal Prosecutions which is considered unachievable and suprted with historic evidence.	11			
Reduction in scrap metal licences income - 3 year licences were issued and licensed in 2023/24; therefore no income expected 2024/25, 2025/26, but will receive income in 2026/27 from renewals (and again three licences issued.	4		(4)	4
Air Quality Monitoring – maintenance of monitoring stations, lab analysis, data processing – annual increase costs from suppliers.	1			
Family Support expected spend match funded by grant income	307			
Increase in Hostel and B&B charges to reflect increases in demand for accommodation.	20			
Grounds maintenance costs – 3% contractual increase, additional work	10			
Increase in costs of Museum and Heritage Services	28			
Environment and Community - Total	1,604	478	196	454

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Finance and Customer Services				
Audit fees have gone up by on top of the existing current fees. This growth includes HB audit fee cost as well. This is a statutory service and not optional. Fees set out by PSAA	130			
Cost impact Finance Stabilisation review agreed in October 2023	125			
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Finance and Customer Services - Total	255			
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HR, Performance and Communications				
Funding for revenue grants for voluntary organisations	180			
Community Development Events as set out in the annual plan, including cost of living, remembrance parade, and community engagement events	10			
To continue to offer 'Join in' Scheme grants for young people to access team sport	5			
Increase of budget for Westfield Health_7572	15			
Inflationary increase for professional fee reimbursement	1			
Granicus (govDelivery) software costs	9			
Inflationary pressure for Software Licenses budget.	52			
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HR, Performance and Communications - Total	272			
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Legal and Democratic Services				
2% Increase in members' allowance in line with any accepted recommendations from the independent remuneration panel	6	6	6	7
Provision for borough election costs £30,000	30			
Additional litigation lawyer post (JWS) (full cost to be shared with partner Councils (see service efficiencies)	60			
Legal and Democratic Services - Total	96	6	6	7
Planning				
To rebase the local land charges budget	30			
Government Regulations for Local Plan production require the independent examination of Local Plans. Costs of inspection.	100	(100)		
Planning - Total	130	(100)		
Property and Economic Development				
Rent reductions, voids, and rent free periods on commercial, officer and light industrial portfolio	76			
Tenant to be refunded 83k in form of rent free periods which relates 2017- 2019 duplicate rent received.	83	(83)		
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) administration costs increase in service costs (funded from topslice)	25			
Service charge cap	11			
Community Safety CCTV - Increase to accommodate inflationary increases in monitoring contract and equipment costs	3			
Public Offices				
Increase to accommodate inflationary increases in servicing and maintenance costs plus a more realistic allowance for general repairs	35			
Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) assessments	2			

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Retail Portfolio - impact of rent-free periods, voids, service charge and business rates	921	(838)		
Increase in vacant property checks for insurance compliance (London Road) costs per annum	12			
Asbestos Surveys – London Road	9			
Fire Risk assessment/H&S surveys – London Road	10			
Fire Risk assessment/H&S surveys – vacant properties – The Square	8			
134/4020 - High Street repairs	40			
Void costs on House of Fraser building - Council liability	145			
Enabling budget for condition surveys to be undertaken of a range of property assets.	15			
To support EPC assessments and likely remedial works to comply with the requirements of the MEES.	50			
To support statutory assessments associated with asbestos, fire and Legionella management, and any potential remedial works that are likely to be identified by those assessments.	75	(75)		
Property and Economic Development - Total	1,520	(996)		

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Corporate inflation				
Increase in 2024-25 renewal premium for the Council's main insurance charge	20			
Staffing cost growth from the agreed pay award and increments for service.	592	296	300	305
Increase in Minimum Revenue Provision	234	182	162	146
Corporate inflation - Total	846	478	462	451
Growth - Total	4,723	(134)	664	912