

**KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED IN PROJECTED
RESOURCES, EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2016-20**

Factor	Assumption
Resources	
Council Tax base	Variable depending on projected additional properties.
Council Tax	3.99% increase in each year (including 2% precept for Adult Social Care)
Council Tax collection	99% collected
Government Grants	Government grants for 2016-17 as indicated in settlement, to be confirmed December 2015.
	Increase in Business Rates Scheme and Top Up Grant of 2.1% 2016-17, 2.9% 2017-18, 3.4% 2018-19 & 2019-20 (projected RPI).
	Reduction in Revenue Support Grant of 25% in 2016/17, 28% in 2017/18, 37% in 2018/19 and 13% in 2019/20.
Expenditure	
Pay inflation	2016-17 onwards 1.0%.
Price inflation	Only contractual inflation on running costs
Local Government Pension Scheme	Employers contributions 18.5% of pensionable pay – the current rate
Financing Costs	
Interest rates payable	Average rate on existing debt 2016-17, 4.05%; 2017-18, 4.01%; 2018-19, 4.16%; 2019-20, 4.28%.
Interest rates payable on new debt – 10 year rate	2016-17, 3.47%; 2017-18, 3.95%; 2018-19, 4.20%; & 2019/20, 4.50%.
Interest rates receivable	2016-17, 0.90%;. 2017-18, 1.50%; 2018-19 2.00% & 2019-20 2.75%.
Income	
Inflationary increases	Various based on individual service considerations