DECISION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 10

meeting date: 27 JANUARY 2015

title: ORIGINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16

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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To agree the draft revenue budget for 2015/16, for consideration at Special Policy and Finance Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The three year forecast to Policy and Finance Committee in September showed that significant reductions to our budget of £513k and £900k would be necessary for 2015/16 and 2016/17 based on our indicative grant allocation following a consultation in the summer, and forecast future grant allocation reductions.
- 2.2 Our provisional Settlement Funding Assessment, announced on the 18 December 2014, is £2,240,595 for 2015/16. In comparison our current year's allocation is £2,603,769. This represents therefore a reduction of 14% in our core government funding. No announcement was made regarding 2016/17.
- 2.3 The Government announce movements in our 'Spending Power' which includes income from Council Tax Payers, New Homes Bonus and other grants when quoting our funding allocations. According to the Government we will face a reduction in our Spending Power of 1% in 2015/16.
- 2.4 In the Autumn Statement announced on 3 December 2014 the Chancellor indicated that in the next Parliament Public Sector spending would continue to fall. He stated that the reductions in spending may be at the same rate seen over the last five years. In my budget forecast in September I have assumed a 10% reduction in core funding for 2016/17 and a further 5% in 2017/18. This pessimistic forecast may eventually prove to have been optimistic. Much will depend on the outcome of the General Election and the pace of economic recovery.
- 2.5 The Budget Working Group is meeting regularly to consider the Council's budget for next year and have suggested **four options** to address the budget shortfall:
 - Whether the Council Tax should be increased for 2015/16
 - Examination in detail of our underspends and overspends to ensure our base budget is accurate
 - Consider increasing the amount of New Homes Bonus we use to finance the revenue budget
 - Examination of how much business rates growth we can realistically expect to rely upon.
- 2.6 The Budget Working Group will continue to meet over the coming weeks and will ultimately make recommendations to Special Policy and Finance on 10 February 2015.

- 3 2015/16 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET
- 3.1 As far as your budget is concerned, the estimates have been prepared on the current levels of service, and they allow for the settled pay award of 2.2% spread over two years (2014/15 and 2015/16) and price increases of 2%.
- 3.2 Detailed in the following section of the report are the individual budget areas under this committee. Shown are the movements from the 2014/15 Original Estimate, to the proposed Original Estimate for 2015/16. Comments are also provided on the main variances.

4 COMMITTEE SERVICE ESTIMATES

4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Service Description CEXEC

The Chief Executive's Department comprises three service units: Regeneration and Housing, Legal and Democratic Services and Environmental Health. The Regeneration and Housing section is responsible for providing support for regeneration in the area, community safety and provide the council's mandatory housing functions. Legal and Democratic services provide the council with advice on legal issues and support to the democratic process, it also has responsibility for the Committee Services section, which prepares and distributes agendas, and offers support to the Borough Mayor. The costs for staffing for Legal and Democratic Services are shown in a separate paragraph 4.27. Environmental Health provides commercial and domestic environmental health support and also the building control function within the area.

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	924,960	18,510	850	-33,920	0	0	910,400
Transport Related	28,460	560	-270	-990	0	0	27,760
Supplies and Services	22,710	450	-60	-780	0	0	22,320
Support Services	181,130	0	0	0	950		182,080
Total Expenditure	1,157,260	19,520	520	-35,690	950	0	1,142,560
Other grants & reimbursements	-20	0	0	-30	0	0	-50
Departmental Recharges	-1,145,390	0	0	0	14,640	0	-1,130,750
Miscellaneous Recharges	-11,850	0	0	0	90	0	-11,760
Total Income	-1,157,260	0	0	-30	14,730	0	-1,142,560
NET	0	19,520	520	-35,720	15,680	0	0

Comments

An increase in the staff turnover provision has been included in employee related expenses together with a reduction in hours worked within the housing section; a pay award adjustment; and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.

The share of vehicle insurance, cost of email and internet connection and mobile device costs have been reduced due to less insurance claims and change in telephone suppliers.

Support costs have increased mainly from Financial and Computer services offset by a reduction from the Contact Centre due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

The net decrease in net expenditure is reflected in reduced recharges to other services.

4.2 ORGANISATION AND MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Service Description OMDEV

This budget covers human resources, central administration functions and corporate services. Human resources provide the personnel function and organisation wide training. The central administration function provides typing and corporate printing. Corporate services provide advice and services including health and safety issues, strategic planning, performance management, policy development and review, consultation and communications.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	315,800	6,320	140	-9,530	0	0	312,730
Transport Related	6,120	120	-80	-940	0	0	5,220
Supplies and Services	37,000	740	-90	-1,370	0	0	36,280
Support Services	77,050	0	0	0	-4,670	0	72,380
Depreciation and Impairment	4,630	0	0	0	0	-4,630	0
Total Expenditure	440,600	7,180	-30	-11,840	-4,670	-4,630	426,610
Customer and Client Receipts	-4,040	-80	-20	-20	0	0	-4,160
Departmental Recharges	-436,560	0	0	0	14,110	0	-422,450
Total Income	-440,600	-80	-20	-20	14,110	0	-426,610
NET	0	7,100	-50	-11,860	9,440	-4,630	0

Comments

An increase in the staff turnover provision has been included in employee related expenses together with a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.

Transport related expenses have reduced due a decrease in the rate of employer's contribution towards the costs of a leased vehicle and supplies and service expenditure shows a reduction in the cost of telephone calls.

A reduction in support costs is mainly from Financial services due to changes in costs allocated from this service.

The telephone system installed in 2004/05 has now become fully depreciated, reflecting the adjustment under 'capital'.

The overall decrease in net expenditure is refelected in reduced departmental recharges to other services.

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICES

Service Description

CSERV

The cost of a small team (within the Resources Department) providing corporate support, advice and services including health and safety issues, strategic planning, performance management, policy development and review, consultation and communications, which is recharged here from the Organisation and Member Development Cost Centre.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	23,630	480	-10	-60	0	0	24,040
Support Services	156,250	0	0	0	-3,690	0	152,560
Total Expenditure	179,880	480	-10	-60	-3,690	0	176,600
Net	179,880	480	-10	-60	-3,690	0	176,600

Comments

Reduction in support costs mainly from Organisation and Member Development due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

4.4 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

Service Description

CORPM

Corporate Management concerns those activities and costs that provide the infrastructure to allow services to be provided and the information that is required for public accountability.

This budget includes staff indirectly employed on corporate issues such as corporate planning, council and corporate policy making, preparation of published accounts, publicity, estimating and accounting for precepts.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	357,170	0	0	0	-32,340	0	324,830
Total Expenditure	357,170	0	0	0	-32,340	0	324,830
NET	357,170	0	0	0	-32,340	0	324,830

Comments

Reduction in support costs mainly from Chief Executives, Legal services and Contact Centre due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

4.5 CIVIC SUITE

Service Description CIVST

All running costs for the civic suite are shown here, including staffing and cleaning of the facility. On occasions the civic suite is hired out to external organisations, for which a charge is made. Council departments are also charged a proportion of the running costs to reflect the level of usage that they have had of the facility during the year.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	10,760	200	30	400	0	0	11,390
Premises Related	27,570	560	220	-330	0	0	28,020
Supplies and Services	2,270	30	-30	0	0	0	2,270
Support Services	25,830	0	0	0	-410	0	25,420
Depreciation and Impairement	9,090	0	0	0	0	-10	9,080
Total Expenditure	75,520	790	220	70	-410	-10	76,180
Customer and Client Receipts	-5,210	-100	20	-1,090	0	0	-6,380
Departmental Recharges	-70,310	0	0	0	510	0	-69,800
Total Income	-75,520	-100	20	-1,090	510	0	-76,180
NET	0	690	240	-1,020	100	-10	0

Comments

The increase in employee related expenses is due to staff joining the superannuation scheme offset by a reduction in the provision for temporary staff, reduction in electricity usage and support costs.

Income from function hire has been reduced to reflect the average usage for past three years.

The net decrease in expenditure is reflected in reduced recharges to other services.

4.6 COUNCIL OFFICES

Service Description

This budget is for the cost of our Council offices in Clitheroe. All running costs are collated under this budget and then recharged to the services that use the building at the end of the financial year.

CLOFF

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	45,670	910	1,580	-3,050	0	0	45,110
Premises Related	148,090	2,970	1,740	-1,630	0	0	151,170
Supplies and Services	8,230	170	-10	-200	0	0	8,190
Third Party Payments	990	20	0	0	0	0	1,010
Support Services	48,100	0	0	0	-890	0	47,210
Depreciation and Impairement	23,660	0	0	0	0	0	23,660
Total Expenditure	274,740	4,070	3,310	-4,880	-890	0	276,350
Customer and Client Receipts	-9,460	-190	140	190	0	0	-9,320
Departmental Recharges	-265,280	0	0	0	-1,750	0	-267,030
Total Income	-274,740	-190	140	190	-1,750	0	-276,350
NET	0	3,880	3,450	-4,690	-2,640	0	0

Comments

There has been an above inflationary increase in employee related expenditure, this is offset by introducing a provision for staff turnover.

Other expenditure items show a reduction in share of the cost of premises insurance, a reduction in the purchase of vending machine ingredients and reduced support costs mainly from Commmunity services. These are offset by increased energy usage and above inflationary increase in electricity costs.

The increase in net expenditure is reflected in increased recharges to other services.

4.7 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Description

EMERG

The Council is designated as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingency Act and as such is required to work with other agencies to develop and provide a suitable robust response to a range of identified local civil emergency risks.

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	10,090	200	-20	-140	0	0	10,130
Support Services	49,240	0	0	0	4,850	0	54,090
Total Expenditure	59,330	200	-20	-140	4,850	0	64,220
NET	59,330	200	-20	-140	4,850	0	64,220

Comments

Increase in support costs mainly from Chief Executive and Community services due to changes in cost allocations from these services

4.8 COUNCIL TAX

Service Description CLTAX

The administration and collection of council tax

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	59,490	1,190	-170	-4,840	0	0	55,670
Support Services	341,220	0	0	0	9,550	0	350,770
Depreciation and Impairement	12,500	0	0	0	0	0	12,500
Total Expenditure	413,210	1,190	-170	-4,840	9,550	0	418,940
Other grants, Reimbursement and contributions	-1,630	-30	-10	-210	0	0	-1,880
Customer and Client Receipts	-83,720	-1,670	1,670	-6,130	0	0	-89,850
Total Income	-85,350	-1,700	1,660	-6,340	0	0	-91,730
NET	327,860	-510	1,490	-11,180	9,550	0	327,210

Comments

The budget provision for the purchase of equipment, printing and stationery, books and software maintenance have been split between council tax and non domestic rates. The budget provision for warrant fees has been removed in line with previous years spending.

Increase in support costs mainly from Financial services and Revenue services due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

There has not been an inflationary increase in summonses costs but income is pedicted to exceed the 2% required.

4.9 NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES

Service Description NNDRC

The administration and collection of national non-domestic rates

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	1,580	30	-20	3,520	0	0	5,110
Transfer Payments	25,370	510	0	400	0	0	26,280
Support Services	111,260	0	0	0	0	3,210	114,470
Total Expenditure	138,210	540	-20	3,920	0	3,210	145,860
Government Grants	-85,950	-1,720	1,720	-1,950	0	0	-87,900
Other Grants and Contributions	-50	0	0	-20	0	0	-70
Customer and Client Receipts	-6,000	-120	120	0	0	0	-6,000
Total Income	-92,000	-1,840	1,840	-1,970	0	0	-93,970
NET	46,210	-1,300	1,820	1,950	0	3,210	51,890

Comments

A provision for purchase of equipment, printing and stationery, books, postages and software maintenance has been established by splitting the budget provision on council tax.

There has been an increase in the NNDR cost of collection grant but no increase in summonses income.

4.10 ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Service Description ELADM

The cost of administering elections to the council.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support Services	32,970	0	0	0	11,820	0	44,790
Total Expenditure	32,970	0	0	0	11,820	0	44,790
NET	32,970	0	0	0	11,820	0	44,790

Comments

An increase in support costs from Chief Executives, Financial and Legal sevices due to changes in cost allocations from these services reflecting the joint Parlaimentary and District elections in 2015.

4.11 DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Service Description

DISTC

The cost of holding local elections once every four years. An earmarked reserve is set aside to fund this cost. The next elections are in 2015.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	0	0	0	41,310	0	0	41,310
Premises Related	0	0	0	7,800	0	0	7,800
Transport Related	0	0	0	140	0	0	140
Supplies and Services	0	0	0	28,500	0	0	28,500
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	77,750	0	0	77,750
NET	0	0	0	77,750	0	0	77,750

Comments

To introduce a budget provision for holding the local elections in 2015, estimates based on previous election in 2011/12 and will be funded from an earmarked reserve.

4.12 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Service Description

ELECT

The council has a statutory duty to compile and maintain a register of all those entitled to vote

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	13,510	270	-160	-8,200	0	0	5,420
Supplies and Services	54,930	1090	-150	-8,730	0	0	47,140
Support Services	31,050	0	0	0	10,870	0	41,920
Total Expenditure	99,490	1,360	-310	-16,930	10,870	0	94,480
Other grants and reimbursements	-21,600	-430	430	21,600	0	0	0
Customer and Client Receipts	-1,250	-30	10	50	0	0	-1,220
Total Income	-22,850	-460	440	21,650	0	0	-1,220
NET	76,640	900	130	4,720	10,870	0	93,260

Comments

Rellocation of resources between canvasses fees and postages. An increase in printing costs funded from an earmarked reserve fund established to fund aditional cost incurred with the move to individual electoral registration.

An increase in support costs mainly from Legal services due to changes in cost allocations from this service, which reflect the introduction of a new part-time post, which is to be funded from the earmarked reserve.

The provision for non recurring purchase of equipment funded from grant income has been removed.

4.13 MAYOR'S ATTENDANT

Service Description

ATTEN

Costs of the mayor's attendant are shown here. These costs are then charged to Civic Functions and the Civic Suite

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	13,850	280	20	-2,020	0	0	12,130
Supplies and Services	400	0	0	-70	0	0	330
Support Services	4,610	0	0	0	590	0	5,200
Total Expenditure	18,860	280	20	-2,090	590	0	17,660
Departmental Recharges	-18,860	0	0	0	1,200	0	-17,660
Total Income	-18,860	0	0	0	1,200	0	-17,660
NET	0	280	20	-2,090	1,790	0	0

Comments

A reduction in the provision for overtime and temporary cover is reflected in a decrease in recharges to other services.

4.14 CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Service Description

CIVCF

Costs of all mayoral events and functions are shown here.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	0	0	0	200	0	0	200
Premises Related	380	10	0	-40	0	0	350
Transport Related	8,580	170	-170	-570	0	0	8,010
Supplies and Services	23,110	460	-30	0	0	0	23,540
Support Services	28,670	0	0	0	-1,110	0	27,560
Total Expenditure	60,740	640	-200	-410	-1,110	0	59,660
NET	60,740	640	-200	-410	-1,110	0	59,660

Comments

A provision for employee national insurance has been introduced as part of the mayoral allowance. This is offset by a reduction in the cost of the mayoral car and reduced mayors attendant costs

4.15 COST OF DEMOCRACY

Service Description

COSDM

This budget includes member allowances, special responsibility allowances, member travel expenses, council meeting expenses and miscellaneous costs relating to members.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	4,480	90	40	-350	0	0	4,260
Supplies and Services	225,060	4,500	1,930	1,330	0	0	232,820
Support Services	209,510	0	0	0	8,570	0	218,080
Total Expenditure	439,050	4,590	1,970	980	8,570	0	455,160
NET	439,050	4,590	1,970	980	8,570	0	455,160

Comments

Increase in the supplies and services relating to the use of mobile devices, reflecting the cost of annual software costs.

Increase in support costs mainly from Chief Executives and Financial services offset by a reduction from Legal services due to changes in cost allocation from these services

4.16 MAYORAL TRANSPORT

Service Description

MAYCR

All costs associated with the mayor's car are shown here, including the lease of the vehicle, cleaning, servicing, insurance and fuel. Costs for the driver are shown under the Mayor's Attendant heading. All these costs are charged on to Civic Functions.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	7,840	140	-90	-290	0	0	7,600
Support Services	740	0	0	0	-320	0	420
Total Expenditure	8,580	140	-90	-290	-320	0	8,020
Miscellaneous Recharges	-8,580	0	0	0	560	0	-8,020
Total Income	-8,580	0	0	0	560	0	-8,020
NET	0	140	-90	-290	240	0	0

Comments

Reduction in fuel and insurance costs and support costs from Financial services are reflected in reduced rechage to other services.

4.17 LICENSING

Service Description LICSE

The council has a statutory duty to licence premises that serve alcohol, provide regulated entertainment or permit gambling and issue personal licenses to individuals. In addition the council licenses hackney and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	4,340	90	0	280	0	0	4,710
Supplies and Services	20,690	420	-20	40	0	0	21,130
Support Services	107,060	0	0	0	-1,120		105,940
Total Expenditure	132,090	510	-20	320	-1,120	0	131,780
Other Grants and Contributions	-4,340	-90	0	-280	0	0	-4,710
Customer and Client Receipts	-117,620	-2,360	1,400	1,980	0	0	-116,600
Total Income	-121,960	-2,450	1,400	1,700	0	0	-121,310
NET	10,130	-1,940	1,380	2,020	-1,120	0	10,470

Comments

A reduction in support costs mainly from Chief Executives offset by an increase from Financial services due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

Reduced income mainly from premises licenses offset by an increase in sale of taxi plates and brackets.

4.18 LAND CHARGES

Service Description

LANDC

The council holds and compiles the register of charges affecting properties, which then forms the basis of the local land charges search.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	2,610	50	10	250	0	0	2,920
Supplies and Services	8,560	170	80	3,960	0	0	12,770
Support Services	87,480	0	0	0	-2,000	0	85,480
Depreciation and Impairment	5,330	0	0	0	0	0	5,330
Total Expenditure	103,980	220	90	4,210	-2,000	0	106,500
Customer and Client Receipts	-70,610	-1,410	-1140	-3,480	0	0	-76,640
Total Income	-70,610	-1,410	-1,140	-3,480	0	0	-76,640
NET	33,370	-1,190	-1,050	730	-2,000	0	29,860

Comments

An increase in the cost of software maintenance is due to an upgrade to the software and a change in the number of users previously charged to Environmental Health.

A reduction in support costs mainly from Chief Executives, Legal and Financial services offset by an increase from Community services due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

Increase in income from search fees due to an expected increase in average number of searches received.

4.19 GRANTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS - POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Service Description FGSUB

Within this budget are various Grants, Contributions and Subscriptions paid by the Council from this Committee. The major payments under this budget are to Citizen's Advice Bureau, Ribble Valley Crossroads and Local Government Association (subscription). In addition, concurrent function grants are allocated from this budget.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Supplies and Services	14,150	280	0	0	0	0	14,430
Transfer Payments	129,160	2,590	-550	0	0	0	131,200
Support Services	1,190	0	0	0	10		1,200
Total Expenditure	144,500	2,870	-550	0	10	0	146,830
NET	144,500	2,870	-550	0	10	0	146,830

Comments

No significant changes to this cost centre.

Details of these subscriptions are shown at Annex 1

4.20 ESTATES

Service Description

The council has many assets, which include land and property. Individual Heads of Service manage the properties that support their operations and the legal section support this work.

ESTAT

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	5,290	110	60	2,680	0	0	8,140
Supplies and Services	1,350	30	0	0	0	0	1,380
Support Services	40,160	0	0	0	-4,350	0	35,810
Total Expenditure	46,800	140	60	2,680	-4,350	0	45,330
Interest	-10	0	0	0	0	0	-10
Customer and Client Receipts	-37,170	-740	210	2,820	0	0	-34,880
Total Income	-37,180	-740	210	2,820	0	0	-34,890
NET	9,620	-600	270	5,500	-4,350	0	10,440

Comments

A budget provision has been introduced to provide for payment of non domestic rates on the physiotherapy centre, following the termination of the lease by the previous occupiers.

Reduction in support costs mainly from Financial and Legal services due to changes in cost allocations from these services.

Reduction in income for share in garage rents from Symphony Homes and also a fall in general ground rents

4.21 MEALS ON WHEELS AND LUNCHEON CLUBS

Service Description VARIOUS CODES

The provision of Meals on Wheels was based on a referral from Lancashire County Council Social Services. Without this referral, residents must pay for any meal provision themselves. Lancashire County Council's current contractor which delivers the meals across Lancashire is the iCare group.

Previously the Council received a grant from Lancashire County Council based on 50% of our Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Club costs up to a ceiling. In 2014 The County Council stopped supporting the meals on wheels service in its curent format but have agreed that a new service based on Luncheon clubs would be supported through to March 2016. There are currently 6 luncheon clubs financially supported by the Council with a view to developing more Clubs and work with them for them to become sustainable.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Related	2,130	40	0	0	0	0	2,170
Supplies and Services	11,400	230	0	-10	0	0	11,620
Third Party Payments	15,350	310	-10	-480	0	0	15,170
Transfer Payments	2,480	50	0	0	0	0	2,530
Support Services	5,330	0	0	0	-3,240	0	2,090
Total Expenditure	36,690	630	-10	-490	-3,240	0	33,580
Other Grants and Contributions	-15,550	-310	40	1,860	0	0	-13,960
Customer and Client Receipts	-5,580	-110	0	30	0	0	-5,660
Total Income	-21,130	-420	40	1,890	0	0	-19,620
NET	15,560	210	30	1,400	-3,240	0	13,960

Comments

The budget provision has been maintained at exisiting levels, however a separate report is included elsewhere on the agenda, outlining proposed service changes.

There has been a reduction in support costs mainly from Financial services due to changes in cost allocations from this service, which impacts on the grant income from the County Council.

4.22 POLICY AND FINANCE MISCELLANEOUS

Service Description FMISC

Included in this budget are the council's external audit fees and charges for the council's bank accounts. Bank account charges are recharged to services at the end of the financial year.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	1,030	20	-10	0	0	0	1,040
Premises Related	540	10	0	0	0	0	550
Supplies and Services	83,670	1,670	0	0	0	0	85,340
Transfer Payments	270	10	0	0	0	0	280
Support Services	12,860	0	0	0	-1,120	0	11,740
Debt Management Expenses	43,280	0	0	0	-9,670	0	33,610
Total Expenditure	141,650	1,710	-10	0	-10,790	0	132,560
Other Grants and Contributions	-279,300	-5,590	5,590	99,300	0	0	-180,000
Customer and Client Receipts	-170	0	0	20	0	0	-150
Interest	-270	-10	10	-50	0	0	-320
Miscellaneous Recharges	-15,110	0	0	0	-300	0	-15,410
Total Income	-294,850	-5,600	5,600	99,270	-300	0	-195,880
NET	-153,200	-3,890	5,590	99,270	-11,090	0	-63,320

Comments

Decrease in support costs from Financial services due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

Reduction in debt management expenses mainly due to the removal of provision for the cost of revaluing assets which is due in March 2015.

A substantial reduction in income from VAT Shelter monies from Symphony Homes is anticipated resulting in lower contribution to the earmarked reserve.

4.23 PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANTS

Service Description

Residual budget relation to former Performance Reward Grant received by this Council. This budget has been used to fund various grants/community projects etc

PERFM

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Transfer Payments	23,510	470	-470	-11,550	0	0	11,960
Support Costs	3,680	0	0	0	-1,500	0	2,180
Total Expenditure	27,190	470	-470	-11,550	-1,500	0	14,140
NET	27,190	470	-470	-11,550	-1,500	0	14,140

Comments

A number of approved grants are still awaiting completion. The reducton shown reflects the grants which have been paid paid out since the previous year.

Reduction in support costs from Chief Executives due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

4.24 SUPERANNUATION DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Service Description	SUPDF
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Costs here relate to historic liabilities arising from unfunded pension costs.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	6,240	120	-50	0	0	0	6,310
Third Party Payments	120,540	2,410	-1,070	-9,270	0	0	112,610
Support Services	140	0	0	0	30	0	170
Total Expenditure	126,920	2,530	-1,120	-9,270	30	0	119,090
NET	126,920	2,530	-1,120	-9,270	30	0	119,090

Comments

Reducing number of beneficiaries will result in a fall in payments due to various pension funds by this Council

4.25 COMPUTER SERVICES

Service Description

COMPR

The Computer (ICT) Services Section function supports all the services in the council where there is an ICT reliance. It is responsible for the installation, maintenance and development of the computer based systems of the council. Management of the data protection responsibilities of the council also falls within this service area. These costs are fully recharged to service users.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	148,100	2,950	370	5,440	0	0	156,860
Transport Related	380	10	0	0	0	0	390
Supplies and Services	159,280	3,180	-20	0	0	0	162,440
Support Services	36,160	0	0	0	-680	0	35,480
Depreciation and Impairment	19,940	0	0	0	0	-120	19,820
Total Expenditure	363,860	6,140	350	5,440	-680	-120	374,990
Other Grants and Reimbursements	-20	0	0	0	0	0	-20
Departmental Recharges	-363,840	0	0	0	-11,130	0	-374,970
Total Income	-363,860	0	0	0	-11,130	0	-374,990
NET	0	6,140	350	5,440	-11,810	-120	0

Comments

Additional employee costs due to pay increments and a restructuring of the section.

Reduced support costs mainly from financial services due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

4.26 FINANCIAL SERVICES

Service Description FSERV

The Financial Services Section provides the Accountancy and Internal Audit services of the Council. The section is responsible for all matters of financial administration. The section's main tasks are the preparation of budgets, closure of the Council's accounts, payment of invoices, the collection of debt, the treasury management function, and also the achievement of the annual internal audit plan.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	569,840	11,400	300	-15,490	0	0	566,050
Premises Related	1,350	30	-10	-240	0	0	1,130
Transport Related	11,600	220	-200	-1,740	0	0	9,880
Supplies and Services	27,870	540	-70	-10	0	0	28,330
Support Services	57,110	0	0	0	-30	0	57,080
Total Expenditure	667,770	12,190	20	-17,480	-30	0	662,470
Other Grants and reimbursements	-20	0	0	0	0	0	-20
Customer and Client Receipts	-1,110	-20	20	-30	0	0	-1,140
Departmental Recharges	-659,780	0	0	0	4,310		-655,470
Miscellaneous Recharges	-6,860	0	0	0	1,020		-5,840
Total Income	-667,770	-20	20	-30	5,330	0	-662,470
NET	0	12,170	40	-17,510	5,300	0	0

Comments

Reduction in employee related expenses due to increase in staff turnover provision and a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension funds.

Reduction in share of premises and vehicle insurance and reduction in car leasing costs.

The net reduction in expenditure is reflected in reduced recharges to other services.

4.27 LEGAL SERVICES

Service Description LSERV

The Legal Services Section provides legal advice to all departments of the council and represents the council in court proceedings and conveyancing, or other non-contentious transactions.

The section also includes the direct costs of staff working on land charges, licensing, mayorality and democratic services, elections, electoral registration, the complaints procedure and various related enforcement functions. These are recharged according to staff time allocations

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	295,060	5,900	410	2,040	0	0	303,410
Premises Related	690	10	10	-40	0	0	670
Transport Related	6,930	130	-60	320	0	0	7,320
Supplies and Services	45,640	920	-70	-10,160	0	0	36,330
Support Services	105,350	0	0	0	70		105,420
Total Expenditure	453,670	6,960	290	-7,840	70	0	453,150
Other Grants and Contributions	-22,800	-460	330	16,400	0	0	-6,530
Departmental Recharges	-445,440	0	0	0	-40	0	-445,480
Miscellaneous Recharges	-1,830	0	0	0	690	0	-1,140
Total Income	-470,070	-460	330	16,400	650	0	-453,150
NET	-16,400	6,500	620	8,560	720	0	0

Comments

Increase in employee costs due to a new post of IER & elections officer being introduced offset by an increase in staff turnover provision and pay award adjustment.

Reduction in the budget provision for reference books within supplies and services.

Removal of budget provision for the new burden grant income for Right to Bid and Right to Challenge.

4.28 CONTACT CENTRE

Service Description CONTC

The contact centre acts as first point of contact for a range of front line services and provides the main telephony service.

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	167,520	3,360	10	-6,830	0	0	164,060
Transport Related	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Supplies and Services	18,900	380	40	3,420	0	0	22,740
Support Services	42,330	0	0	0	2,720	0	45,050
Depreciation and Impairement	7,230	0	0	0	0	-4,450	2,780
Total Expenditure	236,130	3,740	50	-3,410	2,720	-4,450	234,780
Departmental Recharges	-236,130	0	0	0	1,350	0	-234,780
Total Income	-236,130	0	0	0	1,350	0	-234,780
NET	0	3,740	50	-3,410	4,070	-4,450	0

Comments

Reduction in employee costs due to an increase in the staff turnover provision and pay award adjustment.

Increase in supplies and service costs due to an increase in the purchase of equipment and materials budget provision funded by a reduction within the Revenues service and an increase in software maintenance costs as a result of a new maintenance agreement.

Increase in support costs mainly from Computer services offset by a reduction from Organisation and Member Development due to changes in cost allocations of these services.

The CRM system purchased in 2011/12 is now fully depreciated, reflected under 'capital'.

The net reduction in expenditure is reflected in reduced recharges to other services.

4.29 REVENUES AND BENEFITS

Service Description REVUE

Income and expenditure that relates to both revenues and benefits, which is then recharged to the individual cost centres

Link to Ambitions

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Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee Related	461,150	9,200	330	-10,970	0	0	459,710
Transport Related	8,850	180	-70	0	0	0	8,960
Supplies and Services	11,160	230	-150	-190	0	0	11,050
Support Services	135,940	0	0	0	13,640	0	149,580
Total Expenditure	617,100	9,610	110	-11,160	13,640	0	629,300
Other grants and reimbursements	-10	0	0	0	0	0	-10
Departmental Recharges	-617,020	0	0	0	-12,210	0	-629,230
Miscellaneous Recharges	-70	0	0	0	10	0	-60
Total Income	-617,100	0	0	0	-12,200	0	-629,300
NET	0	9,610	110	-11,160	1,440	0	0

Comments

Reduction in employee related expenses due to increase in staff turnover provision, pay award adjustment, and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.

Increase in support cost mainly from Contact Centre due to changes in cost allocation from this service.

The net increase in expenditure is reflected in an increase in recharges to other services.

4.30 ALBION MILL

Service Description ALBNM

The Council leases industrial units at Albion Mill, Clitheroe and sublets these to tenants

Link to Ambitions

To sustain a strong and properous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	32,130	640	-640	0	0	0	32,130
Supplies and Services	1,660	30	0	0	0	0	1,690
Support Services	3,300	0	0	0	1,200	0	4,500
Total Expenditure	37,090	670	-640	0	1,200	0	38,320
Customer and Client Receipts	-36,980	-740	740	-850	0	0	-37,830
Total Income	-36,980	-740	740	-850	0	0	-37,830
NET	110	-70	100	-850	1,200	0	490

Comments

Increase in support cost mainly from Chief Executives due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

Increase in income from rents

4.31 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Service Description INDDV

This budget covers costs for economic development and regeneration works, including projects, partnership work and joint working, to support, maintain and enhance the local economy.

Link to Ambitions

To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Budget Analysis	Original Estimate 2014/15	Inflation at 2%	Inflation above or below 2%	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost	Support Services	Capital	Original Estimate 2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises Related	360	10	-10	-200	0	0	160
Supplies and Services	19,130	390	0	0	0	0	19,520
Support Services	72,550	0	0	0	-1,300	0	71,250
Total Expenditure	92,040	400	-10	-200	-1,300	0	90,930
NET	92,040	400	-10	-200	-1,300	0	90,930

Comments

Decrease in Ground Maintenance work carried out at economic development sites.

Reduction in support costs mainly from Chief Executives due to changes in cost allocations from this service.

5 SUMMARIES

5.1 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)

				BUD	GET ANALY	'SIS		
Cost Centre	Service Name	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Inflation at 2% £	Inflation above or below 2% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2015/16 £
CEXEC	Chief Executives Department	0	19,520	520	-35,720	15,680	0	0
OMDEV	Organisation & Member Development	0	7,100	-50	-11,860	9,440	-4,630	0
CSERV	Corporate Services	179,880	480	-10	-60	-3,690	0	176,600
CORPM	Corporate Management	357,170	0	0	0	-32,340	0	324,830
CIVST	Civic Suite	0	690	240	-1,020	100	-10	0
CLOFF	Council Offices	0	3,880	3,450	-4,690	-2,640	0	0
EMERG	Community Safety	59,330	200	-20	-140	4,850	0	64,220
CLTAX	Council Tax	327,860	-510	1,490	-11,180	9,550	0	327,210
NNDRC	National Non Domestic Rates	46,210	-1,300	1,820	1,950	3,210	0	51,890
ELADM	Election Administration	32,970	0	0	0	11,820	0	44,790
DISTC	District Elections	0	0	0	77,750	0	0	77,750
ELECT	Register of Electors	76,640	900	130	4,720	10,870	0	93,260
ATTEN	Mayor's Attendant	0	280	20	-2,090	1,790	0	0
CIVCF	Civic Functions	60,740	640	-200	-410	-1,110	0	59,660
COSDM	Cost of Democracy	439,050	4,590	1,970	980	8,570	0	455,160
MAYCR	Mayoral Transport	0	140	-90	-290	240	0	0
LICSE	Licensing	10,130	-1,940	1,380	2,020	-1,120	0	10,470

				BUE	GET ANALY	'SIS		
Cost Centre	Service Name	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Inflation at 2% £	Inflation above or below 2% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2015/16 £
LANDC	Land Charges	33,370	-1,190	-1,050	730	-2,000	0	29,860
FGSUB	Grants and Subscriptions	144,500	2,870	-550	0	10	0	146,830
ESTAT	Estates	9,620	-600	270	5,500	-4,350	0	10,440
VARIOUS	Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Clubs	15,560	210	30	1,400	-3,240	0	13,960
FMISC	Policy & Finance Miscellaneous	-153,200	-3,890	5,590	99,270	-11,090	0	-63,320
PERFM	Performance Reward Grants	27,190	470	-470	-11,550	-1,500	0	14,140
SUPDF	Superannuation Deficiency Payments	126,920	2,530	-1,120	-9,270	30	0	119,090
COMPR	Computers	0	6,140	350	5,440	-11,810	-120	0
FSERV	Financial Services	0	12,170	40	-17,510	5,300	0	0
LSERV	Legal Services	-16,400	6,500	620	8,560	720	0	0
CONTC	Contact Centre	0	3,740	50	-3,410	4,070	-4,450	0
REVUE	Revenues and Benefits	0	9,610	110	-11,160	1,440	0	0
ALBNM	Albion Mill	110	-70	100	-850	1,200	0	490
INDDV	Economic Development	92,040	400	-10	-200	-1,300	0	90,930
NET COST	OF SERVICES	1,869,690	73,560	14,610	86,910	12,700	-9,210	2,048,260

				BUD	GET ANALY	/SIS		
Cost Centre	Cost Centre Service Name		Inflation at 2% £	Inflation above or below 2% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2015/16 £
ITEMS ADD	ED TO/ (TAKEN FROM) BALANCES A	ND RESERV	'ES					
FNBAL H230	Election Fund	21,450	430	0	-77,750	0	0	-55,870
FNBAL H362	IER Reserve	0	0	0	-14,570	0	0	-14,570
FNBAL H269	Valuation of Assets Reserve	-8,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	2,000
FNBAL H325	VAT Shelter Reserve	279,300	0	0	-99,300	0	0	180,000
FNBAL H326	Performance Reward Grants Reserve	-23,510	0	0	11,550	0	0	-11,960
FNBAL H354	Community Right to Bid Reserve	7,850	0	0	-7,850	0	0	0
FNBAL H359	Community Right to Challenge	8,550	0	0	-8,550	0	0	0
NET BALANCES & RESERVES		285,640	430	0	-186,470	0	0	99,600
NET EXPEN	IDITURE	2,155,330	73,990	14,610	-99,560	12,700	-9,210	2,147,860

b) Type of Expenditure/Income (Subjective)

	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Inflation at 2% £	Inflation above or below 2% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2015/16 £
Employee Costs	2,984,920	59,670	3,870	-40,440	0	0	3,008,020
Premises Costs	216,400	4,350	1,370	8,000	0	0	230,120
Transport Costs	81,040	1,570	-940	-4,070	0	0	77,600
Supplies and Services	891,960	17,810	1,130	14,210	0	0	925,110
Third Party	136,880	2,740	-1,080	-9,750	0	0	128,790
Transfer Payments	180,790	3,630	-1,020	-11,150	0	0	172,250
Support Services	2,365,440	0	0	0	9,300	0	2,374,740
Depreciation & Impairment	82,380	0	0	0	0	-9,210	73,170
Debt Management Expenses	43,280	0	0	0	-9,670	0	33,610
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,983,090	89,770	3,330	-43,200	-370	-9,210	7,023,410
Government Grants	-85,950	-1,720	1,720	-1,950	0	0	-87,900
Other Grants and Reimbursements	-345,340	-6,910	6,380	138,620	0	0	-207,250
Customer & Client Receipts	-378,920	-7,550	3,150	-6,510	0	0	-389,830
Interest	-280	-30	30	-50	0	0	-330
Departmental Recharges	-4,279,220	0	0	0	10,990	0	-4,268,230
Miscellaneous Recharges	-23,690	0	0	0	2,080	0	-21,610
TOTAL INCOME	-5,113,400	-16,210	11,280	130,110	13,070	0	-4,975,150
NET COST OF SERVICES	1,869,690	73,560	14,610	86,910	12,700	-9,210	2,048,260
ITEMS ADDED TO/ (TAKEN FR	OM) BALANCES	AND RESER	VES				
FNBAL/H230: Election Fund	21,450	430	0	-77,750	0	0	-55,870
FNBAL/H362: IER Reserve	0	0	0	-14,570	0	0	-14,570

	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Inflation at 2% £	Inflation above or below 2% £	Unavoidable Changes to Service Cost £	Support Services £	Capital £	Original Estimate 2015/16 £
FNBAL/H269: Valuation of assets Reserve	-8,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	2,000
FNBAL/H325: VAT Shelter Reserve	279,300	0	0	-99,300	0	0	180,000
FNBAL/H326: Performance Reward Grants Reserve	-23,510	0	0	11,550	0	0	-11,960
FNBAL/H354: Community Right to Bid Reserve	7,850	0	0	-7,850	0	0	0
FNBAL/H359: Community Right to Challenge Reserve	8,550	0	0	-8,550	0	0	0
NET BALANCES & RESERVES	285,640	430	0	-186,470	0	0	99,600
NET EXPENDITURE	2,155,330	73,990	14,610	-99,560	12,700	-9,210	2,147,860

5.2 Net costs for this committee have increased by £178,570 but after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves the position changes to a reduction in net expenditure of £7,470. The main reasons for this are summarised below:

Description	Variances from original estimate 2014/15 original estimate 2015/16 £	
CEXEC: Chief Executives		
Reduction in staffing costs due to an increase in the provision for staff turnover, reduction in hours worked within housing section, a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.	-32,690	
OMDEV: Organisation and Member Development		
Reduction in staffing costs due to an increase in the provision for staff turnover, a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.	-9,330	
Reduction in depreciation costs due to the telephone system installed in 2004/05 becoming fully depreciated	-4,630	
DISTC: District Elections		
A budget provision has been introduced for holding the 2015 local elections, this expenditure will be funded from an earmarked reserve established for this purpose	77,750	
ELECT: Register of Electors		
Increase in printing and stationery costs due to the move to individual electoral registration. Expenditure to be funded from earmarked reserve established to fund additional costs involved in the move.	5,000	
FMISC: Policy and Finance Miscellaneous		
Reduction in debt management expenses mainly due to the removal of the provision for revaluation of assets due in March 2015. The reduction will be offset by a reduction in the contribution from earmarked reserve.	-9,670	
Reduced income from VAT shelter monies due from Symphony Homes resulting in a lower contribution to the earmarked reserve established from previous receipts	99,300	
PERFM: Performance Reward Grants		
Reduced expenditure due to reducing number of approved schemes still to complete	-11,550	
SUPDF: Superannuation Deficiency Payments		
Reduced expenditure to former pension funds due to reducing number of beneficiaries entitled to a pension	-9,270	
COMPR: Computer Section		
Additional employee related expenses due to pay increments and also the restructure of the section which took place in 2014	5,440	

Description	Variances from original estimate 2014/15 original estimate 2015/16	
FSERV: Financial Services	Ė	
Reduction in staffing costs due to an increase in the provision for staff turnover, a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.	-15,890	
LSERV: Legal Services		
Reduction in budget provision for purchase of reference books resulting from a move to an online subscription	-10,000	
Removal of the budget provision for the new burden grants income for the Right to Bid and the Right to Challenge. The reduction will be offset by a reduction in the contribution to the earmarked reserve established from previous grant payments	16,400	
CONTC: Contact Centre		
Reduction in staffing costs due to an increase in the provision for staff turnover, a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the amount of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.	-6,830	
Reduction in depreciation costs due to the CRM system purchased in 2011/12 becoming fully depreciated	-4,450	
REVUE: Revenues and Benefits		
Reduction in staffing costs due to an increase in the provision for staff turnover, a pay award adjustment and a reduction in the share of superannuation deficit payment due to the pension fund.	-11,120	

- 5.3 Annex 1 shows a list of subscriptions falling within this committee.
- 6 RISK ASSESSMENT
- 6.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
 - Resources approval of the original budget for 2015/16 would see an increase in net expenditure of £178,570 compared with the original budget for 2014/15 or a reduction of £7,470 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.
- 7 FEES AND CHARGES
- 7.1 Fees and charges for this Committee were agreed in October 2014, and have been increased by 2% 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 2015.

- 8 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE
- 8.1 Agree the revenue budget for 2015/16 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

PF1-15/TH/AC 17 November 2014

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BACKGROUND WORKING PAPERS - Budget working papers 2014/15 RE + 2015/16 OE

ANNEX 1

Policy and Finance Committee – Subscriptions

Cost Centre	Body	Budgeted Subscription £	Benefits and Outcomes	Since
FGSUB Policy and Finance Committee Grants and Subscriptions	SPARSE Rural (RSN Network) SPARSE are the most comprehensive rural network in England, and the only national network representing service providers, community representatives and national organisations. Their goal is to give rural areas a louder voice and bring rural thoughts and concerns together.	2,140	The service pulls together the work of Rural England and the representative role of the network to enable local authority officers and members, but also a wider network of organisations to effectively network together. By bring together a range of cross sector organisations to facilitate the sharing of information, best practice, innovative ideas and research and analysis to ultimately provide a better service for rural communities.	2003
	North West Employers Organisation North West Employers is a body representing boroughs in Lancashire and Cheshire and other public service providers in the region on people matters and is certified as part of 1974 trade Union and Labour Relation Act.	3,420	North West Employers provide a network of support, advice and consultancy on all people matters, from human resources policy and practice, through to leadership, management development and organisational design and performance. They represent the interest of North West authorities as employers, including consultation on national pay and conditions of service. With the regional trade unions it operates a joint conciliation and dispute resolution process to support authorities.	1994
	Local Government Association (LGA) The LGA is a politically-led, cross-party organisation that seeks to promote local government on behalf of councils to national governments. Its aim is to influence and set the political agenda on issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems	5,780	Continued reductions in public sector funding are having a major impact on local authorities. Within this context, the LGA has worked closely with the sector to secure some substantial wins, including: • A decrease in the amount in the amount originally proposed to be taken from councils in 2013/14 for capitalisation and the safety net. • Continued funding to support housing benefit administration in the run up to universal credit, including £388 million towards administration of both housing benefit and the new local tax support schemes. • A further £33 million new burdens funding for local council tax support.	1997

Cost Centre	Body	Budgeted Subscription £	Benefits and Outcomes	Since
FGSUB Policy and Finance Committee Grants and Subscriptions	District Councils' Network The District Councils' Network is a member led network of 199 district councils. It is a special interest group of the LGA, and provide a single voice for district councils within LGA and to Central Government	200	The District Council's Network acts as an informed and representative advocate for districts to government and other national bodies. It responds to government consultations and undertakes research and produces publications on behalf of the sector.	2009