

2023-24 Draft Budget

Spending Review for 2023/24

- Provisional Settlement received 19th December
- Revenue Support Grant (£1,310k) - increase of £346k
- Rural Services Delivery Grant (£697k) - no change
- Services grant (£239k) reduced by £185k
- Lower Tier Funding Grant now rolled into New Funding Guarantee
- Funding Guarantee 3% (£980k)
- Business Rates Retention & Fair funding review postponed 2 years
- Future funding arrangements uncertain
- Additional year of NHB (£378k) for 2023/24
- Internal Drainage Board representations made in consultation

Revenue Budget & MTFP

Key points/assumptions:

- Currently no reliance on NHB proposed to be transferred to reserves (£378k)
- Estimated 1.28% (584 - last year 726) annual growth in tax base (from to 45,793 to 46,377) - £92k
- £4.95 (3.16%) annual increase in Band D charge (£156.69 to £161.64) – £229k
- Business Rates yield assumptions still being finalised due to significant changes following the settlement.
- Business Rates - Changes to the yield need to be reviewed.

Budget Pressures and Risks

- Significant Service pressures being included in net budget are:
 - Internal Drainage Boards (still being finalised) up to £1.1m
 - Pay and Pensions
 - Utilities (being reviewed)
 - Fuel (being reviewed)
 - Contract costs
 - Homelessness
 - Kingfisher Park
 - Invest East Lindsey
 - Contract costs

Improvements built in and Further opportunities

Included in the budget:

- Asset disposals have been completed
- New Hub
- SELCP savings
- Investment Income (being reviewed)
- Business Rates

Further Opportunities:

- Internal Drainage Board conversation
- Asset Development opportunities
- Driving economic growth to create business rate yield
- Reserves – commercialisation, invest to save, smoothing peaks

Outstanding Areas

- Business rate funding review – NNDR1 deadline 31st January
- Towns Fund realignment of projects
- Treasury Management Strategy in line with Capital Programme
- Reserves review - to be set at prudent levels
- Further Review of budgets
- Investment Income
- Utilities
- Fuel
- Income levels

Timetable

- 11 January 2023 – Executive Board - delegation
- 24 January 2023 – Scrutiny
- w/c 23 January 2023 - Public consultation starts
- 1 February 2023 Audit and Governance
- 10 February 2023 - Public consultation ends
- 15 February 2023 – Executive Board
- 23 February 2023 – Reserved Member's Day
- 1 March 2023 – Full Council

Questions

