DECISION

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DEC REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No13

meeting date: 15 JANUARY 2013 title: ORIGINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE principal author: ROBIN BRAMHALL

#### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To agree the draft revenue budget for 2013/14, for consideration at Special Policy and Finance Committee.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The three year forecast to Policy and Finance Committee in September highlighted the uncertainty surrounding the level of Government funding that will be received by local authorities in 2013/14 and onwards, under the Business Rates Retention Scheme.
- 2.2 In July the Government began consultation on the detail of how the Business Rates Retention Scheme will work, including consultation on the baseline funding for each local authority. This on-going consultation made it extremely difficult to calculate future Government funding with any degree of accuracy.
- 2.3 The Government announced its Provisional Grant Settlement for 2013/14 and 2014/15 on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This was much later than in previous years and (at 3 Jan 2013) much of the detail is still not available.
- 2.4 The headline changes to our funding shows a reduction in our spending power of 1.3% with a further reduction of 3.2% the year after.
- 2.5 The Government's definition of spending power includes other income in addition to our Formula Grant e.g. New Homes Bonus, Council Tax Freeze Grant and shows the total funding being given to local authorities.
- 2.6 If however, we compare the 2012/13 Grant Settlement with the announcement of 2013/14 and 2014/15 on a like for like basis the cash reduction in our grant is £288,000 and a further £377,000. This is particularly disappointing when it had looked a few months ago as if rural authorities such as ourselves would have been treated more favourably in this settlement.
- 2.7 The Rural Services Network is campaigning vigorously to get the settlement changed. As far as the Council is concerned the position for 2013/14 is more manageable than the one for 2014/15 and whilst it is too early to give Committees any savings targets I would ask you to look closely at your estimates.
- 2.8 The Budget Working Group will be meeting over the coming weeks to examine our overall Budget position and will ultimately make recommendations to Special Policy and Finance on 12 February 2013.
- 3 RESTATING OF ORIGINAL ESTIMATE
- 3.1 The original estimate that was approved in February 2012, and which is shown in the budget book, does not show the movements that were needed in the budget following the service reviews. One of the main changes has been the movement of staffing into the Customer Services section, from other departmental cost centres.

- 3.2 To allow a better comparison of the budget to the original estimate within this report, the budget that was originally approved in February has been restated.
- 3.3 Overall the total net budget for the council has not changed, but at a committee level this has the impact of increasing or decreasing the budget levels on a number of service cost centres, which for this committee results in a net decrease in budget.

Service Area	Original Estimate £	Restated Original Estimate £
Administration	0	-13,790
Highway Services	124,050	124,050
Environmental Services	1,769,980	1,769,980
Community Safety	78,520	78,520
Tourism and Arts	454,610	454,610
Transportation	-102,530	-102,530
Crime Prevention	106,420	106,420
Depots and Transport	0	300
Sports and Recreation	814,760	814,760
Grants and Subscriptions	76,290	76,290
NET COST OF SERVICES	3,322,100	3,308,610
Transfers to/from earmarked reserves	-26,680	-26,680
NET EXPENDITURE	3,295,420	3,281,930

3.4 The impact of this restatement has been summarised in the table below:

- 4 2012/13 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 a pay and prices increase of 2.5%. Any pay award for local government will be agreed nationally, and whilst this is still being negotiated indications are that any settlement will be nearer to 1%.
- 4.2 Detailed in the following section of the report are the individual budget areas under this committee. Shown are the movements from the 2012/13 Original Estimate, to the proposed Original Estimate for 2013/14. Comments are also provided on the main variances.

### 5 COMMITTEE SERVICE ESTIMATES

# 5.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Service Description

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.

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### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	1,164,070	29,100		7,550			1,200,720
Premises Related	7,340	180		610			8,130
Transport Related	44,240	700	-10	-3,490			41,440
Supplies and Services	31,000	750	1,870	-210			33,410
Support Services	290,570				52,060		342,630
Total Expenditure	1,537,220	30,730	1,860	4,460	52,060	0	1,626,330
Other Grants and Contributions	-5,000			-15,000			-20,000
Customer and Client Receipts	-570	10		-620			-1,180
Departmental Recharges	-1,545,440				-59,710		-1,605,150
Total Income	-1,551,010	10	0	-15,620	-59,710	0	-1,626,330
NET	-13,790	30,740	1,860	-11,160	-7,650	0	0

#### Comments

The increase in employee costs relates to the provision for a pay increase with effect from 1st April 2013. However, the budget also allows for a reduction of 2% to reflect potential staff turnover. Savings are anticipated in transport costs, mainly due to a fall in car allowance claims. Support Services costs are set to rise by £52,060 as the costs of the Contact Centre are now being fully recharged in line with CIPFA guidance. As far as income is concerned, a grant of £20,000 is anticipated for 2013/14 in relation to the Childrens Trust. The increased net costs therefore give rise to an increase in recharges of £59,710.

# 5.2 HIGHWAYS AGENCY

### Service Description

This relates mainly to staffing costs involved in liaising with the County Highways and Traffic Section, and dealing with numerous enquiries from the public concerning this.

#### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	1,000	30					1,030
Support Services	10,480				3960		14,440
Total Expenditure	11,480	30	0	0	3,960	0	15,470
NET	11,480	30	0	0	3,960	0	15,470

Comments

An increase in support service costs is forecast as a result of changes in cost allocation for the Community Services Department following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

# 5.3 HIGHWAY REPAIRS

#### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To help make peoples' lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	500	10					510
Support Services	1,730				120		1,850
Depreciation and Impairment	900						900
Total Expenditure	3,130	10	0	0	120	0	3,260
NET	3,130	10	0	0	120	0	3,260

### Comments

An increase in support services costs is forecast as a result of changes in cost allocation for the Community Services Department following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

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# 5.4 NON-AGENCY HIGHWAYS WORK

### Service Description

The Council are involved with attendance at a wide range of meetings on highways issues. We give advice to town/parish councils and the public on highway matters in general.

### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	25,170				1,630		26,800
Depreciation and Impairment	30						30
Total Expenditure	25,200	0	0	0	1,630	0	26,830
NET	25,200	0	0	0	1,630	0	26,830

#### Comments

An increase in support service costs is forecast as a result of changes in cost allocations for the Community Services Department following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

# 5.5 CULVERTS AND WATER COURSES

### Service Description

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

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	2,710	70					2,780
Supplies and Services	5,050	120					5,170
Support Services	12,720				-990		11,730
Total Expenditure	20,480	190	0	0	-990	0	19,680
NET	20,480	190	0	0	-990	0	19,680

Comments

Reduction in support service costs following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

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### 5.6 PRIVATE DRAINS

### Service Description

#### DRAIN

Original Estimate 2013/14 £

> 1,030 170 11,880 13,080 -1,400 -1,400 11,680

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.

### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Premises Related	1,000	30					
Supplies and Services	170						
Support Services	12,100				-220		
Total Expenditure	13,270	30	0	0	-220	0	
Customer and Client Receipts	-1,360	-40					
Total Income	-1,360	-40	0	0	0	0	
NET	11,910	-10	0	0	-220	0	
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#### Comments

The main variation is a reduction in support service charges following a reassessment of time spent on activities within Support Services

# 5.7 RIVERBANK PROTECTION

Service Description

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

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	1,150	30					1,180
Support Services	730				60		790
Depreciation and Impairment	1,240						1,240
Total Expenditure	3,120	30	0	0	60	0	3,210
NET	3,120	30	0	0	60	0	3,210

### Comments

The only significant variation is a small increase in support service charges from Community Services department following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

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### 5.8 BUS SHELTERS

#### Service Description

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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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	6,880	170					7,050
Supplies and Services	4,910	120					5,030
Support Services	6,550				-1,690		4,860
Total Expenditure	18,340	290	0	0	-1,690	0	16,940
NET	18,340	290	0	0	-1,690	0	16,940

Comments

The only significant variation is a reduction in support service costs following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

# 5.9 ROADSIDE SEATS

### Service Description

This budget pays for the maintenance of 151 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.

### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	1,770	40					1,810
Supplies and Services	510	10					520
Support Services	4,430				-1,090		3,340
Total Expenditure	6,710	50	0	0	-1,090	0	5,670
NET	6,710	50	0	0	-1,090	0	5,670

#### Comments

The only significant variation is a reduction in the recharge from Community Services department, following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

### 5.10 STREET NAMEPLATES AND SIGNS

#### Service Description

SIGNS

The Council has the power to allocate names to streets and to provide appropriate street nameplates.

#### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	2,720	70					2,790
Supplies and Services	1,600	40					1,640
Support Services	17,590				10,720		28,310
Total Expenditure	21,910	110	0	0	10,720	0	32,740
Customer and Client Receipts	-480						-480
Total Income	-480	0	0	0	0	0	-480
NET	21,430	110	0	0	10,720	0	32,260

### Comments

The significant change is an increase in support service costs following a reassessment of time within the community services department and particularly in relation to the additional work required in connection with the National Land and Property Gazeteer.

# 5.11 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

### Service Description

The Council has a formalised agreement with Lancashire County Council to maintain a certain proportion of the public rights of way network in the borough. The service level agreement relates to the maintenance and repair of footpaths.

The objective is to prevent and remove obstructions, ensure furniture such as gates, stiles, steps etc are in good condition, ensure the way marking is adequate and carryout stopping up and diversion procedures. This responsibility applies to the countryside footpaths only and does not include the footways adjacent to roads; these remain the responsibility of Lancashire County Council.

### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	13,100	330					13,430
Supplies and Services	5,390	140					5,530
Support Services	28,060				2,050		30,110
Total Expenditure	46,550	470	0	0	2,050	0	49,070
Other Grants and Contributions	-44,300						-44,300
Total Income	-44,300	0	0	0	0	0	-44,300
NET	2,250	470	0	0	2,050	0	4,770

### Comments

The only significant variation is an increase in the support services costs following a reassessment of time spent on Public Rights of Way within the Community Services Department. Provision has been included for the contributions from Lancashire County Council under the service level agreement, but its continued receipt in 2013/14 is not yet clear.

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# 5.12 STREET CLEANSING

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	142,250	3,580	500	-230			146,100
Premises Related	22,230	290	-290	-430			21,800
Transport Related	123,080	3,070	-300	-4,180			121,670
Supplies and Services	11,280	230	-10	-90			11,410
Support Services	49,310				3,290		52,600
Total Expenditure	348,150	7,170	-100	-4,930	3,290	0	353,580
Customer and Client Receipts	-30,540	-30	-10	-360			-30,940
Total Income	-30,540	-30	-10	-360	0	0	-30,940
NET	317,610	7,140	-110	-5,290	3,290	0	322,640

### Comments

The net increase in inflation costs of £7,140 relates mainly to anticipated increases in employee costs and the costs of plant hire. This is partly offset by savings in fuel consumption and costs, and savings in vehicle hire. There is an anticipated increase of £3,290 in support service costs, following a reassessment of time allocations from various departments.

### 5.13 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

#### Service Description

Provision and support of the Public Toilets is provided by RVBC

#### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	420	10	0	200			630
Premises Related	163,230	3,520	30	-41,280			125,500
Supplies and Services	15,380	350	-10	-2,560			13,160
Support Services	24,810				-2,990		21,820
Depreciation and Impairment	30,310						30,310
Total Expenditure	234,150	3,880	20	-43,640	-2,990	0	191,420
Customer and Client Receipts	-200	-10		-3,000			-3,210
Total Income	-200	-10	0	-3,000	0	0	-3,210
NET	233,950	3,870	20	-46,640	-2,990	0	188,210

### Comments

The main variation is a saving of £41,280 following significant changes in working hours and overtime working for the staff who open, clean and close the conveniences. There is a reduction in support service charges from community services following a reassessment of time spent on different activities. Finally, there will be an increase in income of £3,000 from Clitheroe Town Council towards the costs of cleaning and maintaining the various public conveniences in Clitheroe.

# 5.14 LITTER BINS

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	3,100	80					3,180
Supplies and Services	5,340	130					5,470
Support Services	8,410				-670		7,740
Total Expenditure	16,850	210	0	0	-670	0	16,390
NET	16,850	210	0	0	-670	0	16,390

#### Comments

Reduction in support service charges following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Community Services Department

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# 5.15 REFUSE COLLECTION

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	628,730	15,630	-200	-3,040			641,120
Premises Related	39,400	980		-2,320			38,060
Transport Related	363,760	8,410		-26,690			345,480
Supplies and Services	24,240	610		6,650			31,500
Support Services	92,930				40		92,970
Depreciation and Impairment	292,420					14,470	306,890
Total Expenditure	1,441,480	25,630	-200	-25,400	40	14,470	1,456,020
Other Grants and Contributions	-288,640	-7,220		9,810			-286,050
Customer and Client Receipts	-23,100	-570		-6,720			-30,390
Miscellaneous Recharges	-53,870	-1,340					-55,210
Total Income	-365,610	-9,130	0	3,090	0	0	-371,650
NET	1,075,870	16,500	-200	-22,310	40	14,470	1,084,370

### Comments

The increase in employee costs reflects the inclusion of 2.5% for increase in pay costs. This is partly offset by a reduction in employees' insurance costs. Transport costs are set to fall by over £18,000 as the increase in diesel prices is not as great as anticipated, but particularly because there has been a fall in diesel consumption following the introduction of various fuel efficiency measures. The increase in depreciation reflects the costs of new vehicles. The income from Recycling Credits is set to fall as it will no longer be possible to attract credits for the recycling of leaves removed from the highways and footpaths.

Income from customer and client receipts is set to increase due to sale of equipment and materials, but supplies and services will rise by a similar amount in connection with the purchase of these items.

# 5.16 RECYCLING AND WASTE AWARENESS

### Service Description

The Council is committed to providing all households within the Ribble Valley with a three-stream refuse and recycling collection service using wheeled bins as the standard container. Additionally the waste paper collection service provides households with the collection of all clean paper and cardboard. A number of recycling centres are also located throughout the borough.

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#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	1,360						1,360
Supplies and Services	11,680	290					11,970
Third Party Payments	79,970	2,640		25,750			108,360
Support Services	67,640				8,660		76,300
Total Expenditure	160,650	2,930	0	25,750	8,660	0	197,990
Other Grants and Contributions	-84,100	-2,120		-380			-86,600
Total Income	-84,100	-2,120	0	-380	0	0	-86,600
NET	76,550	810	0	25,370	8,660	0	111,390

### Comments

The amount we receive per ton for recycling paper has fallen significantly for the last 2 years. The cost of collecting this was reduced in 2011/12 to match this fall, but it has not been possible to maintain this reduction for 2012/13 and future years. Support Service costs are set to rise following a reassessment of time spent on different activities in Community Services, Financial Services and Legal Services Departments

These estimates assume that the current arrangements for the collection of paper and card continues on the same basis.

# 5.17 WASTE TRANSFER STATION

### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	23,000	670					23,670
Premises Related	23,550	630					24,180
Transport Related	20,800	330		-810			20,320
Supplies and Services	1,480	30	-30				1,480
Support Services	8,450				1,630		10,080
Total Expenditure	77,280	1,660	-30	-810	1,630	0	79,730
NET	77,280	1,660	-30	-810	1,630	0	79,730

### Comments

The amount included for inflation, £1,660, covers anticipated increases in pay and prices of 2.5%. Transport costs should be slightly lower than expected as diesel prices haven't risen as much as anticipated. An increase in support service costs is estimated following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Community Services Department.

# 5.18 TRADE REFUSE

#### Service Description

CRIME

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

#### Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	37,310				930		38,240
Supplies and Services	60,100	110	1,350	8,320			69,880
Support Services	26,300				8,400		34,700
Total Expenditure	123,710	110	1,350	8,320	9,330	0	142,820
Customer and Client Receipts	-151,840	-3,800		-8,310			-163,950
Total Income	-151,840	-3,800	0	-8,310	0	0	-163,950
NET	-28,130	-3,690	1,350	10	9,330	0	-21,130

### Comments

The rate per tonne the Council has to pay for disposal of trade refuse, and the volume of refuse being collected is increasing significantly, but the amount we charge for its collection and disposal is being increased too, and offsets this. The increase in support service costs is due particularly to recharges for the first time from Financial Services and Legal Services, following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within those Departments

# 5.19 CRIME AND DISORDER

Service Description

This covers the Borough Councils contribution to the work of the Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership.

#### Link to Ambitions

To help make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	5,260	140					5,400
Transfer Payments	11,280	280	-280	-280			11,000
Support Services	47,720				300		48,020
Total Expenditure	64,260	420	-280	-280	300	0	64,420
NET	64,260	420	-280	-280	300	0	64,420

### Comments

Overall, there are no significant variations between the 2 years

### 5.20 RIBBLE VALLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

### Service Description

This covers the work of the Ribble Valley Crime Reduction Partnership and covers activities such as the Mentoring Scheme.

#### Link to Ambitions

To help make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	36,470	910	-910	-7,340			29,130
Total Expenditure	36,470	910	-910	-7,340	0	0	29,130
Government Grants							0
Other Grants and Contributions	-22,210	-560	430	17,210			-5,130
Total Income	-22,210	-560	430	17,210	0	0	-5,130
NET	14,260	350	-480	9,870	0	0	24,000

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# Comments

In 2012/13 the Partnership's income has come from the Local Strategic Partnership and the Borough Council. In 2013/14 this is just from the Borough Council.

The net cost of this service will be met from the reserve set aside at 31 March 2012, and from the underspend anticipated in the 2012/13 Revised Budget.

# 5.21 LONGRIDGE CIVIC HALL

#### Service Description

The Longridge Civic Hall was transferred to Longridge Action Group on a long-term lease. The depreciation shown here reflects the Councils ownership of the asset.

#### Link to Ambitions

To help make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and Impairment	17,000						17,000
Total Expenditure	17,000	0	0	0	0	0	17,000
NET	17,000	0	0	0	0	0	17,000

### Comments

The only costs relate to depreciation and impairment and the charges are the same for 2012/13 and 2013/14

# 5.22 ART DEVELOPMENT

### Service Description

### ARTDV

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	7,860	200		5,330			13,390
Transport Related	160						160
Supplies and Services	8,940	220					9,160
Support Services	14,660				-8,730		5,930
Total Expenditure	31,620	420	0	5,330	-8,730	0	28,640
NET	31,620	420	0	5,330	-8,730	0	28,640
Comments							

Staff savings of £7,500 were incorporated into the Original Estimate for 2012/13. However, following the restructuring of the staffing for the Platform Gallery and Tourist Information Centre, more time has been allocated to Arts Development. This is more than offset by a reduction in support service charges following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the community services department.

# 5.23 PLATFORM GALLERY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

### Service Description

PLATG

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 in the recently refurbished visitor information centre all the latest information is available about local events, while visitors can book ticketsand accommodation, and buy maps, books and souvenirs

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	83,550	2,090	150	-19,250			66,540
Premises Related	16,410	440	-10	-2,000			14,840
Transport Related	420	10		-360			70
Supplies and Services	26,460	600	80	-2,270	60		24,930
Support Services	43,990				-790		43,200
Depreciation and Impairment	2,950					740	3,690
Total Expenditure	173,780	3,140	220	-23,880	-730	740	153,270
Customer and Client Receipts	-43,420	-1,040		4,990			-39,470
Total Income	-43,420	-1,040	0	4,990	0	0	-39,470
NET	130,360	2,100	220	-18,890	-730	740	113,800

### Comments

Staff savings of nearly £14,000 in respect of the Platform Gallery were incorporated in the Original Estimate for 2012/13. Further staff savings of £19,250 are projected following the bringing together of the staff for the Platform Gallery and the Visitor Information Centre the transfer of some staffing costs to the Platform Gallery, following reductions in casual staffing and the allocation of some additional staff time to Art Development. Savings of £1,750 will arise on premises insurance. The cost of supplies and services is set to fall, but so is income as the volume of stock for sale is reduced, and based on this years' income the level of commission on sales is projected to fall.

#### 5.24 **MUSEUM CAFE**

### Service Description

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

### Link to Ambitions

Sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	8,990	10		-620			8,380
Supplies and Services	200	10		-50			160
Total Expenditure	9,190	20	0	-670	0	0	8,540
Customer and Client Receipts	-7,530			-100			-7,630
Total Income	-7,530	0	0	-100	0	0	-7,630
NET	1,660	20	0	-770	0	0	910

Comments

The museum café meets a share of some of the costs at the castle museum and the reduction in support service reflects savings identified at the museum. The income shown relates to the receipts of rent and turnover share from the café proprietor.

MCAFE

### 5.25 CASTLE MUSEUM

#### Service Description

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

### Link to Ambitions

Sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	58,690	1,420	210	510	-50		60,780
Supplies and Services	2,370	60					2,430
Third Party Payments	156,270	3,910					160,180
Support Services	36,440				-12,440		24,000
Depreciation and Impairment	34,190					-4320	29,870
Total Expenditure	287,960	5,390	210	510	-12,490	-4,320	277,260
Customer and Client Receipts	-39,440	-960		-760			-41,160
Miscellaneous Recharges	-33,620			2,250			-31,370
Total Income	-73,060	-960	0	1,490	0	0	-72,530
NET	214,900	4,430	210	2,000	-12,490	-4,320	204,730

#### Comments

Premises costs are set to increase, mainly because of inflation and insurance costs. The curation fee charged by Lancashire Museums is net of the savings agreed for the 2012/13 budget, and should rise by the rate of inflation. Support Service costs will fall considerably, following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Community Services Department. Depreciation costs are estimated to fall by £4,320. Part of the costs of the museum is recharged to the cafe, and to the Sound Archives. As there are savings in the cost of the Museum, some of these feed through to a reduction in the recharges.

# 5.26 SOUND ARCHIVES

#### Service Description

The North West Sound Archives are situated on the second floor of the Museum building, and certain costs have been recharged to here from the Museum. A grant from Recreation and Culture Grants covers this cost.

#### Link to Ambitions

Sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	25,430	640			-2,340		23,730
Total Expenditure	25,430	640	0	0	-2,340	0	23,730
Customer and Client Receipts	-25,430	-640		2,340			-23,730
Total Income	-25,430	-640	0	2,340	0	0	-23,730
NET	0	0	0	2,340	-2,340	0	0

#### Comments

Some of the savings at the castle museum will be passed on to the sound archives, and this will then mean a lower charge. This charge is met by a grant from Grants and Subscriptions (Para 5.50)

# 5.27 TOURISM

### Service Description

The budget covers marketing the Ribble Valley as a visitor destination and the production of key publications such as the Visitors Guide. It no longer includes any costs in relation to the Visitor Information Centre which is included above with Platform Gallery.

#### Link to Ambitions

Sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	1,990	50		-30			2,010
Transport Related	300	10		-190			120
Supplies and Services	39,760	660		-13,330			27,090
Support Services	43,780				31,460		75,240
Total Expenditure	85,830	720	0	-13,550	31,460	0	104,460
Customer and Client Receipts	-18,940	-470		14,800			-4,610
Total Income	-18,940	-470	0	14,800	0	0	-4,610
NET	66,890	250	0	1,250	31,460	0	99,850

### Comments

The significant variation here is a substantial increase in support service charges from Community Services Department and smaller increases in the charges from Chief Executives, Finance and Organisation and Member Development Departments, following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within those departments. The other change of note shows variances on supplies and services and customer and client receipts, reflecting the change in the arrangements for paying for the production of the visitor guide.

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# 5.28 CAR PARKS

### Service Description

### VARIOUS CODES

The Council maintains numerous public car parks throughout the borough of which 16 are chargeable. Car parking charges are operated in Longridge, Clitheroe, Slaidburn, Ribchester, Sabden and Chipping

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	47,130	1,130	180	-1,020			47,420
Premises Related	99,350	4,830	-2,610	-6,380	-2,170		93,020
Transport Related	7,840	160	-50	-1,180			6,770
Supplies and Services	20,680	460		-1,720			19,420
Third Party Payments	4,420	100		500			5,020
Support Services	56,490				6,150		62,640
Depreciation and Impairment	12,060					-240	11,820
Total Expenditure	247,970	6,680	-2,480	-9,800	3,980	-240	246,110
Customer and Client Receipts	-350,500	-8,760	8,760	5,100			-345,400
Total Income	-350,500	-8,760	8,760	5,100	0	0	-345,400
NET	-102,530	-2,080	6,280	-4,700	3,980	-240	-99,290

#### Comments

Following successful appeals there have been reductions in rateable value in respect of a number of car parks hence savings will arise on business rates. The increase in support services is mainly due to an increase in the recharge from Community Services following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within that department. Income from customers is set to fall as there will be no increase in charges, and based on the experience of 2012/13, a slight reduction in usage is anticipated.

#### 5.29 **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

Service Description

The Council manages and maintains the Clitheroe and Whalley Town Centre CCTV system.

### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	9,920	250		-380			9,790
Supplies and Services	13,540	330					13,870
Third Party Payments	79,190	1,980					81,170
Support Services	19,990				2,060		22,050
Depreciation and Impairment	4,310					4,660	8,970
Total Expenditure	126,950	2,560	0	-380	2,060	4,660	135,850
Departmental Recharges	-20,530				-1,440		-21,970
Total Income	-20,530	0	0	0	-1,440	0	-21,970
NET	106,420	2,560	0	-380	620	4,660	113,880

### Comments

The provision for inflation, £2,560, is included mainly to cover the contracted increase in payments to the CCTV monitoring provider. Other increases will arise under Support Services, following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Community Services Department, and an increase in Depreciation costs following additional capital expenditure on the System Data Transmission Pack during 2012/13.

CCTEL

# 5.30 LONGRIDGE DEPOT

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	8,050	180	-40	-80			8,110
Supplies and Services	130						130
Support Services	3,880				220		4,100
Depreciation and Impairment	1,000						1,000
Total Expenditure	13,060	180	-40	-80	220	0	13,340
Miscellaneous Recharges	-13,060				-280		-13,340
Total Income	-13,060	0	0	0	-280	0	-13,340
NET	0	180	-40	-80	-60	0	0

### Comments

The only significant variation is an increase in support services following the introduction of a charge from organisation and member development.

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# 5.31 SALTHILL DEPOT

### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	21,060	470		-2,460			19,070
Premises Related	44,850	1,440	220	-1,990			44,520
Transport Related	400						400
Supplies and Services	4,080	90	50	-10			4,210
Support Services	64,150				-290		63,860
Depreciation and Impairment	20,790						20,790
Total Expenditure	155,330	2,000	270	-4,460	-290	0	152,850
Oncosts Recovered	-41,880				-1,300		-43,180
Miscellaneous Recharges	-113,450				3,780		-109,670
Total Income	-155,330	0	0	0	2,480	0	-152,850
NET	0	2,000	270	-4,460	2,190	0	0

#### Comments

Savings in employee costs relate to provision for the relief storekeeper cover which will no longer be required. In addition, even after allowing for inflation there should be a saving in premises costs as water usage at the Depot has fallen.

**SDEPO** 

# 5.32 REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES

#### Service Description

**VARIOUS CODES** 

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 5.15.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	363,670	7,680	-2,470	-23,400			345,480
Total Expenditure	363,670	7,680	-2,470	-23,400	0	0	345,480
Miscellaneous Recharges	-363,670	-7,680	2,470	23,400			-345,480
Total Income	-363,670	-7,680	2,470	23,400	0	0	-345,480
NET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

The price of diesel is lower than anticipated (saving £9,000) and fuel consumption has fallen as a result of various fuel economy measures (saving £8,000). In addition the cost of repairs and tyres should be contained with the introduction of 2 new vehicles.

# 5.33 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VEHICLES-

#### Service Description

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 5.41.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	81,240	1,940		-2,900			80,280
Total Expenditure	81,240	1,940	0	-2,900	0	0	80,280
Miscellaneous Recharges	-81,240	-1,940		2,900			-80,280
Total Income	-81,240	-1,940	0	2,900	0	0	-80,280
NET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Comments

The provision for inflation is more than offset by savings, mainly due to fuel economies

# 5.34 WORKS ADMINISTRATION VEHICLES

### Service Description

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 5.38.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	37,510	830	-60	-6,420			31,860
Total Expenditure	37,510	830	-60	-6,420	0	0	31,860
Miscellaneous Recharges	-37,510	-830	60	6,420			-31,860
Total Income	-37,510	-830	60	6,420	0	0	-31,860
NET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Comments

Some savings have been made as the cost of diesel isn't as high as expected, but the main variation is a saving following the reassignment of one vehicle to Car Parks.

# 5.35 PLANT

Service Description

VARIOUS CODES

We have a number of items of plant and equipment to help staff provide essential council services.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	15,540	390	-810	140			15,260
Depreciation and Impairment	7,520						7,520
Total Expenditure	23,060	390	-810	140	0	0	22,780
Miscellaneous Recharges	-23,060	-390	810	-140			-22,780
Total Income	-23,060	-390	810	-140	0	0	-22,780
NET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Comments

The cost of diesel hasn't risen as much as expected, and this gives rise to a small saving in transport costs.

# 5.36 TWO WAY RADIO

Service Description

VEHCL

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

### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	2,510	60	-30				2,540
Supplies and Services	1,260	10	-80	-290			900
Total Expenditure	3,770	70	-110	-290	0	0	3,440
Miscellaneous Recharges	-3,470				30		-3,440
Total Income	-3,470	0	0	0	30	0	-3,440
NET	300	70	-110	-290	30	0	0

Comments

No significant variations

# 5.37 VEHICLE WORKSHOP

### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	60,670	1,510		240			62,420
Premises Related	5,370	130		310			5,810
Transport Related	3,280	80		450			3,810
Supplies and Services	3,600	90		50			3,740
Support Services	9,550				470		10,020
Depreciation and Impairment	1,870						1,870
Total Expenditure	84,340	1,810	0	1,050	470	0	87,670
Oncosts Recovered	-84,340				-3,330		-87,670
Total Income	-84,340	0	0	0	-3,330	0	-87,670
NET	0	1,810	0	1,050	-2,860	0	0

### Comments

Additional costs are anticipated on pay and price increases, and in the use of transport and fuel oil. The recharge from Community Services Department is set to rise following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within that Department. These additional costs are passed on to user services.

# 5.38 WORKS ADMINISTRATION

#### Service Description

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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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To be a well managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	148,920	3,110	0	-27,820	0		124,210
Premises Related	17,690	440	0	-1,090	0	0	17,040
Transport Related	28,160	710	0	1,490	0	0	30,360
Supplies and Services	7,470	190	0	-120	0	0	7,540
Support Services	24,060	0	0	0	-3,970	0	20,090
Depreciation and Impairment	20,680	0	0	0	0	-5,320	15,360
Total Expenditure	246,980	4,450	0	-27,540	-3,970	-5,320	214,600
Oncosts Recovered	-246,980				32,380		-214,600
Total Income	-246,980	0	0	0	32,380	0	-214,600
NET	0	4,450	0	-27,540	28,410	-5,320	0

### Comments

Staff savings of over £20,000 were incorporated into the Original Estimate for 2012/13, following the Budget review carried out in 2011/12. Further considerable savings in employee costs are now projected due to a large reduction in overtime payments, and a reduction in staff working time particularly due to the public conveniences savings. The support services charge will fall by £3,950 mainly due to the reduction in the recharge from the financial services, following the reassessment of time spent on different activities within that section. Finally, depreciation should fall by £5,320 as one of the vehicles has been reassigned to car parks.

### 5.39 CARAVAN SITE Service Description

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The Caravan and Camping Club manage the caravan site on a 25-year fully repairing lease. The Council receives a guaranteed minimum income from the operator annually and has a consultative role to play in its overall running.

#### Link to Ambitions

To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	770				470		1,240
Total Expenditure	770	0	0	0	470	0	1,240
Customer and Client Receipts	-7,810			50			-7,760
Total Income	-7,810	0	0	50	0	0	-7,760
NET	-7,040	0	0	50	470	0	-6,520

#### Comments

The only significant variation is an increase in Support Service charges following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Community Services Department.

# 5.40 EDISFORD PICNIC AREA

#### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	5,630				-980		4,650
Total Expenditure	5,630	0	0	0	-980	0	4,650
Customer and Client Receipts	-12,380						-12,380
Total Income	-12,380	0	0	0	0	0	-12,380
NET	-6,750	0	0	0	-980	0	-7,730

#### Comments

Following a reassessment of time spent on different activities, the recharge from Grounds Maintenance is expected to fall.

# 5.41 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

### Service Description

The grounds maintenance service encompasses a wide range of operations on parks and open spaces, including trees and woodlands, play areas, sports pitches, cemeteries, hard and soft landscaping and the provision of floral decorations in public council buildings.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	231,140	5,780	-50	-5,620			231,250
Premises Related	54,410	80	-60	-3,410			51,020
Transport Related	81,240	2,040	-90	-2,910			80,280
Supplies and Services	18,460	460	-30	-990			17,900
Support Services	63,950				30		63,980
Depreciation and Impairment	32,590					-17210	15,380
Total Expenditure	481,790	8,360	-230	-12,930	30	-17,210	459,810
Oncosts Recovered	-477,890	-11,960	11,960	22,080			-455,810
Miscellaneous Recharges	-3,900	-100					-4,000
Total Income	-481,790	-12,060	11,960	22,080	0	0	-459,810
NET	0	-3,700	11,730	9,150	30	-17,210	0

### Comments

The main variation is a reduction of £17,210 in depreciation. Net inflation, including provision for a 2.5% pay rise, is more than offset by reductions in expenditure due to unavoidable changes. The overall net reduction in costs of £21,980 is passed on in lower recharges to user Departments.

# 5.42 ROEFIELD BARN

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To make peoples' lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	100						100
Depreciation and Impairment	1,120					-1,120	0
Total Expenditure	1,220	0	0	0	0	-1,120	100
Customer and Client Receipts	-50						-50
Total Income	-50	0	0	0	0	0	-50
NET	1,170	0	0	0	0	-1,120	50

### Comments

Capital expenditure at Roefield has now been fully depreciated, so there will be no charge for depreciation and impairment in 2013/14

ROEBN

# 5.43 RIBBLE VALLEY PARKS

### Service Description

**RVPRK** 

Maintenance of the Council's parks and recreation grounds to a high standard is in support of the Council's commitment to ensuring the protection and enhancement of the environmental quality of the area.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	10						10
Premises Related	368,520	640	-10	1,490	-1,320		369,320
Supplies and Services	4,340	110		-140			4,310
Support Services	32,110				-4,470		27,640
Depreciation and Impairment	27,380					5,950	33,330
Total Expenditure	432,360	750	-10	1,350	-5,790	5,950	434,610
Customer and Client Receipts	-23,210	-560		-4,270			-28,040
Total Income	-23,210	-560	0	-4,270	0	0	-28,040
NET	409,150	190	-10	-2,920	-5,790	5,950	406,570

### Comments

The usage of gas at the Roefield Changing Rooms is £2,940 lower than anticipated, but this saving is offset by additional provision for tree works (£4,990). The recharge from legal services is set to fall by £4,850 following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within that Department. Finally the charge for depreciation will rise by £5,950 following capital works on Parks

# 5.44 RIBBLESDALE POOL

### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	302,650	7,540	890	-1,660			309,420
Premises Related	115,990	2,860	1,210	4,920	-690		124,290
Transport Related	310						310
Supplies and Services	53,640	1,330		530			55,500
Third Party Payments	450	10	-10	1,520			1,970
Support Services	79,760				1,200		80,960
Depreciation and Impairment	73,330					-5,830	67,500
Total Expenditure	626,130	11,740	2,090	5,310	510	-5,830	639,950
Customer and Client Receipts	-332,130	-8,330		-17,500			-357,960
Departmental Recharges	-9,150				1,440		-7,710
Total Income	-341,280	-8,330	0	-17,500	1,440	0	-365,670
NET	284,850	3,410	2,090	-12,190	1,950	-5,830	274,280

### Comments

The increase in employee costs reflects the inclusion of a provision for a pay increase with effect from 1 April 2013. However, the budget also allows for a reduction of 2% to reflect staff turnover. The rise in premises is as a result of inflation and an increase in gas consumption. Customer and client receipts are set to rise as a result of the increase of 2.5% in fees and charges, but more particularly because of the increased take up of courses and contracts, and increased general admissions. This is offset, however, by the fall in income from school swimming lessons.

### RPOOL

# 5.45 EDISFORD ALL WEATHER PITCH

### Service Description

This is a high quality facility for which there is great demand in terms of tennis and football training during the evenings. The introduction of netball to the programme is evidence of its multi-use potential.

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	6,210	130	30	-850			5,520
Supplies and Services	630	20		100			750
Support Services	9,990				-80		9,910
Total Expenditure	16,830	150	30	-750	-80	0	16,180
Customer and Client Receipts	-25,000	-640		-1,360			-27,000
Total Income	-25,000	-640	0	-1,360	0	0	-27,000
NET	-8,170	-490	30	-2,110	-80	0	-10,820

# Comments

An increase in income is anticipated as usage increases and in addition there will be savings in premises costs as the bill for business rates is lower, and energy consumption is lower than expected.

### 5.46 CYCLING

### Service Description

Costs shown here are in relation to the development of a borough wide cycling strategy and the identification, improvement and promotion of cycle routes and events.

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	5,590				290		5,880
Total Expenditure	5,590	0	0	0	290	0	5,880
NET	5,590	0	0	0	290	0	5,880

### Comments

No significant variations between years

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**CYCLS** 

# 5.47 EXERCISE REFERRAL SCHEME

### Service Description

There are a number of schemes under the umbrella of healthy lifestyles including exercise referral, cardiac rehabilitation, weight management and healthy walks.

Funding for the healthy lifestyles programmes has previously come from NHS East Lancashire. With effect from 1 April 2013 this will be taken over by East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group.

### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	102,340	2,550	-40	-1,550			103,300
Premises Related	5,560	140		1,030			6,730
Transport Related	4,810	120					4,930
Supplies and Services	3,400	90	-80				3,410
Support Services	14,760				3,340		18,100
Total Expenditure	130,870	2,900	-120	-520	3,340	0	136,470
Other Grants and Contributions	-91,170						-91,170
Customer and Client Receipts	-3,170	-80		-110			-3,360
Total Income	-94,340	-80	0	-110	0	0	-94,530
NET	36,530	2,820	-120	-630	3,340	0	41,940

#### Comments

Funding has just been announced for 2013/14, and the Council has been advised that the contract for delivering healthy lifestyles is being extended for a further 12 months until 31 March 2014.

The main increase in net costs is in relation to support service charges from Community Services following a reassessment of time spent on different activities.

# 5.48 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13 £	Inflation at 2.5% £	Inflation above or below 2.5% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2013/14 £
Employee Related	26,790		40	-26,690			140
Supplies and Services	9,990	260		-90			10,160
Transfer Payments	7,010	180	-180				7,010
Support Services	68,020				-10		68,010
Total Expenditure	111,810	440	-140	-26,780	-10	0	85,320
Other Grants and Contributions	-20,000			20,000			0
Customer and Client Receipts	-200						-200
Total Income	-20,200	0	0	20,000	0	0	-200
NET	91,610	440	-140	-6,780	-10	0	85,120

Comments

The reduction in employee costs relates to the post of Community Sports Facilitator as no funding has been identified to support that post after 31st March 2013.

# 5.49 GRANTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS – COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of the area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	280	10	-10				280
Transfer Payments	25,430	640		-2,340			23,730
Support Services	2,360				610		2,970
Total Expenditure	28,070	650	-10	-2,340	610	0	26,980
NET	28,070	650	-10	-2,340	610	0	26,980

### Comments

The grant for the cost of the Sound Archives will fall by £1,700, as the cost of that activity comes down. The increase in support services relates mainly to Financial Services.

# 5.50 CULTURE GRANTS

Service Description

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

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer Payments	3,840	100					3,940
Support Services	970				1,560		2,530
Total Expenditure	4,810	100	0	0	1,560	0	6,470
NET	4,810	100	0	0	1,560	0	6,470

### Comments

The only significant change between the two years is an increase in supprt service costs following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Chief Executives Department.

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# 5.51 RECREATION GRANTS

#### Service Description

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.

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer Payments	28,000	700					28,700
Support Services	6,430				1,810		8,240
Total Expenditure	34,430	700	0	0	1,810	0	36,940
NET	34,430	700	0	0	1,810	0	36,940

#### Comments

The significant change is an increase in support service charges following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Chief Executives Department.

# 5.52 SPORTS GRANTS

Service Description

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

#### Link to Ambitions

To make people's lives safer and healthier

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer Payments	3,360	80					3,440
Support Services	2,510				1,640		4,150
Total Expenditure	5,870	80	0	0	1,640	0	7,590
NET	5,870	80	0	0	1,640	0	7,590

#### Comments

The only significant change between the two years is an increase in support service charges following a reassessment of time spent on different activities within the Chief Executives Department.

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### 5.53 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND RIBBLE VALLEY IN BLOOM

#### Service Description

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.

### Link to Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer Payments	1,850	50					1,900
Support Services	1,260				60		1,320
Total Expenditure	3,110	50	0	0	60	0	3,220
NET	3,110	50	0	0	60	0	3,220

Comments

No significant changes

### 6 SUMMARIES

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

# a) Cost of Services Provided (Objective)

				BU	DGET ANALYS	SIS		
Cost Centre	Service Name	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
COMMD	Community Services Department	-13,790	30,740	1,860	-11,160	-7,650	0	0
HWAGY	Highways Agency	11,480	30	0	0	3,960	0	15,470
HWREP	Highways Repairs	3,130	10	0	0	120	0	3,260
NHWAG	Non-Agency Highways Work	25,200	0	0	0	1,630	0	26,830
CULVT	Culverts & Watercourses	20,480	190	0	0	-990	0	19,680
DRAIN	Private Drains	11,910	-10	0	0	-220	0	11,680
RIVBK	Riverbank Protection	3,120	30	0	0	60	0	3,210
BUSSH	Bus Shelters	18,340	290	0	0	-1,690	0	16,940
SEATS	Roadside Seats	6,710	50	0	0	-1,090	0	5,670
SIGNS	Street Nameplates & Signs	21,430	110	0	0	10,720	0	32,260
RIGHT	Public Rights of Way	2,250	470	0	0	2,050	0	4,770
STCLE	Street Cleansing	317,610	7,140	-110	-5,290	3,290	0	322,640
VARIOUS	Public Conveniences	233,950	3,870	20	-46,640	-2,990	0	188,210
LITTR	Litter Bins	16,850	210	0	0	-670	0	16,390
RCOLL	Refuse Collection	1,075,870	16,500	-200	-22,310	40	14470	1,084,370
RECYC	Recycling	76,550	810	0	25,370	8,660	0	111,390
TFRST	Waste Transfer Station	77,280	1,660	-30	-810	1,630	0	79,730
TRREF	Trade Refuse	-28,130	-3,690	1,350	10	9,330	0	-21,130
CRIME	Crime and Disorder	64,260	420	-280	-280	300	0	64,420
CRIMP	RV Community Safety Partnership	14,260	350	-480	9,870	0	0	24,000
LNGCH	Longridge Civic Hall	17,000	0	0	0	0	0	17,000
ARTDV	Art Development	31,620	420	0	5,330	-8,730	0	28,640
PLATG	Platform Gallery	130,360	2,100	220	-18,890	-730	740	113,800
MCAFE	Museum Café	1,660	20	0	-150	-620	0	910
MUSEM	Castle Museum	214,900	4,430	210	2,000	-12,490	-4320	204,730
SOUND	Sound Archives	0	0	0	2,340	-2,340	0	0
TURSM	Tourism	66,890	250	0	1,250	31,460	0	99,850
VARIOUS	Car Parks	-102,530	-2,080	6,280	-4,700	3,980	-240	-99,290
CCTEL	Closed Circuit Television	106,420	2,560	0	-380	620	4660	113,880

				BU	DGET ANALY	SIS		
Cost Centre	Service Name	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
LDEPO	Longridge Depot	0	180	-40	-80	-60	0	0
SDEPO	Salthill Depot	0	2,000	270	-4,460	2,190	0	0
VARIOUS	Refuse Collection Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VARIOUS	Grounds Maintenance Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VARIOUS	Works Administration Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VARIOUS	Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TWOWR	Two Way Radio	300	70	-110	-290	30	0	0
VEHCL	Vehicle Workshop	0	1,810	0	1,050	-2,860	0	0
WKSAD	Works Administration	0	4,450	0	-27,540	28,410	-5,320	0
CARVN	Caravan Site	-7,040	0	0	50	470	0	-6,520
EDPIC	Edisford Picnic Area	-6,750	0	0	0	-980	0	-7,730
PKADM	Grounds Maintenance	0	-3,700	11,730	9,150	30	-17,210	0
ROEBN	Roefield Barn	1,170	0	0	0	0	-1,120	50
RVPRK	Ribble Valley Parks	409,150	190	-10	-2,920	-5,790	5,950	406,570
RPOOL	Ribblesdale Pool	284,850	3,410	2,090	-12,190	1,950	-5,830	274,280
EALLW	Edisford All Weather Pitch	-8,170	-490	30	-2,110	-80	0	-10,820
CYCLS	Cycling	5,590	0	0	0	290	0	5,880
EXREF	Exercise Referral Scheme	36,530	2,820	-120	-630	3,340	0	41,940
SPODV	Sports Development	91,610	440	-140	-6,780	-10	0	85,120
GRSRC	Grants and Subscriptions	28,070	650	-10	-2,340	610	0	26,980
CULTG	Culture Grants	4,810	100	0	0	1,560	0	6,470
RECUL	Recreation & Culture Grants	34,430	700	0	0	1,810	0	36,940
SPOGR	Sports Grants	5,870	80	0	0	1,640	0	7,590
XMASL	Christmas Lights & RV in Bloom	3,110	50	0	0	60	0	3,220
NET CO	ST OF SERVICES	3,308,610	79,640	22,530	-113,530	70,250	-8,220	3,359,280
R	inanced from Crime eduction Partnership eserve	-14,260			-9,740			-24,000
	inanced from Wellbeing and ealth Equality Reserve	-12,420			12,420			0
LESS E	xercise Referral	0			-5,260			-5,260
		3,281,930	79,640	22,530	-116,110	70,250	-8,220	3,330,020

b) Type of Exper	Original Estimate 2012/13	Inflation at 2.5%	Inflation above or below 2.5%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services & Capital	Original Estimate 2013/14
Employee Costs	2,990,590	73,370	1,470	-76,020	0	2,989,410
Premises Costs	1,093,570	19,560	-1,350	-51,370	-3,490	1,056,920
Transport Costs	1,176,760	26,480	-3,790	-70,450	0	1,129,000
Supplies and Services	448,970	9,230	1,910	-14,160	60	446,010
Third Party	320,300	8,640	-10	27,770	0	356,700
Transfer Payments	69,490	1,750	-180	-2,340	0	68,720
Support Services	1,433,020	670	0	320	102,110	1,536,120
Depreciation & Impairment	581,690	0	0	0	-8,220	573,470
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,114,390	139,700	-1,950	-186,250	90,460	8,156,350
Other Grants and Reimbursements	-551,250	-9,340	0	14,430	0	-546,160
Customer & Client Receipts	-1,101,470	-26,480	9,180	1,380	0	-1,117,390
Recharges outside General Fund	-7,000	0	0	0	0	-7,000
Recharges to other General Fund Services	-2,174,150	-12,180	3,340	34,830	-59,990	-2,208,150
Oncosts Recovered	-968,010	-11,960	11,960	22,080	31,560	-914,370
Miscellaneous Recharges	-3,900	-100	0	0	0	-4,000
TOTAL INCOME	-4,805,780	-60,060	24,480	72,720	-28,430	-4,797,070
NET COST OF SERVICES	3,308,610	79,640	22,530	-113,530	62,030	3,359,280
LESS Financed from Community Safety Partnership Reserve	-14,260			-9,740		-24,000
LESS Financed from Wellbeing and Health and Equality Reserve	-12,420			12,420		0
LESS Exercise Referral	0			-5,260		-5,260
	3,281,930	79,640	22,530	-116,110	62,030	3,330,020

# b) Type of Expenditure/Income (Subjective)

6.2. Net costs for this committee will increase by £50,670. The main reasons for this are summarised below:

Description	Additional costs 2012/13 to 2013/14 £
Inflation – pay and price increases of 2.5%	79,640
Inflation – pay and price increases above or below 2.5%	22,650
Increase in payments to contractors for paper and glass etc collection as the rate per tonne collected was restored to its previous level at the start of 2012/13	25,750
Support Services – introduction of full recharge for the Contact Centre in line with CIPFA guidance	56,850

Description	Additional costs 2012/13 to 2013/14 £
Children's Trust Grant – anticipated continued receipt of grant income	-15,000
Public Conveniences – savings due reductions in staff time and overtime working	-41,280
Platform Gallery and Visitor Information Centre – saving in casual staffing and other costs following the implementation of the approved service review savings measures	-23,880
Refuse Collection - reduced costs due to reduction in fuel consumption due to efficiency measures and the price of diesel not being as high as anticipated	-23,980
Ribblesdale Pool – greater take up of courses (£10,100) and contracts (£9,500) offset by a fall in income from swimming lessons (-£5,200)	-14,400

### 7 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
  - Resources approval of the original budget for 2013/14 would see an increase in net expenditure of £50,670, compared with the original budget for 2012/13 or £48,090 after allowing for transfers to and from 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.

#### 8 FEES AND CHARGES

- 8.1 Fees and charges for this Committee were agreed in November 2012, and have been increased by 2½% or more if the increase could be sustained. Detailed rates will be contained in the Council's fees and charges book and the new rates will be applicable from 1 April 2013.
- 9 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE
- 9.1 Agree the revenue budget for 2013/14 and to submit this to the Special Policy and Finance Committee subject to any further consideration by the Budget Working Group.

#### SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

### DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

CM2-13/RB/AC 17 December 2012

For further background information please ask for Robin Bramhall extension 4433. BACKGROUND PAPERS – None