

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR HEAD OF STEAM

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

The Council does not have to provide the Head of Steam however it has a fully maintaining lease for this historic Grade II* Listed Building of which there is also approximately a further 160 years left on the lease.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The Council has a fully maintaining lease for the former North Road Station building and the building is Grade II* Listed. There is a requirement to make financial provision to keep the building maintained and watertight. The provision in the core budget will enable this obligation to be carried out.

Head of Steam is the Council's only museum and it is closely associated with the Stockton to Darlington Railway, which is a key part of Darlington's historic past; the birthplace of modern passenger railway. In recent years, the museum has consistently attracted in excess of 30,000 visitors per annum, achieving over 34,000 in 2014/15.

The iconic exhibits include Stephenson's Locomotion No 1 built for the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. It is one of the oldest surviving steam engines in the world and the first ever steam train to carry fare paying passengers. Beside this, Derwent is the earliest surviving Darlington-built locomotive. Both locomotives are on loan from the National Railway Museum.

A range of smaller items, including station and line side signs, uniforms, furniture, tableware and paintings, complement the larger exhibits. The entrance hall and ticket office are restored in period style, enhanced by displays of items such as porters' barrows, luggage, posters and advertising signs. The museum also has a changing programme of temporary exhibitions and events, a meeting room for conferences and lectures, as well as a children's activity room for youngsters to learn and play. There is also a fully equipped education room for use by schools and colleges as well as the Ken Hoole Study Centre, which is a research facility for railway and family historians.

The museum itself is located in North Road Station that was built in 1842, which is on the 1825 route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

Within the core offer the Head of Steam will continue in its present format.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**2019/20 budget £287,635**

	Budget 2019/20 £
Employee	173,232
Premises	95,081
Transport	1,580
Supplies & Services	54,006
Support Services	660
Capital Charges	1,060
Income	(47,701)
Overheads	9,717
Total	287,635