



**DARLINGTON**

Borough Council

# Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee Agenda

1.30 pm

Thursday, 6 January 2022

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1. Introductions/Attendance at Meeting
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3. Medium Term Financial Plan –  
Report of the Assistant Director Resources  
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Report of the Stronger Communities Portfolio Holder  
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**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Friday, 24 December 2021**

**Town Hall**  
**Darlington.**

**Membership**

Councillors Allen, Bartch, Cossins, Mrs Culley, Donoghue, Haszeldine, B Jones, McCollom, Tait, Wallis and Willis

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**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
6 JANUARY 2022**

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**MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Revenue Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022/23 to 2025/26.

**Summary**

2. Attached at **Annex 1** is the MTFP report which has been approved by Cabinet as a basis for consultation.
3. Members received a briefing on this Plan by the Group Director of Operations on 15 December, 2021.

**Recommendation**

4. (a) Members are requested to consider the MTFP 2022/23 to 2025/26 and make any recommendations, and in particular, those in relation to those services and finances which are specifically within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.  
  
(b) That the Chair, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers supporting this Scrutiny Committee, be given authority to agree the Notes/Minutes of this Scrutiny Committee, to enable the Notes/Minutes to be considered at a Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 20 January 2022.

**Brett Nielsen  
Assistant Director Resources**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Brett Nielsen: Extension 5403

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.
Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
Efficiency	The report contains updated information regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

5. Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 December, 2021, approved the attached Medium Term Financial Plan as a basis for consultation.
6. Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committee's will be meeting to discuss and consider the overall contents of the MTFP, however, Members are asked to particularly consider those services and finances within the plan which specifically relate to those areas within their remit and forward any views or recommendations to this Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
7. Once all the Scrutiny Committees have met, a further special meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be held on 20 January 2022, to agree a formal response to Cabinet on behalf of all the Scrutiny Committees as part of the consultation. The Chairs of the other Scrutiny Committees will be invited to attend this meeting to present their findings and answer any questions.
8. In view of the timescales involved in responding to the consultation, it is not possible for the individual Scrutiny Committees to formally approve their Notes/Minutes prior to the special Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, and it is therefore being suggested that authority be given to the Chairs, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers, to agree the Notes/Minutes in advance of the next ordinary

meetings. The Notes/Minutes will still be an item on the agenda of the next meeting for formal approval as usual.

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**CABINET  
07 DECEMBER 2021**

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**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN  
INVESTING IN AND DELIVERING SUCCESS FOR DARLINGTON**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Heather Scott  
Leader and all Cabinet Members**

**Responsible Directors – Chief Officers Executive**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/23 to 2025/26 for consultation including setting a budget and council tax increase for 2022/23.

**Summary**

2. Whilst 2020/21 was undoubtedly the year of Covid, 2021/22 will be remembered as the year we started to live and adapt to the difficulties and opportunities it created. The pandemic fundamentally impacted on the priorities of, and the way in which the Council conducted its business. The financial pressure on the public sector as a whole and the Council more specifically have been significant over the last couple of years, and this was on the background of a decade of significant financial challenge following the economic downturn and the reductions in public sector spending.
3. Despite this the Council has been successful in responding to these challenges, both in the last couple of years supporting residents, business and NHS colleagues in their response to the pandemic, and more generally by continuing to provide vital core services and investing the resources available in growing our economy to deliver success for the benefit of all. This is becoming increasingly difficult in the light of the pandemic with demand for services increasing, particularly in regard to social care where costs are predicted to rise substantially; this is alongside reduced income in our leisure and cultural venues as residents understandably are cautious in rushing back to normality. There are also external pressures in the wider economy with transport, fuel and material prices all increasing which have an impact on the day to day running of the Council.
4. The October 2021 Spending Review announced a three year local government settlement, though it is likely there will only be a one year finance settlement at local level. This means the MTFP is based on a one year funding basis, and whilst this is unhelpful for planning purposes, it is understandable given the fair funding review has been paused for the last few years and time will be needed to establish robust allocation and distribution of departmental budgets.

5. The consequence of this is that the 2022/23 Budget and MTFP has an eye to future years but does not seek to presume what the future will look like. It aims to ensure that the Council can continue to provide vital services in response to Covid should it be required and importantly continue to provide our core offer level of services to the residents of Darlington regardless of Covid.
6. The Council has performed well in responding to the financial challenges and has taken early action in order to ensure that it is ahead of the curve and not therefore pushed into short term decisions. The outcome of the significant consultation and detailed budget review exercise in 2016 was a core offer budget with a small provision for discretionary services and this is the base level the new MTFP has been prepared on.
7. A healthy level of reserves has been maintained for medium term stability and this is now a crucial component of the budget strategy which will allow time for the key ambition of economic growth to take effect.
8. In addition to the core offer budget a futures fund was established from reserves in the following five areas;
  - (a) Community Safety
  - (b) Maintain an attractive street scene environment
  - (c) Maintaining a vibrant town centre
  - (d) Developing an attractive visitor economy
  - (e) Neighbourhood renewal
9. Whilst this was for a time limited period it is clear the ongoing commitments in the fund for example community safety and developing a vibrant town centre are key to driving our ambition of growing the economy, therefore these ongoing elements have been mainstreamed into the budget from 2025/26.
10. The core offer remains challenging with some significant pressures arising as mentioned, nevertheless, through tight financial management, innovative financial investments and increased income from economic growth successes, the Council can still deliver the agreed balanced plan, finance the MTFP to 2025/26 whilst retaining usable balances of £0.895m.
11. In summary, if the recommendations are agreed, the Council's financial position is robust with a four-year balanced MTFP which will allow net revenue investment in Darlington and its residents of over £100m per year, capital investment of over £157m, and create the conditions and opportunities for growth.

### **Recommendation**

12. It is recommended that Cabinet approve for consultation,
  - (a) the Revenue MTFP as set out in **Appendix 6** and the Capital programme as set out in **Appendix 7**, including the following:
    - (i) A council tax increase of 1.99% plus a 1% Adult Social Care Precept to help fund social care for 2022/23.



- (ii) The Schedule of Charges as set out in **Appendix 3**.
- (iii) Mainstreaming the ongoing services provided by the futures fund into the budget from 2025/26 as set out in paragraph 63.

### **Reasons**

13. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:

- (a) The Council must set a budget for the next financial year.
- (b) To enable the Council to continue to plan services and finances over the medium term.
- (c) To ensure decisions can be made in a timely manner.
- (d) To ensure investment in our assets is maintained.

### **Chief Officers Executive**

### **Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Elizabeth Davison: Extension 5830

S17 Crime and Disorder	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Health and Well Being responsibilities
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	The proposals in the report seek to continue to support the Council's responsibilities and ambitions to reduce carbon impact in the Council and the Borough.
Diversity	There are no specific proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected
Groups Affected	All groups are affected by the Council Tax increase.
Budget and Policy Framework	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Key Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Urgent Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Council Plan	Within the constraints of available resources it is necessary for the Council to make decisions involving prioritisation. The proposals contained in this report are designed to support delivery of the Council Plan within those constraints.
Efficiency	Efficiency savings which do not affect service levels have been included in the MTFP.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Children's social care continues to be resourced to provide good outcomes for Looked after Children or Care Leavers.

## MAIN REPORT

### Background and context

14. The Council has faced significant financial challenges over the last decade as the Government responded to the worldwide economic downturn by introducing public sector spending reductions. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic and a growing demand for services, particularly in relation to social care, both Adults and Children's services.
15. The Council has performed well in responding to these challenges and following an in-depth review of all service provision in 2016 took early decisions in order to ensure that it is ahead of the curve and was not pushed into short term decision making. A good level of reserves has been maintained and this will now be a crucial component of the budget strategy. Given the essential emphasis on responding to Covid, recovering from Covid and the background of a decade of savings there is much less scope for new and significant savings proposals. Reserves are therefore key to ensuring that a medium term approach to planning can take place and time created to see the impacts of the economic growth strategy.
16. In addition to the core budget, following good progress made on achieving savings, strong cost management and innovative treasury initiatives, the Council was in a position to add back some discretionary services from unallocated balances which were key to growing Darlington 's economy and consistent with the council's priorities. This was called the Futures Fund and covered the following areas;
  - (a) Community Safety
  - (b) Maintain an attractive street scene environment
  - (c) Maintaining a vibrant town centre
  - (d) Developing an attractive visitor economy
  - (e) Neighbourhood renewal
17. The funds are being utilised as expected to make positive change and are a significant contributor to growing Darlington's economy, whether that be more attractive streets and green areas to festivals and safer streets.
18. As time has passed it has become clear a number of the services funded via the futures fund are key to the aim of growing our economy and without them would have a significant impact on that key aim. Therefore, it is proposed the ongoing elements of the fund are mainstreamed into the budget (from 2025/26 onwards) and are considered with all other funded services in any future budget discussions.
19. The core offer budget plus the futures fund as noted above is the starting position for this year's MTFP.
20. Income and resource levels will be discussed later however whilst Local Government has received a three year funding package, at individual council level it is anticipated there will only be a one year finance settlement. Unfortunately, this along with the turbulent times we find ourselves in makes it is very challenging to predict expenditure and income levels moving forward so best estimates have been used and assumptions made on the impact of Covid-19 on budgets in 2022/23 and the income and resources we will receive.

## Financial Analysis

### Projected Expenditure

21. As noted previously the core offer budget and futures fund is the level on which the MTFP is based upon. Estimates attached at **Appendix 1** have been prepared based on current service levels and include known pressures and efficiencies which are summarised below and detailed in **Appendix 2**. The most significant are discussed in the following paragraphs. The assumptions used when preparing the estimates are set out at **Appendix 4**.

<u>Summary of Pressures</u>	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Efficiencies and Savings	(1.782)	(0.954)	(0.745)	(0.783)
Increased Service Demand	2.073	2.350	2.394	2.413
Price Inflation	1.069	1.176	1.399	2.733
Reduced Income	0.667	0.678	0.647	0.647
Other and Contingencies	1.229	1.248	1.298	1.251
Covid 19 Pressures	0.738	0.181	0.186	0.191
	3.994	4.679	5.179	6.452

22. **Efficiencies/Savings** – there are significant anticipated savings over the life of the MTFP of £4.264m. Our investment returns are higher than anticipated with the dividends from our joint venture partnership £0.700m higher over the next couple of years. Other efficiencies cut across all areas and include staff savings and a realignment of running costs achieved following the different ways of working throughout the pandemic.
23. **Increased Service demand** – is the most significant strain on the budget and within this category the main pressure area is Adult Social Care. Pressures in this area are being felt nationwide and whilst the new social care funding reforms will assist people paying for their care from 2023, they do not assist with the pressure being faced now. There has been a significant increase in demand for home care with an additional 1,771 hours per week commissioned. In addition, there are pressures from demographic, residential care, day care, direct payments, and the provision of respite requirements. Over the life of the MTFP there is a £7.5m demand pressure.
24. **Price Inflation** – our adult social care contracts are linked to various inflation factors, the main one being the national living wage which has been set at £9.50 per hour from 1 April 2022 – an increase of 6.6% and this automatically feeds through to the care providers. There is also the National Insurance increase of 1.25% which again will be fed through the contracts. Whilst this is a significant pressure on the Council's finances the pressure on the care sector is recognised and these uplifts are required to ensure stability. The pressure from contract uplifts is £4.6m across the MTFP.
25. The other significant pressure is the utilities increase, again being seen across the country and which has a direct impact on our running costs, from the buildings we operate to the street lighting electricity usage. Our energy is purchased through the North East Procurement

Organisation and the impact is not as high as it could have been as fuel was pre purchased before the rises. Energy efficiency measures are continually being looked at, for instance the LED street lighting programme, however the significant increase cannot be contained within existing budgets

26. **Reduced Income** – the increase in children needing support from the local authority has put pressures on both staffing levels and the placement budgets over the last few years. This pressure is being felt across the country with most Councils’ reporting an increased investment requirement in this area. The Council was awarded a £1.2m grant from the DfE to assist in transforming social care practice within Darlington and the team is working in partnership with Leeds City Council who have already been through this process. The ultimate aim is to improve outcomes for children, focus on prevention and reducing the number of children who need to come into care and ultimately reduce the budget pressure.
27. Unfortunately, due to Covid the scheme didn’t progress as quickly as anticipated and the funding did not extend to 2022/23. In order to achieve the savings required the programme needs to be extended for a further year, the cost is £0.533m however it is felt this investment will achieve longer term savings to help the service achieve a sustainable footing.
28. The patronage of the Council’s car parks is at 75% of pre-covid levels and anticipated to remain at that level as the shift to home working and more sustainable modes of transport grow. The position will be constantly reviewed however it is prudent to put a marker down in the MTFP to acknowledge the potential pressure at this point.
29. **Other and Contingencies** – the main pressures here are for the additional 1.25% Employers National Insurance contributions payable from April 2022 and also a provision for an employee pay award. These are both estimated at this point in time and based on current staffing levels.
30. **COVID-19** – the coronavirus pandemic had a significant effect on the Councils expenditure and income budgets over the last 18 months. The government has responded well with help to offset a large proportion of these pressures however this support has now come to an end. Whilst in the medium term it is anticipated most income in our leisure and culture venues will return to pre covid levels there remains a pressure in 2022/23 as visitors become more confident in returning. The area anticipated to have an ongoing pressure is waste disposal where an increase in household levels of waste have remained high, it is anticipated they will reduce gradually over the coming years but not to pre covid levels.

#### **Previous budget provision**

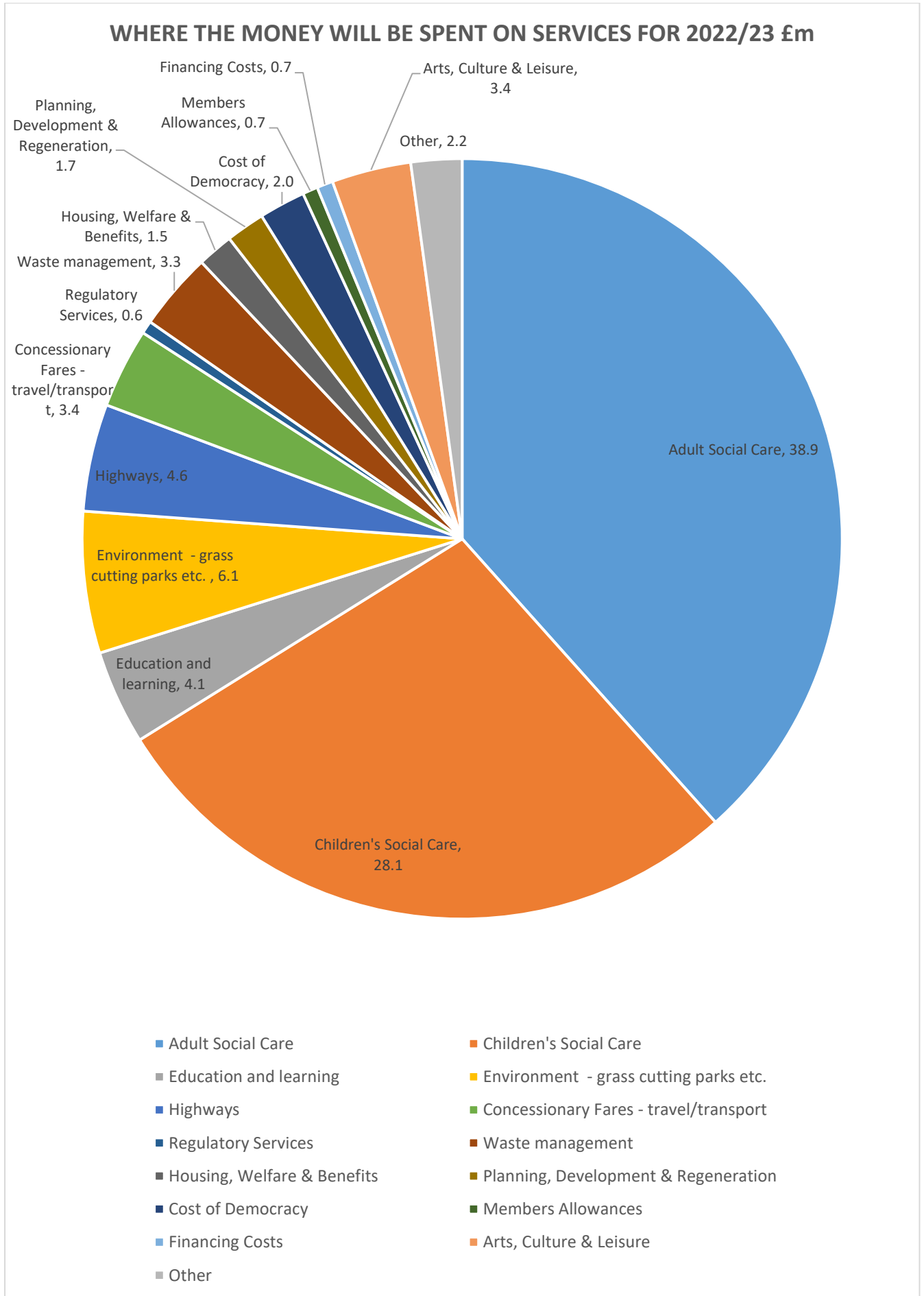
31. **Stronger Communities Fund** – the stronger communities fund was established to assist in grass roots projects and initiatives in each of the elected members wards. It was agreed in the 2021/22 budget that £0.001m was made available to each member to utilise as they see fit in their communities and reviewed on an annual basis. The analysis will be completed over the winter and if deemed successful will be extended. At this point no provision has been made but will be changed in the financial Draft for recommendation in February 2022.

## **Total Expenditure**

32. Taking the above savings and pressures into account the summarised projected expenditure is shown in the table below: -

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
People Services	65.798	67.640	70.342	72.807
Chief Executives Office & Economic Growth	1.288	1.334	1.366	1.455
Services	17.947	18.400	18.901	19.316
Operations	15.909	16.333	16.762	17.105
Financing costs	0.637	2.921	2.933	2.992
Investment Returns - Joint Venture	(1.864)	(1.480)	(1.130)	(1.130)
Council Wide Pressures/(savings)	1.037	1.054	1.079	1.106
Council Wide Contingencies	0.525	1.512	1.512	1.512
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>101.277</b>	<b>107.714</b>	<b>111.765</b>	<b>115.163</b>

33. This proposed net investment in services of £101m in 2022/23 covers a wide range of areas from refuse collection to adult residential care, from street lighting to school crossing patrols and grass cutting to our Leisure and culture provision. The chart below shows the split of investment and as can be seen social care both children's and adults are the most significant proportion of funding, accounting for nearly two thirds of the overall budget.



## **Projected Income**

### **Spending Review and Local Government Finance Settlement.**

34. The Autumn budget and spending review was announced on the 27 October 2021, and whilst the specific detail in regard to Darlington's funding won't be known until the Local Government Finance Settlement, anticipated mid-December, the Chancellors Autumn Statement gave local government an indication on what could potentially be expected in a few areas.
35. Those assumptions have been included in following paragraphs along with best estimates, given the most up to date information available at the time of writing and will be updated in the MTFP proposal at the February 2022 Cabinet meeting. All assumptions are summarised in **Appendix 4** and detailed in the relevant sections below, however the overriding principle is that we will receive a cash equivalent grants funding for all government funding streams unless otherwise stated.

### **Core Grant funding to Local Government**

36. **Revenue Support Grant (RSG)** has become a reducing element of the Council core funding over recent years however it has been assumed this will continue into future years at a cash equivalent position. Furthermore as the New Homes Bonus scheme is coming to an end, and the funding for NHB was top sliced from RSG, an assumption has been made this will be returned to Local Government and therefore has been included in the draft budget.
37. **New Homes Bonus (NHB)** is included in core Government funding as it is top sliced from RSG. As mentioned above this scheme is winding down with only legacy payments being made.
38. **Better Care fund** - Members will recall that previous year changes to the NHB scheme along with the reduction in RSG funded the Improved Better Care Fund which was separate to the funding stream allocated direct to the NHS. This was in recognition that Councils were under significant pressure in regard to social care funding, it was initially a three-year pot but continued in 2020/21 and 2021/22 as core funding. The spending review confirmed this will continue into 2022/23 and for estimate purposes it has been assumed this funding will continue over the life of the MTFP given it is part of the core funding settlement.
39. **Social Care funding** - In recognition of the significant pressures being faced by Councils in social care due to the growing elderly population and increases in children looked after, over the last couple of years the Chancellor announced additional funding for Council's through direct grant and the adult social care precept. It was intimated this would continue and it has been assumed this funding will continue into future years on a cash equivalent basis.
40. **Spending Review 2021** – In the Autumn Statement the Chancellor recognising the significant pressures faced by councils and the important role they have taken throughout the pandemic announced a funding package for Local Government of £1.6bn of which £0.1bn will be used for Cyber Security and Troubled Families programmes. The remaining £1.5bn will be distributed to councils. The distribution method hasn't been announced and won't be until the Local Government provisional finance settlement. The sum will need to cover the cost of the National Living Wages increases along with the 1.25% additional National Insurance contributions for the Council's own workforce and that of its contractors and suppliers.



41. As there is not a distribution method available yet, an assessment of previous grant allocations has been made, and if it follows a similar pattern the Council would receive £2.7m in funding which has been built into the draft MTFP.

### **Council Tax Income**

42. Due to reduction and reliance on Government funding over the last ten years, Council Tax is now by far the largest single funding stream and will increase further as a percentage over the coming years representing 61% of projected resources anticipated by 2025/26. The on-going increases reflect the Cabinet's view that income from Council Tax needs to increase to protect key service provision and enable investment in vital services. Members will recall that a 1% increase in Council Tax equates to an annual revenue of £0.560m.
43. The Council Tax referendum limit has been set at 2% for 2022/23 and this MTFP assumes a council tax increase of 1.99% for 2022/23 and across the rest of the MTFP. In addition, Local Authorities have been given access to additional social care funding through an adult social care precept of 1% for the next three years, this is in recognition of the extreme pressure councils are facing, particularly in regard to demand and the increasing demographic of older people and rises in people with complex needs. As can be seen in the chart in paragraph 33, Adult Social Care is by far our largest overall budget with a spend of £38.9m. The precept is crucial to enable this investment in social care to continue and provide the on-going sustainability of the service. This MTFP proposes the 1% precept is levied in 2022/23 but does not commit to future years and will be reviewed in the next MTFP cycle. The precept is in addition to the 1.99% Council Tax.
44. The Council Tax base was affected by Covid-19 firstly due to the increase in Local Council Tax support claimants (LCTS) and also a slight reduction in housebuilding in the earlier part of 2020. Whilst LCTS claimants remain higher than the pre covid position they are reducing month by month and furthermore housing building has started back in earnest. Moving forward planning estimates anticipate growth levels to be an average of 473 Band D equivalent properties over the period of this plan which is a growth on the tax base of 1.36% per annum. These figures have been used to prepare the estimates; clearly should this be any different income levels will differ. The collection rate (of collectable debt) is anticipated to remain at 99% in 2022/23, but as mentioned previously other factors are impacting on the overall income levels.

### **National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)**

45. The Council retains 49% of NNDR collected and can gain or lose depending on whether the net tax collected increases or decreases. The Government via the valuation office sets rateable values and the rate paid in the pound is increased each year in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The business tax-base is far more volatile than the council tax base and requires very close monitoring. In addition to the potential to "lose" income due to business closures the Council also carries the risk of losing appeals by businesses against valuations.
46. Growing the economy is the key priority in the Council Plan and the Economic Strategy gives priority to increasing business within the borough and significant effort has been put into achieving growth. This has been rewarded with a positive net increase in NNDR collection. Sites such as Symmetry Park and Central Park are all contributing to the growth and the recent announcement of a Government hub Darlington led by her Majesty's Treasury Department will

provide a tremendous boost to the town and will undoubtedly lead to other businesses moving into the area.

47. Notwithstanding these major developments, attracting businesses into the Town by their very nature takes time and upfront investment and therefore is an area which needs continued prioritisation and pump prime funding so growth can continue. It needs to be remembered that net growth in NNDR collected relies on growth outstripping revaluations and reductions which can be very challenging in the current economy.
48. One area of uncertainty is the business rate reset. The business rates system changed in 2013 and Councils received 49% of the NNDR collected above the base level, this was to incentivise councils to drive economic growth. The system was due to be reviewed in 2020, with the intention of resetting the baseline and a review of need across the board and a subsequent redistribution of funding. This was part of the Fair Funding Review which has been postponed for a couple of years and there is no indication of whether this will happen in 2022/23. As Darlington has seen a healthy increase in business rates any reset would likely reduce funding in this area. Given the review has been postponed and there would need to be consultation on any new formula system it has been assumed this would not impact on Darlington until 2024/25.
49. The in-year collection rate target for NNDR is 98.0% and as at the end of October 2021 is 62.2% and on track to achieve the target.

### **Collection Fund**

50. The Collection Fund account reflects the statutory requirements for the Council to maintain a separate Fund in relation to the operation of Council Tax and the Business Rates Retention Scheme (BRRS). The Fund records all of the transactions for billing in respect of Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax, exemptions and discounts granted, provision for bad debts and appeals and payments made to the Council's General Fund, the Police and Fire and Rescue precept authorities and Central Government. The collection fund is in a healthy position and it is not anticipated there will be a call on the general fund during 2022/23.

### **Other Grants**

51. Set out below are the estimated specific grants which as the title suggests are for specific areas of expenditure as dictated by the government and cannot be used for other areas. The main one being the Public Health ring fenced grant. These grants are included in service estimates at Appendix 1.

	<b>2022/23</b>
	<b>£m</b>
Public Health Grant	8.636
PFI Grant	3.200
Youth Justice Board	0.223
Local Reform & Community Voices	0.057
Adult & Community Learning	1.057
Staying Put	0.055
Heritage Action Zone	0.047
Garden Village	0.100
Parks for People	0.014
Towns Fund	0.100
Bus Service Operators Grant	0.009
	<b>13.498</b>

### Total Income

52. The table below summaries the Council's estimated income for the period of this plan which thanks to the increase in spending announced in the Autumn Statement, continued economic growth and house building activity, and the subsequent increases in council tax and NNDR, confirms a much-needed increase in income given our expenditure pressures.

<b>Resources - Projected and assumed</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Council Tax	57.792	59.868	61.797	63.917
Business rates retained locally	20.175	20.545	20.227	20.612
Top Up Grant	7.515	7.666	5.238	5.343
RSG	4.357	4.781	4.781	4.781
New Homes Bonus	0.465	0.000	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	4.356	4.356	4.356	4.356
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.593	3.593	3.593	3.593
Spending Review 21 Government Funding	2.700	2.700	2.700	2.700
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>100.953</b>	<b>103.509</b>	<b>102.692</b>	<b>105.302</b>

**Projected MTFP**

53. Set out in the table below are the projections based on the income and expenditure analysis discussed in the previous sections along with the required use of balances over the period. The projections assume additional futures funding for ongoing commitments in 2025/26 is agreed and allocated as noted in paragraphs 62-63.

	<b>2022/23</b> <b>£m</b>	<b>2023/24</b> <b>£m</b>	<b>2024/25</b> <b>£m</b>	<b>2025/26</b> <b>£m</b>
Estimated Expenditure	97.283	103.035	106.586	108.711
Add Pressures / Additional savings	3.994	4.679	5.179	6.452
	101.277	107.714	111.765	115.163
Projected Total Resources	(100.953)	(103.509)	(102.692)	(105.302)
Projected budget deficit	0.324	4.205	9.073	9.861
Utilisation of balances	(0.324)	(4.205)	(9.073)	(9.861)
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>

**Futures Fund**

54. As noted earlier to supplement the core offer a futures fund was established using unallocated reserves. In total £7.564m has been allocated to the fund over the years, a mix of one-off funding across five themes (£4.764m) and an ongoing revenue stream for Community Safety and Maintaining an Attractive Street Scene Environment (£2.8m).

55. The fund is being used to support the core offer budget, in particular areas which will help grow Darlington's economy through keeping the borough clean, safe and healthy whilst valuing our heritage and culture, alongside working with communities to maximise their potential.

56. To date £4.358m has been committed to the themes with a balance of £0.406m remaining. A summary of the commitments is noted below.

**Futures Fund - Theme 1 - Community Safety (£1.134m)**

57. £1.115m of the fund has been committed, £1.040m on staffing across the seven years. This is to improve resilience and robustness in the team particularly as community safety is a key priority for the Council. £0.075m was for the purchase of a mobile CCTV camera and deployment over the years.

**Futures Fund - Theme 2 – Maintaining an Attractive Street Environment (£0.561m)**

58. £0.216m has been allocated to employ an arboriculture team leader to help address the increasing workload in regard to trees. £0.125m for a street orderly concentrating on keeping the arterial roads and areas into Darlington clean, £0.098m on a back-lane crew to help tackle

fly tipping and £0.059m on trees in the town centre along with a memorial seat for those victims of COVID. The remaining funding has not been committed yet. The core funding allocation of £0.300m per annum has made a significant impact on the street environment. Grass cutting returned to a 12-15 day cycle which improved the look of the borough over the summer period and more frequent cleanses and litter picks have made a noticeable difference. Floral displays helped in achieving the Northumbria in bloom awards accolades.

### **Futures Fund - Theme 3 – Maintaining a Vibrant Town Centre (£1.693m)**

59. The Town Centre faces a number of challenges as do many towns across the country due to the increase in on-line shopping and out of town retailing. £1.463m of the funding has been committed across a number of areas including a one off grant to the House of Fraser to facilitate the store remaining open following the financial difficulties they faced and the announcement of store closures across the country. The fund is also supporting a full Town Centre events programme such as the Festival of Ingenuity, Pride and the Ice Sculpture installations all of which encourage footfall. The commitment to being Fireworks back to Darlington in 2022 is also being funded from this pot.

### **Futures Fund - Theme 4 – Developing an Attractive Visitor Economy (0.500m)**

60. £0.435m has been committed against this theme including Heritage Action Zone funding and the development of live stream events and a feasibility study exhibition of early locomotives for the 2025 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

### **Futures Fund - Theme 5 – Neighbourhood Renewal (0.876m)**

61. One of the Council priorities is to work with communities to maximise their potential and enjoy a good quality of life. The funding in this theme is aimed at assisting with this priority and £0.848m has been allocated to various initiatives including £0.050m to the Darlington Credit Union to enable them to continue work in addressing financial hardship and across households in Darlington; £0.236m for a skills and employability officer across the years to understand what skills are required in the borough and take action to promote employment; £0.221m to run initiatives and part fund a programme officer for the Northgate project which is a multi-agency programme providing a range of interventions from support and advice to enforcement activities where required in order to improve outcomes for local residents; £0.180m for specialist benefits advice to assist residents claiming benefit entitlements; and £0.020m for the pilot In2 Programme which introduces children who wouldn't usually have access to arts and cultural experiences. There has also been an allocation of £0.032m for the initial set up of the bread and butter thing which has been a huge success and now has over 1,600 members and £0.035m to support work to embed community wealth building across the Council and partners.

### **Futures Fund – ongoing commitments**

62. As time has passed it has become clear a number of the services funded via the futures fund are key to the aim of growing our economy and without them would have a significant impact on that key aim. A significant proportion of the futures fund expenditure is on staffing to carry out services over and above the statutory level, for example Community Safety including enforcement officers; Street Scene activities including grass cutting, street cleaning, back lane clear ups and tree work; helping neighbourhoods with our skills and employability officer. In

total there are 22.7 full time equivalent staff funded on an annual basis through this fund. Additionally, there is £0.110m allocated to the Town Centre events programme per annum to assist in maintaining a vibrant Town Centre and helping out local businesses with increased footfall.

63. It is therefore proposed the ongoing elements of the fund as shown in the table below are mainstreamed into the budget (from 2025/26 onwards) and are considered with all other funded services if expenditure needs to be reduced at a future point.

<b>Mainstreamed elements of the futures fund</b>	<b>2025/26 £m's</b>
<b>Ongoing annual funding - Street Scene</b>	<b>0.300</b>
<b>Ongoing annual funding - Community Safety</b>	<b>0.100</b>
<b><u>Theme 1 - Community Safety - £1.134m</u></b>	
Enforcement Officers	0.068
Private Sector Housing officer	0.024
Community Safety Enforcement officers	0.082
Deployment of mobile camera's	0.010
<b>Total Theme 1</b>	<b>0.184</b>
<b><u>Theme 2 - Attractive Street Environment - £0.561m</u></b>	
Team Leader – Arboriculture	0.036
Street Orderly	0.025
<b>Total Theme 2</b>	<b>0.061</b>
<b><u>Theme 3 - Maintaining a Vibrant Town Centre - £1.693m</u></b>	
Town Centre Partnership Officer	0.028
Town Centre Events - Gold Standard	0.110
Town Centre Footfall Monitoring	0.015
Town Centre Event – Pride	0.010
Outdoor Events Infrastructure	0.030
<b>Total Theme 3</b>	<b>0.193</b>
<b><u>Theme 5 - Neighbourhood Renewal - £0.876m</u></b>	
Specialist Benefits Advice	0.030
Road closures & local events	0.003
Skills and employability officer	0.049
Neighbourhood renewal Programme officer	0.024
<b>Total Theme 5</b>	<b>0.106</b>
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>0.944</b>

## Revenue Balances

64. Taking into account the projected revenue out turn for 2021/22 detailed at **Appendix 5** and the utilisation of balances to fund the projected budget deficit over the four year period, leaves a projected general fund balance of £0.895m by 2025/26.
65. However, it needs to be noted that the MTFP is only being balanced annually by using reserves which is not a sustainable position moving forward as reserves will eventually be depleted. Also, the unallocated balances rely on building around 473 Band D equivalent houses per annum; no significant overspending; assumptions of a cash equivalent position materialising in the settlement and a Council Tax increase of 1.99% with a 1% Social care precept totalling 2.99% in 2022/23. We therefore need to be cautious particularly in light of future years estimated income, but we understand the need to invest into our services as much as possible to stimulate growth and tackle inequality.
66. Given the uncertainties in regard to future funding and expenditure pressures it is recommended the balance remains unallocated at this point in time to assist in future pressures and reviewed in future MTFP's when a clearer position on local government funding is given.

Revenue Balances	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Opening balance	24.358	24.034	19.829	10.756
Contribution to/(from) balances	(0.324)	(4.205)	(9.073)	(9.861)
Closing balance	<b>24.034</b>	<b>19.829</b>	<b>10.756</b>	<b>0.895</b>

## Capital Expenditure

67. The Council has an extensive capital programme with significant resources invested to purchase, improve, protect and maintain our assets, to enable the council to deliver its priorities for example purchasing land to enable road improvements or investing in modernising school buildings and housing. The Council continues to deliver a significant capital investment programme in the main funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and grant or other external funding which is targeted at specific schemes and programmes such as Transport and Schools. Furthermore investment from the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) along with European and other external funding sources are being used for economic growth initiatives.
68. The Council can also supplement these funding sources with its own resources such as capital receipts or prudential borrowing where there is a need, however as capital receipts are limited and prudential borrowing comes with future revenue implications there must be a strong case for doing so.
69. In recent years there has been significant investment in economic growth either funded or pump primed by the Council, schemes such as Central Park including the National Biologics Centre and Business Central along with the Development of Feethams House which is Grade A Office accommodation, and recent Town Centre purchases are helping to make Darlington a more vibrant place to be. The Council's Investment Fund and Economic Growth Investment

Fund are both being utilised to invest in these areas which ultimately increases business rates and the finances of the Council helping vital services to be funded.

70. The current capital programme stands at £269m as summarised in Table 1 below. The programme is monitored on a monthly basis and reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis, the latest available monitoring report for the 2021/22 was presented to Cabinet on 9 November 2021 and noted the programme was within budget with the majority of schemes on target.

Table 1

	Construction				Non construction	Capital investment fund	Housing New Build not yet allocated	Total
	Live Schemes 75k & Over	Annualised Schemes	Completed Schemes awaiting review	Live Schemes under 75k				
Area	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Housing	30.297	0.267	6.815	0.141	0.940	0.000	36.263	74.723
Economic Growth	47.462	0.000	0.916	0.507	10.210	32.590	2.037	93.722
Highways/Transport	42.692	7.774	17.766	0.960	4.203	0.000	0.000	73.395
Leisure & Culture	19.310	0.000	0.000	0.225	0.000	0.000	0.000	19.535
Education	4.155	0.000	0.058	0.213	0.053	0.000	0.000	4.479
Adult Social Care	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071
Other	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.890	0.000	0.000	2.890
<b>Total</b>	<b>143.916</b>	<b>8.041</b>	<b>25.555</b>	<b>2.046</b>	<b>18.367</b>	<b>32.590</b>	<b>38.300</b>	<b>268.815</b>

71. In addition to the current agreed programme the Council looks ahead to future capital requirements based on the principles of the capital strategy. A four year timeframe has been adopted to fall in line with the revenue Medium Term Financial Plan. Attached at **Appendix 7** are the priority proposals for addition to the plan along with the funding methods. The majority of schemes are focused on 'Housing and Transport, funded via the HRA and government grants respectively, there are also a number of Council funded corporate schemes that have already been approved.
72. The following paragraphs describe the major elements of the capital programme priorities for approval. Specific scheme funding release will be subject to detailed reports to Cabinet.

#### Corporate schemes – funding required

73. As noted previously the Council can supplement government capital funding albeit options are limited in the current financial climate. Funding can come from prudential borrowing, repaid via revenue, which puts additional pressure on the revenue account or from capital receipts.
74. The risk assessed usable capital receipts over the next four years are in the region of £12m. Of this £1.110m has been allocated to the Eastbourne sports complex for the replacement running track and the new APG pitches and parking leaving just under £11m unallocated.
75. There will be many competing priorities against the available resources for both regeneration and refurbishment and these schemes will emerge over the coming year/s. At this stage members are requested to make capital provision for five priority schemes with a total value of



£3.470m which will be subject to full reports to Cabinet in due course, these are:-

- (a) **Dolphin Centre phase 3 - M & E replacement and renewal works - £2.200m** – The mechanical and electrical installations in the Dolphin Centre are now nearly 40 years old and are well past their serviceable life cycle with some equipment likely to fail in the next couple of years. The replacement programme has been delivered in a phased way with the first two phases being completed over the past 5 yrs. Phase 3 which is the final phase needs to be completed in the next 2 years to mitigate the risk of failure of the plant and equipment and therefore closure of areas of the building.
- (b) **Whinfield School replacement roof - £0.620m** - the latest survey has determined the school will need to be completely re-roofed within a 1-3 year period. The funding received for school condition works is insufficient to fund an undertaking of this magnitude. Over the last five years ongoing maintenance work has been carried out to keep the school watertight however it is now at the point where unless this work is undertaken there will be further deterioration of the roof and a likely impact on delivery of education at the school. It would be necessary to phase the works over a three year period due to the complexity of the roof and the restrictions of having to complete the works during summer holidays.
- (c) **West Cemetery drainage - £0.250m** – Additional drainage work is being carried out as part of the extension of the burial ground at west cemetery. There is a pond close to properties on Salutation Road that collects water from the adjacent allotments and surrounding area which drains naturally, however, at times has not been able to hold the volume of water and run off has potentially contributed to residents' gardens being flooded. This area is subject to maintenance and improvement works as part of the current project. Subject to the success of the proposed drainage improvements then additional work may not be required to the pond. However, it is considered prudent to identify capital funding should the area need to be drained into the main NWL drainage system in the future.
- (d) **Capitalised repairs – £0.250m** is required for repairs on the council building stock in 2025/26 to ensure it is fit for purpose. This is a rolling programme and funding has already been agreed for 2022/23 – 2024/25. Details on specific areas of spend will be brought to Cabinet for consideration.
- (e) **Advanced design fees - £0.150m** per annum is requested for 2025/26 to ensure that resources are available to work up any new schemes brought forward in relation to economic growth including site investigations on development sites, industrial and housing land. This is a rolling programme and funding has already been agreed for 2022/23 – 2024/25. This funding has been invaluable in the past in enabling the Council to be site ready and without this it is likely schemes would stall and not progress.
- (f) In addition to the schemes above it is recommended the **Economic Growth Investment Fund (EGIF) is replenished with £0.500m allocated each year**. The EGIF was set up in 2017 to enable a programme of investments that were required or desired in order to deliver Darlington's ambitions for sustainable economic growth. The plan was developed as a means to implement key strategies and to set out what needs to be done in order for the Borough to accelerate sustainable, managed and planned economic growth. It was also developed in order to provide the structured framework required to ensure that a

programme of investments is created that can deliver the strategic ambitions and goals of the Council.

- (g) The fund has been very successfully deployed across the Borough and has accelerated some key regeneration schemes. Investments have been a combination of land acquisition to accommodate residential and commercial development, through to basic site infrastructure to enable more commercial development to happen. Notable investments included:
- (i) early feasibility work on Bank Top station that has since led to master plan and planning being approved and will lead to a £105m redevelopment of the station. To accommodate, the Cattle Mart site was demolished (utilising EGIF) and will be a temporary car park and compound whilst Bank Top works are ongoing, then will become a regeneration site in its own right. Other adjacent properties (needed for the redevelopment) have been acquired through negotiation with that funding reimbursed from TVCA funding for Bank Top.
  - (ii) Land acquisition and contribution to the road development was necessary to accommodate the 1.6m sq ft Amazon development, provide additional wider estate road improvements, and another investment was forward funding of key infrastructure at Ingenium Park 40 Ha' s of economic land (investment recovered through Government grant).
  - (iii) Land acquisition of land at Feethams then paved the way for the speculative Feethams Office Development which will house the Darlington Economic Campus initially. At least five Government Departments will locate in Darlington.
  - (iv) Land acquisition at Neasham was an integral part of the moves to relocate the Cattle Mart to the A68 site and the Neasham site is currently under construction as a much needed 450 unit residential site with the council aiming to build 150 units for social rent.
- (h) If the above investments are approved at £5.470m there would potentially be £5.5m of unallocated capital receipts. However, as capital receipts are not guaranteed and potentially receipts may be needed to assist with the revenue MTFP in the future, along with the significant pressures being faced in the construction industry with regard to material and labour resource, it would prudent, and my advice, to hold onto these receipts for review in future years.

### **Corporate Schemes on the horizon**

76. In addition to the schemes noted above there are a number of schemes on the horizon which will be further explored during the coming year/s in regard to need, cost and funding opportunities. They are highlighted here as a potential marker for future investment.

- (a) Electric charging infrastructure at the depot to facilitate a change to an all electric fleet.
- (b) Replacement CCTV cameras
- (c) A67 Victoria Road culvert repairs
- (d) Town Centre capital works outside IGF.
- (e) Changes to waste management e.g. food and green waste collections.
- (f) Climate change – potential COP26 issues.
- (g) Potential Town Hall modernisation works following the agile pilot.

## Government Funding

77. Set out below are details of the levels of Government funding available for investment by the Council in 2022/23 and an outline of the proposed use of these funds.

	<b>2022/23 £m</b>
<b>Children's Services</b>	
School Condition Allocation	0.142
<b>Transport</b>	
Local Transport Plan	2.575
<b>Other</b>	
Disabled Facilities Grant	1.063
<b>Total Capital Grant Available</b>	<b>3.780</b>

## School Condition Allocations

78. The Local Authority now only receives school condition funding for Community Maintained Schools. Maintenance funding for Academies is available through other routes. This funding received by the Local Authority will be spent in line with key priorities identified with each maintained school through the locally agreed asset management planning (LAMPA) process, carried out each January. There are no strict spend deadlines for these small scale condition related projects which are prioritised and completed as funding becomes available.

## Transport and Highways

79. A new Local Transport Plan for the Tees Valley has been consulted upon and was endorsed by the Tees Valley Cabinet in 2021. This will help set the spending plans for the funding allocations from the Department for Transport and from the Devolution deal. The Integrated Transport Programme (ITP) of TVCAs Investment plan identifies £256.7m of investment over the next 10 years. There will be projects and initiatives delivered in Darlington from this fund. However, these will be subject to separate business cases and approval processes as they are developed.
80. The new Tees Valley Local Transport Plan has a number of accompanying documents that set the strategy and vision for different modes of transport. Each Local Authority is required to produce a Local Improvement Plan, which will effectively replace the local authority Local Transport Plan. These plans will cover local priorities and maintenance requirements. Prior to this year the Council received funding via TVCA that was based on needs formula. However, all of the funding has now been merged into the new City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), which is a 5 year allocation of funding. The Tees Valley have been allocated £310m. However, the details of this allocation have yet to be confirmed including the governance on how this money will be prioritised and allocated. It is hoped funding will be no less than previous allocations under the formula approach that allocated £0.886m for the Integrated Block and £1.689m for the Highways Maintenance Block plus varying amounts for the Pothole action programme. The new CRSTS will provide the opportunity to deliver larger

improvement schemes in Darlington identified in the Tees Valley and Darlington transport plans and these will be dealt with on an individual project basis.

### **Disabled Facility Grants**

81. These grants are available if you are disabled and need to make changes to your home with examples being:
- (a) Widen doors and install ramps,
  - (b) Improve access to rooms and facilities – e.g. stair lifts or a downstairs bathroom,
  - (c) Provide a heating system suitable for your needs, and
  - (d) Adapt heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use.

### **Housing**

82. All Housing Capital schemes are funded fully from the Housing Revenue Account. The priorities identified through the Housing Business Plan will be funded from the estimated capital resources for 2022/23. Further detail is given in the Housing Revenue Account financial plan but in summary includes:-
- (a) Adaptations and lifts - £0.2m
  - (b) Heating Replacement - £1.105m
  - (c) Structural Works - £0.4m
  - (d) Lifeline Services - £0.05m
  - (e) Repairs before Painting - £0.06m
  - (f) Roofing and Repointing work - £1m
  - (g) Garages - £0.05m
  - (h) External Works - £0.2m.
  - (i) Smoke Detectors - £0.025m
  - (j) Pavements - £0.032m
  - (k) Replacement Door Programme - £0.450m
  - (l) Window Replacement - £0.500m
  - (m) Internal planned maintenance (IPM) - £1.91m
  - (n) Communal Works - £0.15m
  - (o) Energy Efficiency Improvements - £1m
  - (p) New Build housing - £25.581m**

### **Consultation**

83. This report will be published for consultation from 30 November 2021 to 21 January 2022.

### **Conclusion**

84. The current MTFP as agreed by Council remains deliverable but as previously acknowledged it is not without risk and challenges. Some risks previously identified have occurred and the recommendations within this report address the associated financial implications. The proposed MTFP includes the Risk Reserve at the same level as 2021 given the financial challenges we are still facing.

85. The Council still has the financial capacity to deliver a four-year balanced MTFP which puts it in a stronger position than many Councils, however this is based on a core offer service level with limited discretionary services and does rely on the use of balances across the four years. Despite significant pressures in social care, the proactive stance taken in growing the economy and our joint venture partnerships is working and assisting in minimising on-going committed annual spending.
86. Planning beyond the current MTFP is extremely difficult given the uncertainty around future funding and the review of the new Local Government Financial system (currently on hold but anticipated in 2023), and issues such as the impact of Brexit and Covid on the country's finances. Given the four-year balanced position, the proposed plan will allow time, post the funding reforms, to assess the impacts of the changing landscape and decide how to address the future financial position faced. Current planning suggests there will be a budget deficit of approximately £9.9m, however for the reason above, this will almost certainly change. At this stage it is not possible to know whether this will be a positive or negative position.
87. In summary, the Council continues to face significant financial challenges, however, due to the healthy reserves position which now play a crucial role in the budget strategy, the MTFP remains deliverable on the basis of what we know now and the following conditions – economic growth, house building, no further pressures, fair funding reforms and a fair settlement, if this changes plans will need to be adjusted.
88. As the Council's Statutory Chief Financial Officer, the Group Director of Operations, must advise the Council on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves. The budget presented to Members in this report has been based on the most accurate information available at this point in time, therefore the Director is confident that they are an accurate reflection of the Council's financial position. General Fund Reserves are adequate however the Council is carrying a financial risk over the lifetime of the plan which is difficult to forecast at present, in particular the implications and impacts of Covid-19, Brexit and the uncertainty around the local government funding reforms. It is essential that growing pressures in social care are addressed through transformation and implemented as the Council will be operating with minimum levels of balances to fund any future cost pressures.

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## REVENUE ESTIMATES 2022/23 - Summary

## Appendix 1

	2021/22	2022/23			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
People Group	62,544	123,762	(16,357)	(41,607)	65,798
Services Group	19,016	64,413	(46,453)	(14)	17,947
Operations Group	15,817	44,079	(3,713)	(24,457)	15,909
Chief Executive Office & Economic Growth Group	1,598	3,845	(2,309)	(248)	1,288
<b>Group Totals</b>	<b>98,975</b>	<b>236,100</b>	<b>(68,832)</b>	<b>(66,325)</b>	<b>100,942</b>
Financing Costs	823	637	0	0	637
Investment Returns - Joint Ventures	(1,546)	(1,864)	0	0	(1,864)
Council Wide Pressures / Savings	(499)	1,037	0	0	1,037
Contingencies	725	525	0	0	525
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>98,478</b>	<b>236,435</b>	<b>(68,832)</b>	<b>(66,325)</b>	<b>101,277</b>

## PEOPLE GROUP - Revenue Estimates 2022/23

	2021/22	2022/23			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Group Director of People</b>	176	155	0	0	155
<b>Children &amp; Adult Services</b>					
Transformation & Performance	703	745	(115)	0	630
Business Support	1,403	1,400	(8)	0	1,392
<b>Children's Services</b>					
Children's Services Management & Other Services	485	480	0	0	480
Assessment Care Planning & LAC	4,018	4,110	0	0	4,110
First Response & Early Help	2,784	3,529	0	0	3,529
Adoption & Placements	13,753	14,011	(50)	(55)	13,906
Disabled Children	1,517	1,789	(205)	0	1,584
Youth Offending	268	627	(127)	(223)	277
Quality Assurance & Practice Improvement	743	804	(182)	0	622
<b>Development &amp; Commissioning</b>					
Commissioning	2,434	2,352	(85)	0	2,267
Voluntary Sector	297	330	0	(57)	273
Workforce Development	168	185	(36)	0	149
<b>Education</b>					
Education	1,078	25,501	(2,224)	(22,153)	1,124
Schools	0	9,285	0	(9,285)	0
Transport Unit	1,871	2,837	(384)	(534)	1,919
<b>Public Health</b>					
Public Health	0	8,636	0	(8,636)	0
<b>Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>					
External Purchase of Care	24,969	38,628	(10,677)	(664)	27,287
Intake & Enablement	595	2,253	(1,621)	0	632
Older People Long Term Condition	1,430	1,676	(170)	0	1,506
Physical Disability Long Term Condition	5	27	(22)	0	5
Learning Disability Long Term Condition	1,737	1,748	(37)	0	1,711
Mental Health Long Term Condition	1,138	1,596	(414)	0	1,182
Service Development & Integration	972	1,058	0	0	1,058
<b>Total People Group</b>	<b>62,544</b>	<b>123,762</b>	<b>(16,357)</b>	<b>(41,607)</b>	<b>65,798</b>





**SERVICES GROUP - Revenue Estimates 2022/23**

	2021/22	2022/23			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Group Director of Services</b>	125	159	0	0	159
<b>Capital Projects, Transport &amp; Highways Planning</b>					
AD Transport & Capital Projects	98	131	0	0	131
Building Design Services	20	533	(513)	0	20
Capital Projects	322	585	(276)	0	309
Car Parking R&M	483	497	0	0	497
Concessionary Fares	3,484	3,436	0	0	3,436
Flood & Water Act	112	89	0	0	89
Highways	3,276	4,621	(971)	0	3,650
Highways - DLO	(515)	10,463	(10,983)	0	(520)
Investment & Funding	417	185	(181)	0	4
Sustainable Transport	62	68	(26)	0	42
<b>Community Services</b>					
AD Community Services	141	143	0	0	143
Allotments	11	23	(12)	0	11
Building Cleaning - DLO	139	744	(600)	0	144
Cemeteries & Crematorium	(897)	669	(1,610)	0	(941)
Dolphin Centre	1,793	3,793	(2,916)	0	877
Eastbourne Complex	39	121	(128)	0	(7)
Emergency Planning	99	101	0	0	101
Head of Steam	275	329	(63)	0	266
Hippodrome	547	5,110	(4,915)	0	195
Indoor Bowling Centre	12	18	0	0	18
Libraries	829	866	(42)	0	824
Move More	33	80	(45)	0	35
Outdoor Events	477	450	(22)	0	428
School Meals - DLO	65	729	(674)	0	55
Strategic Arts	121	115	0	0	115
Street Scene	5,402	7,846	(2,274)	(14)	5,558
Transport Unit - Fleet Management	(9)	61	(70)	0	(9)
Waste Management	3,261	3,452	0	0	3,452
Winter Maintenance	469	549	(2)	0	547
<b>Community Safety</b>					
CCTV	199	613	(411)	0	202
Community Safety	630	653	(35)	0	618
General Licensing	0	158	(153)	0	5
Parking	(2,116)	388	(2,544)	0	(2,155)
Parking Enforcement	5	183	(174)	0	9
Private Sector Housing	78	95	(10)	0	85
Stray Dogs	46	48	(1)	0	46
Taxi Licensing	0	208	(163)	0	45
Trading Standards	234	243	(6)	0	237
<b>Building Services</b>					
Construction - DLO	(571)	11,210	(11,802)	0	(592)
Maintenance - DLO	(407)	4,421	(4,833)	0	(412)
Other - DLO	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
<b>General Support Services</b>					
Works Property & Other	111	112	0	0	112
<b>Joint Levies &amp; Boards</b>					
Environment Agency Levy	116	115	0	0	115
<b>Total Services Group</b>	<b>19,016</b>	<b>64,413</b>	<b>(46,453)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>17,947</b>

**OPERATIONS Group - Revenue Estimates 2022/23**

	2021/22	2022/23			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Group Director of Operations</b>	134	134	0	0	134
<b>AD Resources</b>					
AD Resources	87	109	0	0	109
Financial Services	1,393	1,931	(506)	0	1,426
Financial Assessments & Protection	244	292	(43)	0	249
Xentrall (D&S Partnership)	1,848	2,416	(649)	0	1,766
Human Resources	654	947	(342)	0	605
Health & Safety	163	227	(57)	0	170
<b>Head of Strategy Performance &amp; Communications</b>					
Communications & Engagement	1,159	1,040	(138)	0	902
Systems	791	912	(7)	0	905
<b>AD Law &amp; Governance</b>					
AD Law & Governance	120	130	0	0	130
Complaints & FOI	275	282	(1)	0	281
Democratic Services	1,227	1,286	(24)	0	1,262
Registrars	(14)	221	(254)	0	(33)
Administration	659	745	(93)	0	653
Legal & Procurement	1,324	1,814	(450)	0	1,364
Coroners	220	225	0	0	225
<b>AD Xentrall Shared Services</b>					
ICT	713	735	(12)	0	723
<b>Corporate Landlord</b>					
Corporate Landlord	3,532	3,996	(290)	0	3,706
<b>AD Housing &amp; Revenues</b>					
Local Taxation	384	866	0	0	866
Rent Rebates / Rent Allowances / Council Tax	(132)	23,693	(416)	(23,794)	(517)
Housing Benefits Administration	227	877	0	(663)	214
Customer Services	307	474	(181)	0	293
Homelessness	323	369	(54)	0	315
Service, Strategy & Regulation and General Services	179	359	(197)	0	162
<b>Total Operations Group</b>	<b>15,817</b>	<b>44,079</b>	<b>(3,713)</b>	<b>(24,457)</b>	<b>15,909</b>

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE & ECONOMIC GROWTH - Revenue Estimates 2022/23**

	2021/22	2022/23			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Chief Executive</b>	194	203	0	0	203
<b>AD Economic Growth</b>					
AD - Economic Growth	132	134	0	0	134
Building Control	142	317	(169)	0	148
Consolidated Budgets	129	146	0	0	146
Development Management	(49)	618	(642)	0	(25)
Economy	463	353	0	(100)	253
Environmental Health	303	323	(17)	0	306
Place Strategy	714	757	(30)	(147)	580
Property Management & Estates	(470)	866	(1,387)	0	(521)
<b>Darlington Partnership</b>					
Darlington Partnership	40	128	(63)	0	65
<b>Total Chief Executives Office &amp; Economic Growth</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>(2,309)</b>	<b>(248)</b>	<b>1,288</b>

## APPENDIX 2

<b>Analysis of Pressures/Savings</b>	<b>Estimate 22/23 £m</b>	<b>Estimate 23/24 £m</b>	<b>Estimate 24/25 £m</b>	<b>Estimate 25/26 £m</b>
<b>Savings</b>				
Trade Waste - reduction in income due to Covid lower than expected	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)
Car Parking - contract parking	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)
Concessionary Fares - removal of inflationary increase	(0.050)	(0.050)	(0.051)	(0.052)
Feethams House - increased income from occupancy	(0.089)	(0.050)	(0.033)	(0.020)
Investment Returns - increased Joint Venture dividends	(0.578)	(0.131)	0.000	0.000
Property funds - returning to pre-covid levels	(0.319)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Social work/Looked After Through Care - volunteer drivers savings	(0.011)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Childrens Social Care - staffing savings	(0.256)	(0.261)	(0.210)	(0.195)
Commissioning - Improvement Grant Contract now funded from grant	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.031)
Early Years - savings on supplies & services	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Public Health - grant not reduced as expected	(0.285)	(0.285)	(0.285)	(0.285)
Financial Assessments - additional income	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Registrars - leasing budget no longer required	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)
Secretarial Support - staffing savings	(0.054)	(0.056)	(0.057)	(0.057)
Various budget corrections	(0.028)	(0.008)	0.005	(0.060)
	<u>(1.782)</u>	<u>(0.954)</u>	<u>(0.745)</u>	<u>(0.783)</u>
<b>Increased Demand</b>				
Waste Disposal -increased growth with new builds	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024
Winter Maintenance - increased average spend	0.050	0.051	0.052	0.053
Waste Disposal - LASPV contract support	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040
Highways - responsive repairs	0.200	0.204	0.000	0.000
Social Work (A&S) - legal costs regarding child care proceedings	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024
Social Work (A&S) - support costs for children not looked after or with no recourse to public funds	0.032	0.055	0.055	0.055
ICT - systems maintenance	0.088	0.090	0.092	0.094
Occupational Health - additional post	0.035	0.035	0.036	0.037
Advocacy Contract - additional usage	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013
Medequip Contract - additional usage	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013
Direct Payments - additional usage of 530 hours	0.098	0.109	0.121	0.121
Home Care - increase of 1,771 hours	1.202	1.369	1.541	1.541
Changes in residential and nursing placements	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.161
Adults Demographics - increased demand	0.025	0.092	0.160	0.160
Adults Day Care - increased usage	0.022	0.018	0.005	0.005
Adults Respite - increased usage	0.061	0.067	0.072	0.072
	<u>2.073</u>	<u>2.350</u>	<u>2.394</u>	<u>2.413</u>
<b>Price Inflation</b>				
Utilities	0.422	0.396	0.417	0.438
Inflation - Services Group	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.120
Residential/Nursing increase in inflation factors	0.000	0.130	0.300	0.231
Inflation - Adults Social Care	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.262
National Living Wage - increase in Adults contract costs	0.647	0.650	0.682	0.682
	<u>1.069</u>	<u>1.176</u>	<u>1.399</u>	<u>2.733</u>
<b>Reduced Income</b>				
Bowling Centre - loss of rent	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006
Estates - reduction in rental income	0.046	0.031	0.000	0.000
Strengthening Families - grant funding ended	0.533	0.000	0.000	0.000
Darlington Partnership - reduction of income	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023
Legal - reduction in external legal income	0.000	0.053	0.053	0.053
Car Parking - reduction in patronage after removal of parking offer	0.059	0.565	0.565	0.565
	<u>0.667</u>	<u>0.678</u>	<u>0.647</u>	<u>0.647</u>
<b>Other and contingencies</b>				
Events - Queens Platinum Jubilee	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000
Services - staffing changes	0.013	0.013	0.014	0.014
Social Work (Assessment & Safeguarding Teams) - lone working devices	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007
Social Work (Assessment & Safeguarding Teams) - retention payments	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.000
Operations - staffing changes - pensions	0.006	0.022	0.044	0.056
Procurement Team - additional post	0.034	0.036	0.038	0.039
Legal Services - professional fees	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.010
Town Hall Telephones - additional costs	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Emergency Duty Team - increase in service	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
Local Insight Licence	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008
National insurance - increase in employers rate by 1.25%	0.373	0.381	0.393	0.406
Pay Award - effect of 3% pay award in 2022/23	0.656	0.669	0.682	0.696
	<u>1.229</u>	<u>1.248</u>	<u>1.298</u>	<u>1.251</u>
<b>Covid Related</b>				
Waste Disposal - household levels high due to home working	0.263	0.181	0.186	0.191
Car Parking - loss of contract parking	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hippodrome - assumes 85 % patronage	0.126	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dolphin Centre - assumes 75% patronage	0.202	0.000	0.000	0.000
Taxi Licensing - reduction in taxi drivers	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.000
General Licensing - free pavement café licences	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000
Estates - fall in rentals	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000
	<u>0.738</u>	<u>0.181</u>	<u>0.186</u>	<u>0.191</u>
<b>Total Net Pressures</b>	<b>3.994</b>	<b>4.679</b>	<b>5.179</b>	<b>6.452</b>

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2022/23				
Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>LEARNING SKILLS - LEARNING FOR LIFE</b>				
Fees Policy: August 2021 to July 2022 (Next Review July 2022)				
Full Fees (including enrolment and tuition fees) per hour	L	3.00	3.00	NIL
<p><b>Accredited Learning</b>  <b>Full accreditation fee (if applicable) - if the course has a qualification there will be additional fees to pay for registration and certification.</b></p> <p><b>No fees will be charged for publicly subsidised courses where:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learners are aged 16-18 (on 31 August 2021)</li> <li>Learners are aged 19-24 (on 31 August 2021) with a learning difficulty and/or disability as evidenced through an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan</li> <li>Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2, and the learner is studying English or Maths</li> <li>Learners are aged 19-23 (on their first day of study) and are studying their first 'full' level 2 or first 'full' level 3, excludes English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</li> <li>Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2 (including ESOL), the skills training will help them into work, and the learner is classed as unemployed and one or more of the following apply: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They receive Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) - this includes those receiving National Insurance credits only, or</li> <li>They receive Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), or</li> <li>They receive Universal Credit and their earned income from employment (disregarding benefits) is less than £338 a month (learner is sole adult in their benefit claim) or £541 a month (learner has a joint benefit claim with their partner)</li> <li>They are released on temporary licence, studying outside a prison environment, and not funded by the Ministry of Justice</li> </ol> </li> <li>Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2 (including ESOL), they are employed and eligible for co-funding but earn less than £17,004.00 gross salary, based on the assumption of a 37.5 hour contract with paid statutory holiday entitlement.</li> </ol> <p><i>Evidence required: A wage slip within 3 months of the learning start date, or a current employment contract which states gross monthly / annual wages</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learners aged 19-24 who are unemployed and on a Traineeship</li> </ol> <p><b>Courses with no public subsidy</b>  For learners aged 19 or above and where the learning aim is level 3 or above (except for exclusion above), learners will need to take out an Advanced Learning Loan, subject to funding availability. Further details can be found at: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans">www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans</a></p> <p>Asylum Seekers – individuals will be assessed for eligibility in conjunction with ESFA guidance  Special Fees – some courses have special fees, cost on application  FE course – NVQ etc price on application</p> <p><b>The following courses are free:</b>  Family Learning, Functional Skills, Study Programmes and courses which are funded through external projects</p> <p><b>Additional Learning Support (ALS)</b> is intended to enable disadvantaged learners to achieve their learning goal by providing funding, on top of programme funds, to help them overcome their barriers to learning. The funding is intended to be flexible and to help support learners who have a range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities</p>				

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS</b>				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
<b>Marriages</b>				
Entering a Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership	N			
For a Registrar to attend a Marriage at the Register Office	N			
Civil Partnership Registration	N			
Incumbents for every Entry Contained in Quarterly Certified	N			
Copies of Entries of Marriage	N			
Registrars fee for attending a marriage at a registered building or for the housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attesting a notice of marriage away from his office for housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attending the marriage of the housebound or detained	N	These charges set nationally	These charges set nationally	
		by Statute and	by Statute and	
		will be charged	will be charged	
		at the advised	at the advised	
		rate for	rate for	
		2021/22	2022/23	
<b>Certification for Worship and Registration for Marriages</b>				
Place of Meeting for Religious Worship	N			
Registration of Building for Solemnisation of Marriage	N			
<b>Certificates issued from Local Offices</b>				
Standard Certificate (SR)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (at time of Registration)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (after Registration)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (SR)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (RBD)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at time of Ceremony)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at later date)	N			
General Search fee	N			
Each Verification	N			
<b>Civil Partnership Ceremony</b>				
	N			
<b>All Ceremonies – Approved Premises</b>				
Application Fee for licence as an approved venue (valid for 3 years)	N	1,750.00	1,750.00	
Fee for Attendance - All days including Bank Holidays	L	540.00	555.00	
<b>All Ceremonies – Town Hall</b>				
The Council Chamber (Monday to Saturday)	L	285.00	295.00	
The Council Chamber Foyer (Monday to Saturday)	L	130.00	135.00	
<b>REGISTER OF ELECTORS, OPEN REGISTER AND MONTHLY UPDATES - SALE</b>				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
Register – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
<b>LIST OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS – SALE</b>				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
List – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
List – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
<b>MARKED COPY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND MARKED ABSENT VOTERS LIST - SALE</b>				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	2.00	2.00	
Register – Data Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.00	1.00	
				<b>6,000</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>TOWN HALL</b>				
Hire of Committee Rooms – all charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate. All rooms are to be charged by the hour, rather than by session				
Committee Rooms per hour	L	33.00	33.00	
				NIL
<b>LAND CHARGES</b>				
<b>The following fees are inclusive of VAT</b>				
<b>Search Fees</b>				
Standard Search - Residential Property (post or DX)	L	91.80	91.80	
Standard Search – Residential Property (electronic)	L	89.80	89.80	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (post or DX)	L	139.80	139.80	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (electronic)	L	137.80	137.80	
<b>Con 29 Required</b>				
<b>Residential Property</b>				
One Parcel of Land	L	76.80	76.80	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	24.00	24.00	
<b>Commercial Property</b>				
One Parcel of Land	L	124.80	124.80	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	24.00	24.00	
<b>Con 29 Optional</b>				
Each Printed Enquiry	L	6.00	6.00	
Own Questions	L	6.00	6.00	
Official Search – LLCI	L	15.00	15.00	
Official Search – NLIS (National Land Information Service) or email	L	13.00	13.00	
Expedited Search (Residential)	L	165.00	165.00	
Expedited search (Commercial)	L	225.00	225.00	
Personal Search	L	No charge	No charge	
				NIL

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES</b>				
<b>Category</b>				
I. Work up to and including the date upon which the court makes an order appointing a deputy for property and affairs	N	745.00	745.00	
II. Annual management fee where the court appoints a local authority deputy for property and affairs, payable on the anniversary of the court order:	N	775.00	775.00	
- for the first year	N	650.00	650.00	
- for the second and subsequent years				
where the net assets are below £16,000, the local authority deputy for property and affairs will take an annual management fee not exceeding 3% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy				
Where the court appoints a local authority deputy for health and welfare, the local authority will take an annual management fee not exceeding 2.5% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy for health and welfare up to a maximum of £500.				
III. Annual property management fee to include work involved in preparing property for sale, instructing agents, conveyancers, etc or the ongoing maintenance of property including management and letting of a rental property	N	300.00	300.00	
IV. Preparation and lodgement of an annual report or account to the Public Guardian	N	216.00	216.00	
V. Conveyancing Costs				
Where a deputy or other person authorised by the court is selling or purchasing a property on behalf of P, the following fixed rates will apply except where the sale or purchase is by trustees in which case, the costs should be agreed with the trustees:	N	See Description	See Description	
A value element of 0.15% of the consideration with a minimum sum of £350 and a maximum sum of £1,500, plus disbursements				
Travel Rates are allowed at a fixed rate per hour for travel costs	N	40.00	40.00	
Please note that these rates are set by The Office of Public Guardian and are the rates as of 1st April 2017, these may be amended during 2022/23				
Administration fee for arranging the care and support needs for those with capital in excess of the upper capital limit or those who have chosen not to disclose their financial information.	L	105.00	108.00	
				<b>Minimal</b>
<b>DEFERRED PAYMENT FEES</b>				
Administration cost for setting up a Deferred Payment Agreement	L	321.00	331.00	
plus cost of valuation (this will be dependant on property type)	L	Actual cost of valuation	Actual cost of valuation	
				<b>Minimal</b>



Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>LIBRARIES</b>				
<b>Fines On Overdue Items</b>				
Adults – per day	L	0.20	No charge	
Maximum charge per book	L	3.00	No charge	
Senior Citizens – per day	L	0.10	No charge	
Children – per day	L	No charge	No charge	
<b>Non-collected reservations</b>				
Per item	L	N/a	0.50	
<b>Reservation Fees for Books Obtained from Outside the Authority</b>				
Single charge for all books obtained from other libraries	L	6.00	6.00	
<b>Repeat Fee for Renewal of Books from Outside the Authority</b>				
Single Charge for all books obtained from other local authorities	L	6.00	6.00	
<b>Replacement Tickets</b>				
Adults	L	1.50	1.50	
Senior Citizens	L	1.50	1.50	
Children/Unemployed	L	1.50	1.50	
<b>Language Courses (per element)</b>				
Subscription for whole course to be paid in advance	L	1.35	1.35	
<b>Local History Research</b>				
Look Up Service	L	5.00	5.00	
<b>Photocopies</b>				
A4 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A3 B&W	L	0.40	0.40	
<b>Printing</b>				
Text Printouts				
A4 B&W	L	0.15	0.20	
A3 B&W	L	0.30	0.40	
Test Printouts				
A4 colour	L	0.60	0.60	
<b>Reproduction of Images from Stock</b>				
Digital copies for Private/Study purposes – per photo	L	5.50	5.50	
Digital copies for small local commercial use – per photo	L	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	
Digital copies for local commercial use - per photo	L	10.50 + 2 copies of book	10.50 + 2 copies of book	
Digital copies for national/international commercial	L	110.00	110.00	
<b>Scan and e-mail Service</b>				
First sheet	L	1.00	1.00	
Each subsequent sheet	L	0.50	0.50	
<b>Hire of Locker</b>				
	L	0.50	0.50	
<b>Internet Use</b>				
Library members First 60 minutes FREE , Members & Non Members £1.00 per 30 minutes hereafter	L	1.00	1.00	
<b>Lost &amp; Damaged Items</b>				
	L	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	
<b>Room Hire</b>				
Not for profit organisations per hour	L	10.00	15.00	
Commercial organisations per hour	L	15.00	20.00	
				<b>Minimal</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>PLANNING FEES</b> Planning fees are set nationally				
<b>PLANNING – PRE APPLICATION ADVICE</b> All charges include VAT at 20%				
Large Major Development (200+) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Small Major Development (10-199) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	600.00	600.00	
Minor Development for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	400.00	400.00	
<b>Other Developments</b>				
Minerals Processing	L	Based on areas above	Based on areas above	
Change of use for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	50.00	50.00	
Householder developments	L	36.00	36.00	
Advertisements	L	25.00	25.00	
Listed Building consents (to alter/extend/demolish)	L	Free	Free	
Conservation area consents	L	Free	Free	
Certificates of lawful development	L	Application advice not appropriate	Application advice not appropriate	
Telecommunications Notifications	L	126.00	126.00	
<b>Other Charges</b>				
Pre-Application meeting involving Planning Committee Members	L	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>PLANNING – SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS</b>				
<b>Items inclusive of VAT at 20%</b>				
A4 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.10	1.10	
Subsequent pages	L	0.10	0.10	
A3 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.20	1.20	
Subsequent pages	L	0.20	0.20	
A2 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.50	1.50	
A1 Photocopy (ex plans)	L	2.00	2.00	
A0 Photocopy (ex plans)	L	3.00	3.00	
<b>Items outside the scope of VAT</b>				
Local plan	L	18.00	18.00	
Local plan – postage	L	4.00	4.00	
Local plan – alterations	L	2.00	2.00	
Invoicing	L	9.00	9.00	
				<b>NIL</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>LICENSING The following fees do not incur VAT</b>				
<b>Prosecution Costs</b>				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	47.00	48.00	
<b>General Licensing</b>				
Pavement Café Licence, per person				
1-10	L	200.00	200.00	
11-25	L	240.00	240.00	
26-40	L	280.00	280.00	
41-60	L	320.00	320.00	
61-80	L	360.00	360.00	
81-99	L	400.00	400.00	
100 or over	L	450.00	450.00	
Duplicate licence fee	L	50.00	50.00	
Transfer of licence	L	50.00	50.00	
Change of detail	L	30.00	30.00	
Variation of Covers	L	100.00	100.00	
Goods on Highway Licence	L	155.00	155.00	
Sex Shop Grant of application	L	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Sex Shop Renewal	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Sex Shop transfer	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Skin Piercing (Premises) Grant	L	280.00	280.00	
Skin Piercing (Personal) Grant/Variation	L	65.00	65.00	
<b>Scrap Metal Dealers</b>				
Collectors Licence (3 years) - application	L	150.00	150.00	
Collectors Licence (3 years) – renewal	L	150.00	150.00	
Major Variation	L	50.00	50.00	
Minor Variation	L	15.00	15.00	
Site Licence (3 years) Grant	L	350.00	350.00	
Additional Sites (per site per year of licence)	L	195.00	195.00	
Site licence (3 years) – renewal	L	270.00	270.00	
Additional sites (per site per year of licence)	L	195.00	195.00	
Minor Variation Site	L	15.00	15.00	
Major Variation Site	L	50.00 + 65.00 per additional site per year	50.00 + 65.00 per additional site per year	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Caravan Sites</b>				
New Application for a permanent residential site licence;	L			
1-5 pitches	L	200.00	200.00	
6-20 pitches	L	225.00	225.00	
21-50 pitches	L	240.00	240.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	260.00	260.00	
Annual Fees associated with administration and monitoring of site licences;				
1-5 pitches	L	No charge	No charge	
6-50 pitches	L	220.00	220.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	260.00	260.00	
Cost of Laying Site Rules	L	25.00	25.00	
Cost of Variation/Transfer	L	100.00	100.00	
Caravan Site Fit and Proper Person Assessment	L	100.00	100.00	
<b>Zoo Licensing Act</b>				
New Application (4 years) or renewal (6 years) for a Zoo Licence (excluding the inspection costs of appointed inspector)	L	450.00	450.00	
<b>Animal Welfare</b>				
Breeding of Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Breeding of Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	252.00	252.00	
2 Year Licence	L	297.00	297.00	
3 Year Licence	L	342.00	342.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	222.00	222.00	
2 Year Licence	L	267.00	267.00	
3 Year Licence	L	312.00	312.00	
Pet Vending Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Pet Vending Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Grant of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	235.00	235.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Renewal of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	265.00	265.00	
2 Year Licence	L	310.00	310.00	
3 Year Licence	L	355.00	355.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	235.00	235.00	
2 Year Licence	L	280.00	280.00	
3 Year Licence	L	325.00	325.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
2 Year Licence	L	350.00	350.00	
3 Year Licence	L	395.00	395.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	275.00	275.00	
2 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
3 Year Licence	L	365.00	365.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
2 Year Licence	L	350.00	350.00	
3 Year Licence	L	395.00	395.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	275.00	275.00	
2 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
3 Year Licence	L	365.00	365.00	
		130.00 + 10.00	130.00 + 10.00	
		per host +	per host +	
		65.00 per host	65.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Grant of Licence	L	inspection fee + 45.00 annual enforcement fee per year	inspection fee + 45.00 annual enforcement fee per year	
		100.00 + 10.00	100.00 + 10.00	
		per host +	per host +	
		60.00 per host	60.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L	inspection fee + 45.00 annual enforcement fee per year	inspection fee + 45.00 annual enforcement fee per year	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Grant of Licence	L	60.00 + 65.00 per host	60.00 + 65.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L	55.00 + 60.00 per host	55.00 + 60.00 per host	
Additional Fees				
Cost per additional licensable activity - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	65.00	65.00	
Mandatory mid licence inspection fee - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	30.00	30.00	
Variation of licence where no inspection is required (each)	L	35.00	35.00	
Variation of licence where inspection is required (each)	L	90.00	90.00	
Application for Re-Rating (each)	L	70.00	70.00	
Copy Licence	L	15.00	15.00	
Administration Fee	L	35.00	35.00	
Dangerous Wild Animals (not including vets fee)	L	120.00	120.00	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Street Trading</b>				
November / December - Full Calendar Month	L	975.00	975.00	
- Week	L	385.00	385.00	
- Day	L	85.00	85.00	
January / October - Full Calendar Month	L	660.00	660.00	
- Week	L	270.00	270.00	
- Day	L	60.00	60.00	
Note- The above to apply to Itinerant traders. For regular all year round traders - fees as follows				
Annual Consent	L	7,000.00	7,000.00	
If Paying Monthly	L	620.00	620.00	
If Paying Weekly	L	170.00	170.00	
Buskers selling CD's – Half Day	L	25.00	25.00	
Full Day	L	45.00	45.00	
Mobile vehicles (moving or lay-by)	L	260.00	260.00	
New Vendor Permits	L	35.00	35.00	
Duplicate licenses	L	15.00	15.00	
<b>Skip Hire Licence</b>				
More than 3 days' notice	L	15.00	15.00	
Less than 3 days' notice	L	30.00	30.00	
Hoarding/Scaffold Licence	L	50.00	50.00	
Administration Charge (per hour or part thereof)	L	35.00	35.00	
<b>Statutory Fees</b>				
<b>Petroleum Licences</b>				
Less than 2,500 litres	L	44.00	44.00	
2,500 – 50,000 litres	L	60.00	60.00	
More than 50,000 litres	L	125.00	125.00	
Transfer/variation	L	8.00	8.00	
<b>Gambling Act</b>				
<b>Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.</b>				
Adult Gaming Centres – Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Betting Shops - Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Bingo Halls - Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Family Entertainment Centres – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	
Betting (tracks) – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b><u>Permit Type – The following fees are set by statute and will be revised as changed nationally</u></b>				
Small Society Lottery Registration	N	40.00	40.00	
Small Society Annual Fee	N	20.00	20.00	
FEC gaming machine – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
FEC gaming machine – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Application fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - application Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - variation Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - transfer Fee	N	25.00	25.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - annual Fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Copy Permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Notice of intent 2 or less gaming machines available	N	50.00	50.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) application fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) renewal fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Other applicants - application fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Other applicants - renewal fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Variation fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Annual fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Initial fee	N	40.00	40.00	
Annual fee	N	20.00	20.00	
Temporary use notice	N	500.00	500.00	
Copy/replacement/endorsed copy of notice	N	25.00	25.00	
<b>Licensing Act Fees</b>				
<b>Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.</b>				
<b>Premises Licences</b>				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	
Band D with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	900.00	900.00	
- Annual fee	N	640.00	640.00	
Band E with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	1,905.00	1,905.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
<b>Club Premises Certificates</b>				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Large Scale Events</b>				
5,000 to 9,999 - Initial fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	500.00	500.00	
10,000 to 14,999 - Initial fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
15,000 to 19,999 - Initial fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
20,000 to 29,999 - Initial fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
30,000 to 39,999 - Initial fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
40,000 to 49,999 - Initial fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	12,000.00	12,000.00	
50,000 to 59,999 - Initial fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
60,000 to 69,999 - Initial fee	N	40,000.00	40,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	20,000.00	20,000.00	
70,000 to 79,999 - Initial fee	N	48,000.00	48,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
80,000 to 89,999 - Initial fee	N	56,000.00	56,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	28,000.00	28,000.00	
> 90,000 - Initial fee	N	64,000.00	64,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
<b>Other Licensing Act 2003 Fees &amp; Charges</b>				
Minor Variations	N	89.00	89.00	
Personal Licence	N	37.00	37.00	
Provisional Statement	N	315.00	315.00	
Temporary Event Notice (TEN)	N	21.00	21.00	
Theft / Loss of Licence / Notice	N	10.50	10.50	
Variation of DPS	N	23.00	23.00	
Transfer of Premises Licence	N	23.00	23.00	
Change of Name / Address	N	10.50	10.50	
Notification of Interest	N	21.00	21.00	
Notification of Alteration of Club Rules	N	10.50	10.50	
Interim Authority Notice	N	23.00	23.00	
Explosives Act/Fireworks Annual Registration	N	52.00	52.00	
				<b>NIL</b>



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<b>HACKNEY CARRIAGES</b>				
<b>Taxi Licencing</b>				
Taxi licensing fees are agreed annually by licensing committee normally in March and will be published separately as part of this process. Existing licence holders will be notified accordingly.				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b>				
Pest Treatment Charges – All charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate				
Insects – per Treatment	L	58.50	58.50	
Rodents in Private Premises	L	8.33	8.33	
Re-rating Food Hygiene Inspections	L	150.00	150.00	
<b>Prosecution Costs</b>				
Hourly Rate for preparation of case reports and carrying out works in default of legal notices	L	47.50	48.00	
<b>Environmental Searches</b>				
Environmental search 1 or 2 report includes environmental information held by the Council on a site (additional charges apply for sites larger than 10,000m2 and distance buffer greater than 250m radius)	L	65.00	65.00	
Additional photocopying for example copies of site investigation reports;				
A4 B&W	L	0.10	0.10	
A3 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A4 Colour	L	1.00	1.00	
A3 Colour	L	2.00	2.00	
Scanned Copy	L	Free	Free	
<b>LAPPC and LAIPPC Permits</b>				
Charges are annually set by Defra in March and are subject to change. Current charges as known are;				
<b>LAPPC Charges</b>				
Application Fee;				
Standard process (includes solvent emission activities)	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners	N	155.00	155.00	
PVR I & II combined	N	257.00	257.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fee Activities	N	362.00	362.00	
Reduced fee activities: additional fee for operating without a permit	N	71.00	71.00	
Mobile plant**	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
for the third to seventh applications	N	985.00	985.00	
for the eighth and subsequent applications	N	498.00	498.00	
Where an application for any of the above is for a combined Part B and waste application add an extra to the above amounts	N	310.00	310.00	
Annual Subsistence Charge;				
Standard process Low*	N	772.00	772.00	
		(+104.00)	(+104.00)	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
Standard process Medium*	N	1,161.00 (+156.00)	1,161.00 (+156.00)	
Standard process High*	N	1,747.00 (+207.00)	1,747.00 (+207.00)	
*the additional amounts must be charged where a permit is for a combined Part B and waste installation				
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Low	N	79.00	79.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Medium	N	158.00	158.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners High	N	237.00	237.00	
PVR I & II combined Low	N	113.00	113.00	
PVR I & II combined Medium	N	226.00	226.00	
PVR I & II combined High	N	341.00	341.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Low	N	228.00	228.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Medium	N	365.00	365.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees High	N	548.00	548.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Low**	N	626.00	626.00	
for the third to seventh permits Low	N	385.00	385.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Medium**	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
for the third to seventh permits Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits High**	N	1,551.00	1,551.00	
for the third to seventh permits High	N	924.00	924.00	
eighth and subsequent permits High	N	473.00	473.00	
Late payment fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Where a Part B installation is subject to reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation add an extra to the above amounts	N	104.00	104.00	
Transfer and Surrender;				
Standard process transfer	N	169.00	169.00	
Standard process partial transfer	N	497.00	497.00	
New operator at low risk reduced fee activity	N	78.00	78.00	
Surrender: all Part b activities	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: transfer	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: partial transfer	N	47.00	47.00	
Temporary transfer for mobiles;				
First transfer	N	53.00	53.00	
Repeat following enforcement or warning	N	53.00	53.00	
Substantial change;				
Standard process	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Reduced fee activities	N	102.00	102.00	
**Not using simplified permits				
<b>LAPPC mobile plant charges (not using simplified permits)</b>				
Number of permits 1 to 2;				
Application fee	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	646.00	646.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	1,506.00	1,506.00	
Number of permits 3 to 7;				
Application fee	N	985.00	985.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	385.00	385.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	924.00	924.00	
Number of permits 8 and over;				
Application fee	N	498.00	498.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	473.00	473.00	

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<b>LA-IPPC charges</b>				
Every subsistence charge below includes the additional £104 charge to cover LA extra costs in dealing with reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation				
Application	N	3,363.00	3,363.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
Annual Subsistence Low	N	1,447.00	1,447.00	
Annual Subsistence Medium	N	1,611.00	1,611.00	
Annual Subsistence High	N	2,334.00	2,334.00	
Late Payment Fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Variation	N	1,368.00	1,368.00	
Transfer	N	235.00	235.00	
Partial Transfer	N	698.00	698.00	
Surrender	N	698.00	698.00	
Subsistence charges can be paid in four equal quarterly instalments paid on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January. Where paid quarterly the total amount payable to the local authority will be increased by £38.00				
Newspaper adverts may be required under EPR at the discretion of the LA as part of the consultation process when considering an application. This will be undertaken and paid for by the LA and the charging scheme contains a provision for the LA to recoup its costs				
				<b>NIL</b>
<b>TRADING STANDARDS</b>				
Please note that VAT may be added to some charges. Check with the service before the work is agreed.				
<b>Prosecution Costs</b>				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	47.50	48.00	
<b>Measures</b>				
Linear measures not exceeding 3m each scale	L	15.00	15.00	
Not exceeding 15kg	L	40.50	40.50	
Exceeding 15kg but not exceeding 100kg	L	70.50	70.50	
Exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 250kg	L	84.50	84.50	
Exceeding 250kg but not exceeding 1 tonne	L	147.00	147.00	
Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes	L	235.50	235.50	
Exceeding 10 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes	L	494.00	494.00	
Exceeding 30 tonnes but not exceeding 60 tonnes	L	734.00	734.00	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing incorporating remote display or printing facilities based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum charge of 2 hours)	L	65.00 per hour	65.00 per hour	
<b>Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor</b>				
Not exceeding 150ml	L	23.50	23.50	
Other	L	27.00	27.00	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuels and Lubricants</b>				
Container Type (un-subdivided)				
Multi-grade (with price computing device):				
Single Outlets	L	102.00	102.00	
Solely Price Adjustment	L	139.50	139.50	
Otherwise	L	255.00	255.00	
Other Types – Single Outlets				
Solely Price Adjustment	L	112.00	112.00	
Otherwise	L	152.00	152.00	
Other Types – Multi Outlets:				
1 Meter Tested	L	162.50	162.50	
2 Meters Tested	L	267.00	267.00	
3 Meters Tested	L	365.00	365.00	
4 Meters Tested	L	465.00	465.00	
5 Meters Tested	L	562.00	562.00	
6 Meters Tested	L	660.00	660.00	
7 Meters Tested	L	746.00	746.00	
8 Meters Tested	L	861.00	861.00	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing ancillary equipment such as payment acceptors based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum of 2 hours)	L	65.00 per hour	65.00 per hour	
<b>Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment</b>				
For all specialist work undertaken by the service which is not included above a charge per hour on site (minimum charge of 2 hours) plus cost of provision of testing equipment applies	L	65.00 per hour	65.00 per hour	
Discounts				
Fees from Measures to Certification Calibration will be discounted as follows :-				
a) Where more than a single item is submitted on one occasion the second and subsequent fees will be reduced by 20%				
b) Where tests are undertaken using appropriately certified weights and equipment not supplied by the Borough Council the fees will be reduced by 20%				
c) Special rates can be negotiated for multiple submissions or where assistance with equipment or labour is provided				
NB – Where different fees are involved the highest fee will be charged in full and any discounts calculated from the remaining lesser fees				
<b>Licensing – VAT not applicable</b>				
<b>Explosives and Fireworks Licences (Statutory Fee)</b>				
Licence for the storage of explosives	N	**See Note	**See Note	
Licence for the sale of fireworks all year round	N	**See Note	**See Note	
**These are statutory rates that are set centrally in April				
<b>Other</b>				
Export Certificate (exclusive of VAT)	L	N/a	75.00	
If visit required prior to issuing certificate - charged at our normal standard rate per hour or part thereof	L	N/a	48.00	
				<b>Minimal</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>PARKING – all off-street charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%</b>				
The below pricing reflects the parking offers funded by the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) Pricing subject to change following end of the TVCA funding from January 2022				
<b>Off Street Car Parks - Town Centre within Inner Ring Road included in the Parking Offer</b>				
Car Parks - Abbots Yard, Commercial Street East & West, Winston Street North & South, Town Hall & Feethams MSCP				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Each subsequent hour	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks - East Street				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	
<b>Off Street Car Parks - Town Centre outside Inner Ring Road excluded from the Parking Offer</b>				
Car Parks - Archer Street, Kendrew Street East & West, Park Place East & West				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Per hour (up to 3 hours)	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	4.00	4.00	
Per week	L	16.00	16.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks - Garden Street, Hird Street, St Hilda's Tannery Yard Parkgate				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
3 hours	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	4.00	4.00	
Car Parks - Chestnut Street				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Cars per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Cars per week	L	8.00	8.00	
HGV and coaches per day	L	Free	Free	
HGV and coaches per night (6pm to 8am)	L	4.00	4.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Cars per day	L	1.00	1.00	
HGV and coaches per day	L	Free	Free	
Car Parks - Park Lane (Station)				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Per day	L	5.00	5.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Areas included in the Parking Offer</b>				
East Row Horsemarket, Barnard Street, Back Street, Beaumont Street, Duke Street, South Arden Street, Winston Street, East Raby Street, Larchfield Street, Napier Street, Powlett Street, Primrose Street, Raby Street, West Powlett Street (Max stay of 2 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Grange Road, Town Centre, Northumberland Street (Max stay of 3 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Subsequent 1/2 hour	L	0.50	0.50	
<b>Areas excluded from the Parking Offer</b>				
Gladstone Street, Kendrew Street, North Lodge Terrace, Victoria Road, Hargreave Terrace, Park Place, Swan Street, Victoria Embankment (Max stay of 2 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) Per 30 minutes	L	0.50	0.50	
<b>Car Parks – Contract Parking – all charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%</b>				
Parking locations as determined by the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services.				
Per year one space	L	950.00	950.00	
Per year two spaces	L	900.00	900.00	
Per year three spaces	L	860.00	860.00	
Per year four spaces	L	830.00	830.00	
Per year five to nine spaces	L	800.00	800.00	
Per year ten or more spaces	L	700.00	700.00	
Four Riggs				
Per calendar month	L	64.00	64.00	
Winston Street West				
Per space per year	L	1,100.00	1,100.00	
<b>Car Parks – Staff &amp; Members per year</b>	L	173.04	173.04	
<b>Residents Parking Permits</b>				
3 month temporary permit	L	12.00	12.00	
6 month permit	L	24.00	24.00	
12 month permit	L	40.00	40.00	
<b>Tradesmen Parking Permits</b>				
Daily Waiver	L	5.00	5.00	
3 month permit	L	50.00	50.00	
6 month permit	L	90.00	90.00	
12 month permit	L	150.00	150.00	
				<b>NIL</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>BUILDING CONTROL</b>				
Items inclusive of VAT at 20%				
Letter confirming exemption	L	Free	Free	
Letter confirming enforcement action will not be taken	L	Free	Free	
<b>Decision/Approval Notice (Building Control)</b>				
Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (email response)	L	Free	Free	
Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (letter response)	L	1.00	1.00	
Responding to request for historical information from manually recorded data (email response)	L	Free	Free	
Personal searches (email response)	L	Free	Free	
<b>The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 Plus VAT at 20%</b>				
Work charged on individual job basis	L	As agreed with client	As agreed with client	
				<b>NIL</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>DOLPHIN CENTRE</b>				
Pricing based on the introduction of a leisure card.				
<b>Swimming</b>				
Adult swim				
Card holder	L	4.05	4.10	
Non card holder	L	4.70	4.75	
Concession	L	3.10	3.15	
Junior Swim	L	2.65	2.75	
Concession	L	2.00	2.10	
Family swim junior rate discount (up to 4 children accompanying 1 adult)				
Per card holder	L	1.90	1.95	
Per non card holder	L	2.30	2.35	
Under 12 months	L	Free	Free	
Lessons	L	46.50	47.50	
<b>Fitness Areas</b>				
The Gym				
Card holder	L	4.90	5.00	
Non card holder	L	5.35	5.45	
Concession	L	3.70	3.70	
Junior Gym	L	4.00	4.00	
Concession	L	3.05	3.10	
<b>Health &amp; Fitness Classes</b>				
Health & Fitness Classes				
Card holder	L	4.25	4.35	
Non card holder	L	4.90	5.00	
Concession	L	3.20	3.30	
<b>Half Main Hall</b>				
Adult				
Card holder	L	43.50	43.50	
Non card holder	L	50.00	50.00	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	30.00	30.00	
Weekday lunchtime				
Card holder	L	32.00	32.00	
Non card holder	L	44.00	44.00	
<b>Badminton</b>				
Adult				
Card holder	L	8.55	8.65	
Non card holder	L	9.80	9.90	
Concession	L	6.40	6.50	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	4.70	4.80	
Concession (1 hour courts only)	L	3.55	3.65	
<b>Equipment Hire</b>				
Footballs	L	Free	Free	
Footballs – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Badminton	L	2.00	2.00	
Badminton – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Squash Racquets	L	2.00	2.00	
Squash Racquets – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Table Tennis Bats	L	1.40	1.40	
Table Tennis Bats – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Pram Lock	L	Free	Free	
Pram Lock – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	



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<b>Children's Activities</b>				
Crèche	L	3.75	3.75	
Soft play admissions	L	4.75	4.75	
Sensory Room	L	4.75	4.75	
Parent/toddler (Soft play)	L	4.75	4.75	
<b>Other Activities</b>				
Showers				
Card holders	L	1.75	2.00	
Non card holders	L	2.25	2.35	
<b>Fit 4 Life Packages</b>				
12 month Full Membership	L	299.40	299.40	
12 month Seniors	L	228.00	228.00	
12 month Student	L	180.00	180.00	
6 Month Full	L	195.00	195.00	
12 Month Upfront	L	275.00	275.00	
<b>Swimming Pools</b>				
Main Pool - per hour	L	97.00	100.00	
Diving Pool - per hour	L	55.00	57.00	
Teaching Pool - per hour	L	55.00	57.00	
<b>Gala - per hour</b>				
Swimming Galas - whole complex				
Normal opening hours - per hour	L	308.00	320.00	
Outside normal opening hours - per hour	L	163.00	168.00	
<b>Swimming Galas - Schools, Junior Clubs and Organisations</b>				
Main Pool - Peak	L	217.00	224.00	
Main Pool - Off Peak	L	153.00	158.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Peak	L	181.00	187.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Off Peak	L	187.00	193.00	
Electronic Timing	L	91.00	94.00	
<b>Ten Pin Bowling</b>				
Adult Standard - 1 game				
	L	7.00	7.00	
Juniors (under 16) - 1 game				
	L	5.95	5.95	
Students & Seniors - Off Peak - 1 game				
	L	5.95	5.95	
Family Package - Peak - 1 game				
	L	23.00	23.00	
Family Package - Off Peak - 1 game				
	L	21.00	21.00	
Adult, Students, Seniors - Peak - 2 game				
	L	14.00	14.00	
Adult, Student, Seniors - Off Peak - 2 game				
	L	10.50	10.50	
Juniors (under 16) - Peak - 2 game				
	L	11.90	11.90	
Juniors (under 16) - Off Peak - 2 game				
	L	10.50	10.50	
Disabled and carer - Off Peak - 1 game (per person)				
	L	4.95	4.95	
Disabled and carer - Off Peak - 2 game (per person)				
	L	9.90	9.90	
<b>Dry Sports Hall</b>				
Main Sports Hall - per hour				
	L	102.00	105.00	
Special Events - per hour Weekends				
	L	335.00	345.00	
Preparation - per hour Weekends				
	L	175.00	180.00	
Special Events - Schools - per hour off peak				
	L	47.00	49.00	
Meeting Room				
	L	34.50	36.00	
Seminar Room/Stephenson Suite				
	L	34.50	36.00	
<b>Central Hall</b>				
All Events (except commercial, exhibitions and local societies)				
	L	106.00	110.00	
Exhibitions - commercial - per hour				
	L	139.00	143.00	
Local Societies event - per hour				
	L	73.00	76.00	
				<b>15,000</b>
<b>PARKS</b>				
Football - Hire of Hundens Park Pitch Seniors' Match				
	L	25.00	25.00	
Juniors Match				
	L	15.00	15.00	
				<b>NIL</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>EASTBOURNE SPORTS COMPLEX</b>				
<b>3G Pitch</b>				
Non Charter Standard Pay and Play (Exclusive of VAT)				
1/2 3G Pitch - Adult (1 hour)	L	46.00	46.00	
1/2 3G Pitch - Junior (1 hour)	L	35.00	35.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour – Adult	L	77.00	77.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour – Junior	L	50.00	50.00	
Charter Standard and Partner Clubs (Exclusive of VAT)				
1/2 3G Pitch (1 hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour	L	50.00	50.00	
Off Peak Summer Prices (May to August) Charter Standard and Partner Clubs Only				
1/2 3G Pitch (1 hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour	L	50.00	50.00	
<b>Grass Pitch</b>				
Adult per match	L	25.00	25.00	
Junior per match	L	15.00	15.00	
<b>Athletics Track</b>				
Non club rate				
Adult	L	3.80	4.00	
Junior	L	3.40	3.60	
Full track per hour	L	34.00	35.00	
Club rate				
Adult	L	3.00	3.00	
Junior	L	3.00	3.00	
<b>Hard Court</b>				
1 Court (1 hour)	L	10.00	10.00	
Full Area (4 courts - 1 hour)	L	30.00	30.00	
<b>Other</b>				
Shower	L	2.00	2.00	
Function room and pavilion hire per hour	L	21.00	21.00	
Multi Purpose Studio per hour	L	15.00	15.00	
				<b>Minimal</b>

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<b>HIPPODROME &amp; HULLABALOO</b>				
Hire & Conferencing (all pricing exclusive of VAT)				
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - per hour	L	35.00	36.75	
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - day hire**	L	210.00	220.50	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - per hour	L	30.00	31.50	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - day hire**	L	180.00	189.00	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	42.00	44.00	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	252.00	264.50	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - per hour	L	35.00	36.75	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - day hire**	L	210.00	220.50	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - per hour	L	35.00	36.75	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - day hire**	L	210.00	220.50	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	42.00	44.00	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	252.00	264.50	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end full day	L	1,900.00	1,995.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end half day	L	950.00	997.50	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day full day	L	1,750.00	1,837.50	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day half day	L	875.00	918.75	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - per hour	L	62.00	65.00	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - day hire**	L	450.00	472.50	
**day hire - 9am to 6pm				
Community Rate may be applicable for charities, NHS, children's groups and local artists if qualifying criteria met. This equates to 30% reduction on the above charges.				
				<b>1,000</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>HEAD OF STEAM</b>				
<b>Admission</b>				
Adult	L	4.95	4.95	
Concession	L	3.75	3.75	
Children (6-16 years old)	L	3.00	3.00	
Children (under 6)	L	No charge	No charge	
Single annual pass	L	10.00	10.00	
Family day pass (2 adults & 4 children)	L	10.00	10.00	
Family annual pass (2 adults & 4 children)	L	15.00	15.00	
School Visit	L	No charge	No charge	
<b>Research</b>				
Research	L	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	
Research by Curator	L	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	
Short research (up to 10 mins)	L	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans, photocopies and postage	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans, photocopies and postage	
<b>Photocopying</b>				
A4 (B&W)	L	0.20	0.20	
A3 (B&W)	L	0.40	0.40	
A4 (B&W)	L	0.50	0.50	
A3 (Colour)	L	1.00	1.00	
A0 plan copies (B&W)	L	6.50	6.50	
<b>Digital Copies (personal) per image</b>				
Scan of document (max A3)	L	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans	
Scan of photograph (max A3)	L	6.50	6.50	
Day photo pass	L	10.00	10.00	

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Digital Copies (commercial) per image</b>				
Small local charitable, educational including websites	L	6.50	6.50	
Local commercial including websites	L	15.00	15.00	
Books, specialist magazines, journals & newspapers including websites	L	30.00	30.00	
Regional TV/Video/Film/DVD	L	50.00	50.00	
National/international TV/Video/Film/DVD	L	100.00	100.00	
Discount for 10 images or more	L	0.10	0.10	
<b>Postage and Packing</b>				
Up to A4 (in UK only)	L	Free except for 5.00 minimum handling fee	Free except for 5.00 minimum handling fee	
'Package' size and/or outside UK delivery	L	Dependant on size and weight	Dependant on size and weight	
<b>Filming Fees</b>				
Student Production (during opening hours)	L	Free but donation welcome	Free but donation welcome	
Small Productions (per day)	L	350.00	350.00	
Large Productions (per day)	L	700.00	700.00	
<b>Conference Facilities</b>				
During opening hours (per hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Outside opening hours (per hour)	L	32.50	32.50	
Use by Museum partners (during opening hours)	L	Free	Free	
<b>Hire of Museum Field</b>				
Educational Use	L	No charge	No charge	
Corporate Events	L	Negotiated on an individual basis	Negotiated on an individual basis	
				<b>NIL</b>
<b>REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL</b>				
Refuse sacks (per 25) (Exclusive of VAT)	L	104.35	107.50	
Garden Waste Sacks (Non VATable) (for collection of 10 bags)	L	11.25	11.60	
Bulky Household Collection up to 6 items	L	18.80	19.40	
Garden Waste Service	L	36.00	37.00	
Cost of replacement (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
360L Wheeled Bin	L	53.35	54.95	
240L Wheeled Bin	L	21.00	21.65	
Caddie	L	5.40	5.55	
Glass Box	L	3.45	3.55	
55L Box	L	17.70	18.25	
Lid for recycling box	L	1.45	1.50	
Lid for 240L bin	L	5.25	5.40	
				<b>9,000</b>

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<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
Burial fees without exclusive right of burial (these fees will be tripled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	930.00	960.00	
Burial fees with exclusive right of burial (these fees will be doubled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	930.00	960.00	
Cremated remains	L	200.00	210.00	
Exclusive rights of burial (these fees will be doubled if the purchaser is a non-resident of Darlington if not purchased at time of first interment).				
Exclusive burial rights (50 years)	L	950.00	980.00	
Exclusive burial rights for a bricked grave	L	1,900.00	1,960.00	
<b>Other charges</b>				
Scattering of cremated remains	L	45.00	50.00	
Indemnity form (to produce duplicate grant)	L	45.00	50.00	
Use of Cemetery Chapel	L	100.00	100.00	
After post mortem remains	L	200.00	210.00	
Exhumation of a body (excl. re-interment)	L	2,000.00	2,100.00	
Exhumation of cremated remains (excl. re-interment)	L	500.00	525.00	
<b>Grave Maintenance (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Initial payment	L	50.00	50.00	
Annual Maintenance	L	37.00	37.00	
<b>Memorials (fees will be doubled where the deceased to whom the memorial/inscription refers was non-resident of Darlington at time of death)</b>				
Memorial rights including first inscription (30 years)	L	220.00	220.00	
Provision of kerbs – traditional sites only)	L	100.00	100.00	
Vases not exceeding 300mm	L	80.00	80.00	
Additional inscription	L	80.00	80.00	
<b>Total financial effect for Cemeteries</b>				<b>8,000</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>CREMATORIUM</b>				
Crematorium fees (inclusive of certificate of cremation, use of organ and scattering of remains in Gardens of Remembrance at an unreserved time)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No charge	No charge	
Hospital arrangement – foetal remains	L	200.00	210.00	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 18 years	L	850.00	875.00	
Direct Cremation	L	625.00	675.00	
After post mortem remains	L	200.00	210.00	
<b>Other charges</b>				
Medical Referee Fee	N	22.00	22.00	
Environmental Surcharge	L	58.00	58.00	
Postal Carton	L	20.00	20.00	
Metal Urn	L	40.00	40.00	
Wooden Casket	L	50.00	50.00	
Baby Urn	L	10.00	10.00	
Crematorium Chapel	L	100.00	100.00	
Scattering of remains at reserved time	L	45.00	50.00	
<b>Webcasts (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Live Webcast	L	48.00	48.00	
Live Webcast and watch again	L	54.00	54.00	
Keepsake (DVD, Blu-ray, USB or audio CD)	L	60.00	60.00	
Extra copies of Keepsake	L	30.00	30.00	
<b>Book of Remembrance (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Single Entry (2 lines)	L	70.00	70.00	
Double Entry (3 or 4 lines)	L	110.00	110.00	
Additional lines	L	25.00	25.00	
Crest or floral emblem	L	115.00	115.00	
<b>Memorial Cards (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Single entry card (2 lines)	L	25.00	25.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	30.00	30.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
<b>Memorial Books (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Single entry book (2 lines)	L	80.00	80.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	85.00	85.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
<b>Triptych (inclusive of 20% VAT)</b>				
Single entry card (2 lines)	L	67.00	67.00	
Double entry (3 or 4 lines)	L	72.00	72.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest or floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal Photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional Photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
<b>Other Memorial Schemes</b>				
Replacement kerb vase plaque	L	300.00	300.00	
Replacement flower holder	L	5.00	5.00	
Wall plaques	L	245.00	245.00	
Planter plaques	L	365.00	365.00	
Lease of space for memorial plaques (per annum)	L	25.00	25.00	
<b>Total financial effect for Crematorium</b>				<b>39,000</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>ALLOTMENTS &amp; STABLES</b>				
Rent per year	L	180.20	185.60	
				<b>Minimal</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>				
Private apparatus in the Highway (Section 50 Licence, new installations)	L	550.00	550.00	
Private Road Openings (repair existing)	L	225.00	225.00	
Vehicle Crossings – estimate fee (taken as part of payment if go ahead with the works)	L	25.00	25.00	
Vehicle Crossings (plus actual construction costs)	L	100.00	100.00	
Vehicle Crossings if planning permission required on a classified road (plus actual construction costs)	L	150.00	150.00	
Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices (road closures etc)	L	130.00	175.00	
Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (road closures etc) (plus advertising)	L	275.00	288.00	
Emergency Traffic Regulation Orders	L	130.00	136.00	
Application to Secretary of State for TTRO extension (plus advertising)	L	N/a	100.00	
Personal Search - Highways (by email) per question	L	N/a	6.00	
Street Naming Royal Mail Income (per address, Nationally agreed price LGIH)	L	1.00	1.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per road name (developer suggests)	L	165.00	165.00	
- Per road name (council names)	L	200.00	200.00	
- Per plot	L	15.00	15.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per plot or renaming of a property	L	35.00	35.00	
Rechargeable Works	L	Actual cost + 10%	Actual cost + 10%	
Temporary Traffic Light Applications	L	No Charge	No Charge	
Section 50 Licence associated bond costs	L	Individually priced based on requirements	Individually priced based on requirements	
Access protection markings	L	No charge	No charge	
Tourist Sign (plus actual cost of sign)	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Accident Data Requests	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Traffic Count Data	L	75.00	75.00	
Street Lighting Design Service	L	Individually priced based on charge out rate	Individually priced based on charge out rate	
Oversailing Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Banner Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Placing Goods on the Highway	L	155.00	155.00	
Deposits upon the Highway	L	No charge	No charge	
Temporary Development Signs – Admin Fee	L	200.00	200.00	
Temporary Development Signs – DBC undertake work on behalf of developer	L	Actual costs	Actual costs	
Switch off / on traffic signal / pelican crossings – per visit	L	150.00	150.00	
Unauthorised marks or affixing of signs to street furniture	L	No charge	No charge	



Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
Section 278 Highway works agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
Section 116 Stopping Up of the Highway	N	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	
Section 38 Road Adoption agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
NRSWA Defect Charges	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
NRSWA Road Opening Inspection Charges (sample)	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
Section 74 – charges for overstays	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
				<b>Minimal</b>
<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY</b>				
Public Path Orders (HA 80 S 118 and 119, TCPA 90 s247, 257)				
Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs				
PROW Temporary Closures – as Highways fees and charges				
Landowner Rights of Way Statement and Declaration s31.6				
One parcel of land, includes 2 notices	L	250.00	250.00	
Additional parcel	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional notice	L	50.00	50.00	
Authorisation for installing a new gate or stile (HA 80 s147)	L	100.00	100.00	
Path Orders under Deregulation Act				
Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs, to include but not restricted to pre-application advice, processing the application, resolving objections, making the order, confirmation of the order, and any subsequent Public Inquiry or Hearing				
				<b>NIL</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT</b>				
Charges for Concessionary Travel (ENCTS);				
Replacement pass for lost/stolen without a CRN	L	10.00	10.00	
Learn to Ride per session (child)	L	3.00	3.00	
Production, placement and retrieval of notices when bus stops are temporarily per bus stop	L	60.00	60.00	
Production and placement of bus timetable information when bus services have to be re-registered due to road closures – up to 6 timetables	L	84.00	84.00	
				<b>NIL</b>
<b>TRANSPORT SERVICES</b>				
Charges for Taxi Licensing;				
Taxi Vehicle Test	L	50.00	50.00	
Taxi Vehicle Test and MOT	L	60.00	60.00	
Failure to attend (less than 48 hours' notice)	L	50.00	50.00	
Re-test	L	25.00	25.00	
Re-test including emissions	L	35.00	35.00	
Re-test emissions only	L	10.00	10.00	
Charges for General Public;				
MOT for Motorbike Class I & II	L	25.00	25.00	
MOT for Standard Car Class IV	L	35.00	35.00	
MOT for Class V Vehicles	L	40.00	40.00	
MOT for Class VII Vehicles	L	40.00	40.00	
				<b>NIL</b>

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING</b>				
Works in default & statutory activities per hour	L	47.00	48.00	
Housing inspections & consultancy per hour (inclusive of VAT)	L	56.00	57.60	
Charge for the service relevant Housing Act 2004 legal notice	L	421.00	432.00	
Securing empty homes (addition of VAT by agreement)	L	280.00	288.00	
Houses in Multiple Occupation Activities;				
HMO licence fee per letting/let/tenancy	L	187.00	187.00	
Other relevant HMO activities per hour	L	47.00	47.00	
Variation of HMO licence	L	Free	Free	
Housing Immigration Inspections;				
Within 10 working days (including VAT)	L	141.00	144.00	
Fast Track within 5 working days (including VAT)	L	188.00	192.00	
General Enforcement Activities:				
Hourly rate for preparation of case reports/prosecutions	L	47.00	48.00	
Additional copies of legal notices via post	L	10.00	10.00	
Additional copies of legal notices - Scanned copy by Email	L	Free	Free	
Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (England) Regulation 2015;				
Fines for failing to provide a working smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. Offence by the same individual or organisation;				
First	N	500.00	500.00	
Second	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Third	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fourth	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Fifth or more	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
The Redress Schemes for Letting Agency Work and Property Management Work (England) Order 2014;				
Fines for failing to join an approved letting and management redress scheme;				
Businesses that have been served with a notice of intent and failed to join an approved scheme	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme following the service of the notice of intent	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme prior to enforcement action being taken, after the 1st October 2014	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
**The Redress Scheme is currently undergoing a national review and may be replaced prior to April 2021 by a new civil penalty policy				

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
<b>**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed</b>				
<b>Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations</b>				
Penalty (less than 3 months in breach) renting a non-compliant property	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Penalty (3 months or more in breach) renting out a non-compliant property	N	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Providing false or misleading information on the PRS Exemptions Register	N	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Failing to comply with a compliance notice	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
<b>Housing and Planning Act 2016</b>				
Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice (under section 30 of the Housing Act 2004)				
Failure to comply with a Prohibition Order (under section 32 of the Housing Act 2004)				
Breach of a banning order made under section 21 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016	N	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	
Using violence to secure entry to a property (under section 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1977)				
Illegal eviction or harassment of the occupiers of a property (under section 1 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977)				
				<b>Minimal</b>
<b>COST OF REVENUE COLLECTION</b>				
<b>Council Tax – All Charges do not incur VAT</b>				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	33.50	33.50	
Issue of Liability Order	L	44.00	44.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	90.00	90.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	157.50	157.50	
				<b>NIL</b>
<b>Business Rates (NNDR) – All Charges do not incur VAT</b>				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	33.50	33.50	
Issue of Liability Order	L	44.00	44.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	90.00	90.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	157.50	157.50	
				<b>NIL</b>

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## APPENDIX 4

**KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED IN PROJECTED  
RESOURCES, EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2022/23-2025/26**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Assumption</b>
<b>Resources</b>	
Council Tax base	Variable depending on projected additional properties.
Council Tax	2.99% increase in 2022/23 year (including 1% for any allowable precepts) and then a 1.99% increase in 2023/24, 2024/25 & 2025/26.
Council Tax collection	99% collected
Government Grants	Government grants for 2022/23 as indicated in 2021 spending review and indicative figures for 2023/24 – 2025/26.
	Increase in Business Rates Scheme Top Up Grant of 3.0% in 2022/23 & 2.00% in 2023/24, 2024/25 & 2025/26 (projected CPI).
	Revenue Support Grant 2022/23 flat lined to 2025/26.
	Continuation of Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) at 2021/22 rates.
	Continuation of 2021/22 Social Care Support Grant of £3.593m in total and assumed to continue to 2025/26.
	New Homes Bonus (NHB) legacy payments will continue but no new ones assumed after 2022/23, assumed to discontinue in 2023/24.
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Pay inflation	2022-23 3% and thereafter 2% in line with national scheme.
Price inflation	Only contractual inflation on running costs
Local Government Pension Scheme	Contribution rate of 18.4% for 2022/23 plus past service deficit contributions of £0.280m in 2022/23, amounts set aside in Contingencies for potential increase post 2022/23 Triennial review.
<b>Financing Costs</b>	
Interest rates payable	Average rate on existing debt 2022/23 of 2.48%; 2023/24 of 2.29%, 2024/25 of 2.13% & 2025/26 of 2%.
Interest rates payable on new debt – 10 year rate	2022/23 of 1.80%; 2023/24 of 1.95%, 2024/25 of 2.08% & 2025/26 of 2.23%.
Interest rates receivable	0.10% in 2022/23, 0.25% in 2023/24, 0.50% in 2024/25 & 1.00% in 2025/26.
<b>Income</b>	
Inflationary increases	Various based on individual service considerations

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REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2021/22

<u>Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2022</u>	
	2021-25 MTFP (Feb 2021)
<b>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) :-</b>	£000
MTFP Planned Opening Balance 01/04/2021	21,506
Approved net contribution from balances	3,420
<b>Planned Closing Balance 31/03/2022</b>	<b>24,926</b>
 Increase in opening balance from 2020-21 results	 2,317
 Projected corporate underspends / (overspends) :-	
Public Health rebased savings	285
Community Services rebased savings	308
Adult Services rebase savings	400
Council Wide	16
Financing Costs	306
Joint Venture - Investment Return	248
Government Grant - SFC	(470)
Transfer in from earmarked reserve - Covid	1,385
 <b>Projected General Fund Reserve (excluding Departmental) at 31st March 2022</b>	 <b>29,721</b>
 <b>Planned Balance at 31st March 2022</b>	 <b>24,926</b>
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>4,795</b>

<u>Departmental projected year-end balances</u>	
	Improvement / (decline) compared with 2021-25 MTFP
	£000
People Group	(482)
Services Group	729
Operations Group	(416)
Chief Executive	(16)
 TOTAL	 <b>(185)</b>

<u>Summary Comparison with :-</u>	
	2021-25 MTFP
	£000
Corporate Resources - increase in opening balance from 20/21 results	2,317
Corporate Resources - additional in-year Improvement/(Decline)	1,485
Quarter 1 budget rebase	993
Departmental - Improvement / (Decline)	(185)
 Improvement / (Decline) compared with MTFP	 <b>4,610</b>
 <b>Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2022</b>	 <b>29,536</b>

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## APPENDIX 6

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022 TO 2026**

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
People Group	65.798	67.640	70.342	72.807
Chief Executives Office & Economic Growth	1.288	1.334	1.366	1.455
Services Group	17.947	18.400	18.901	19.316
Operations Group	15.909	16.333	16.762	17.105
Financing costs	0.637	2.921	2.933	2.992
Investment Returns - Joint Venture	(1.864)	(1.480)	(1.130)	(1.130)
Council Wide Pressures/(savings)	1.037	1.054	1.079	1.106
Council Wide Contingencies	0.525	1.512	1.512	1.512
Contribution to/(from) revenue balances	(0.324)	(4.205)	(9.073)	(9.861)
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>100.953</b>	<b>103.509</b>	<b>102.692</b>	<b>105.302</b>
<b><u>Resources - Projected and assumed</u></b>				
Council Tax	57.792	59.868	61.797	63.917
Business rates retained locally	20.175	20.545	20.227	20.612
Top Up grant	7.515	7.666	5.238	5.343
Revenue Support Grant	4.357	4.781	4.781	4.781
New Homes Bonus	0.465	0.000	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	4.356	4.356	4.356	4.356
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.593	3.593	3.593	3.593
Spending Review 21 Government Funding	2.700	2.700	2.700	2.700
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>100.953</b>	<b>103.509</b>	<b>102.692</b>	<b>105.302</b>
<b><u>Balances</u></b>				
<b>Opening balance</b>	24.358	24.034	19.829	10.756
<b>Contribution to/(from) balances</b>	(0.324)	(4.205)	(9.073)	(9.861)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>24.034</b>	<b>19.829</b>	<b>10.756</b>	<b>0.895</b>

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Capital Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26					APPENDIX 7
	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Children, Families &amp; Learning</b>					
School Condition Allocations	142	142	142	142	568
	142	142	142	142	568
<b>Housing</b>					
Adaptations / Lifts	200	206	212	214	832
Heating replacement programme	1,105	1,138	1,172	1,184	4,599
Structural works	400	412	424	429	1,665
Lifeline Services	50	50	50	50	200
Repairs before painting	60	60	60	60	240
Roofing	1,000	1,050	1,082	505	3,637
Garages	50	50	50	50	200
External Works (footpaths, fencing, etc.)	200	210	216	218	844
Smoke detection	25	26	26	26	103
Pavement Crossing	32	33	34	34	133
Replacement Door Programme	450	473	487	492	1,902
Window Replacement	500	510	520	525	2,055
IPM works	1,910	2,417	2,489	2,514	9,330
Energy Efficiency	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Comunal Works	150	156	159	161	626
New build (net of HE grant)/regeneration	25,581	16,797	11,808	16,415	70,601
Fees	267	281	292	298	1,138
	32,980	24,869	20,081	24,175	102,105
<b>Transport</b>					
Highway Maintenance	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	6,756
Integrated Transport	886	886	886	886	3,544
	2,575	2,575	2,575	2,575	10,300
<b>Other Capital Programmes</b>					
Disabled Facility Grants	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063	4,252
	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063	4,252
<b>Council funded Schemes</b>					
Dolphin Centre Mechanical & Electrical works Phase 3	850	1,350	-	-	2,200
Whinfield School Roof Replacement	372	124	124	-	620
West Cemetery Drainage	100	150	-	-	250
Economic Growth investment Fund (EGIF)	500	500	500	500	2,000
Eastbourne Sports Complex	2,310	-	-	-	2,310
Capitalised Repairs (already approved until 2024/25)	250	250	250	250	1,000
Advanced Design Fees (already approved until 2024/25)	150	150	150	150	600
<b>Total Council Funded Schemes</b>	4,532	2,524	1,024	900	8,980
<b>Self Financing schemes</b>					
Railway Heritage Quarter	10,000	18,000	3,000	-	31,000
<b>Total Council Self Financing Schemes</b>	10,000	18,000	3,000	-	31,000
<b>Total Spending Plans</b>	51,292	49,173	27,885	28,855	157,205
<b>Funded by:</b>					
Capital Grants	4,480	3,780	3,780	3,780	15,820
HRA Revenue Contributions	17,618	16,491	16,693	14,179	64,981
HRA Capital Receipts	303	303	303	303	1,212
Borrowing	15,059	8,075	3,085	9,693	35,912
Corporate Resources	3,832	2,524	1,024	900	8,280
Self Financing	10,000	18,000	3,000	-	31,000
<b>Total Resources</b>	51,292	49,173	27,885	28,855	157,205
<b>Commitments - see above</b>	51,292	49,173	27,885	28,855	157,205
<b>Resources Available for Investment</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Figures shown in italics are estimates, awaiting confirmation of funding streams.

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## COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 6 January 2022

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### STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND

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#### SUMMARY REPORT

##### Purpose of the Report

1. To review the spend, to date, against the Stronger Communities fund and to consider and make a recommendation as whether the pilot scheme should continue in the next financial year.

##### Summary

2. As Members will be aware, Cabinet, at its meeting held on 13 April 2021, agreed to establish a pilot scheme which enables Councillors to use an allocated amount of money to deliver the objectives of building stronger communities (**Appendix 1**).
3. Each Councillor has been allocated £1,000 with the aim of :-
  - (a) supporting individuals and groups to enhance access to opportunities to improve health and well being outcomes;
  - (b) investing in environmental improvements that enhance the local area to the benefit of the local community.
4. This report sets out the spend against the £50,000, to date, together with information on what has been delivered in wards on an individual Councillor basis (**Appendix 2**). It should be noted that the fund is available to use until the end of the financial year, and some Members have not, as yet, allocated any funding.
5. Subject to approval of the continuation of the fund into the next financial year, any funding not spent by a particular Member may be carried forward for utilisation in the next financial year, however, their individual budget will remain at £1,000.

##### Recommendation

6. Members are requested to :-
  - (a) note the current spend against the £50,000
  - (b) consider the progress of the scheme, review the outcomes and forward a view to the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on whether the pilot scheme should continue

in the 2022/23 financial year

**Councillor Jonathan Dulston**  
**Cabinet Member**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Shirley Wright: Extension 5998

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Well Being	There are no issues relating to health and well being which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.
Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	The subject matter of the report, the Councils financial standing and financial management, is critical to delivery of the SCS, but this report does not contain new proposals.
Efficiency	The report contains updated information regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

7. Following the establishment of the Stronger Communities Fund, each Councillor has been allocated £1,000 with the aim of :-
  - (i) supporting individuals and groups to enhance access to opportunities to improve health and well being outcomes;
  - (ii) investing in environmental improvements that enhance the local area to the benefit of the local community.
  
- 8 In agreeing to the establishment of the fund, each Member was required to enter into an agreement with the Council regarding the use of the funds which, amongst other things, stipulated that :-
  - (i) the process of awarding grants is open and transparent
    - (ii) grants are made without prejudice or favour
    - (iii) the funds will not be used for Members' personal or political gain
    - (iv) Members will be responsible for ensuring as far as possible that the grant has been used for the purpose that it was provided

9. Councillors can, if they wish, pool their budget with other Councillors within their Wards and more widely across the Borough, the only limitation on beneficiaries of the grant is that they must be Darlington residents.
10. Cabinet also agreed that Members may also carry forward any balance of their fund, however, this is subject to the continuation of the fund. If it was agreed that the Fund would not continue into the next financial year, any unspent funding would be written off.
11. This report has been written mid-year to allow an early assessment of its value to be included in considerations around the MTFP.

### **Spend To Date**

12. There has been a wide variation in take up of the fund. Some members have made good use of the fund whilst others have, to date, not utilised any. Appendix 2 sets out the spend, to date, against the £50,000, together with information on what has been delivered in Wards on an individual Councillor basis.

### **Feedback on the Scheme**

13. Some members initially reported difficulty in accessing the fund through the credit union but initial teething problems appear to have been resolved.



**CABINET  
13 APRIL 2021**

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**COUNCILLORS STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member -  
Councillor Jonathan Dulston, Stronger Communities Portfolio**

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Managing Director**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To establish a pilot scheme to enable Councillors to utilise the fund at their discretion to deliver the objectives of the Stronger Communities Fund (SCF).

**Summary**

2. The approved MTFP allocated £50,000 to establish a Stronger Communities Fund, this report proposes a Pilot Scheme for Cabinet's consideration. The scheme will operate for one year during which time it's success will be reviewed, and Council will consider whether the pilot becomes a permanent feature of the MTFP.
3. £1,000 will be allocated to each Councillor to be used to deliver the objectives of the SCF. The initial objectives of the fund are to build Stronger Communities by :-
  - (a) Supporting individuals and groups to enhance access to opportunities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.
  - (b) Investing in environmental improvements that enhance the local area to the benefit of the local community.
4. The scheme will be administered with maximum flexibility to enable learning and benefits to be easily achieved by the pilot.
5. Councillors can merge their allocations with other Councillors within their wards and across the Borough, should they so wish. They may also use a third party to allocate funds on their behalf.
6. Grants and investments should only be made to individuals or "not for profit" organisations.

**Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that Cabinet :-

- (a) Approve the Pilot Stronger Communities Scheme as described at paragraphs 10 to 12.
- (b) Delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities to determine if any proposals made by Councillors are out with the “spirit” and procedures of the fund.

**Reasons**

8. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-

- (a) To determine the scheme
- (b) To govern the scheme flexibly

**Paul Wildsmith  
Managing Director**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Health and Wellbeing	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Diversity	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Wards Affected	All wards included
Groups Affected	All groups have access to the fund.
Budget and Policy Framework	The MTFP includes provision for the fund.
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Efficiency	There are no implications as a direct result of this report
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

**MAIN REPORT**

**Information and Analysis**

9. Council agreed to the establishment of a Pilot SCF as part of the approved MTFP. The Council indicated that a detailed report on the scheme would be presented to

Cabinet, this report proposes a scheme for Cabinet's approval.

10. The proposed objectives of the fund are set out below :-
  - (a) Supporting individuals and groups to enhance access to opportunities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.
  - (b) Investing in environmental improvements that improve the local area to the benefit of the local community.
11. These are wide objectives to enable maximum flexibility during the pilot to maximise learning and the benefits delivered; examples of how the fund could be used are set out below but clearly this is not an exclusive list :-
  - (a) Supporting local groups with rent or events
  - (b) Supporting individuals to excel in sport or education
  - (c) Providing equipment for individuals in need of support
  - (d) Contributing towards or funding the purchase of environmental improvements such as providing a park bench or play equipment.
12. Each Member will enter into an agreement with the Council regarding the use of the funds which, amongst other things, will stipulate that:
  - (a) The process of awarding grants is open and transparent
  - (b) Grants are made without prejudice or favour
  - (c) The funds will not be used for Members' personal or political gain
  - (d) Members will be responsible for ensuring as far as possible that the grant has been used for the purpose that it was provided
13. The process for managing the use of the fund will be as follows :-
  - (a) An account for each Member will be set up at Darlington Credit Union countersigned by an officer of the Council but allowing the Member to authorise payments individually from their individual established bank account. This may include making payments to the Council should a Councillor wish the Council to provide goods or services.
  - (b) The Council will advertise the scheme and Members will be responsible for publicising the fund within their ward should they so wish. They may also want to announce their particular focus for the fund based on the needs in their ward.
  - (c) Members will be required to ensure each applicant completes and signs a grant application form which gives details of the lead individual applying, description of what is being applied for together with justification for the payment. This will form the basis of an agreement between the member and the recipient should a grant be awarded.
  - (d) It will be made clear in the agreement between the Council and Members that any grant they provide must not commit the Council to any future spend, for

example ongoing maintenance. This will also be made explicit in the form completed by applicants.

- (e) At the end of the financial year members will be responsible for providing evidence of spend that tallies with the account statement from the credit union. Members will be required to provide a report outlining how the way they have used the Stronger Communities Fund has supported their ward. In this first year Members will be requested to provide a report on the first 6 months of the scheme to allow a review of the scheme to inform decisions regarding the Medium Term Financial Plan.
  - (f) Should there be doubt whether the proposal been made by a member adheres with the scheme they should consult with the Chief Executive who will review the proposal in consultation with the portfolio holder for Stronger Communities.
  - (g) On a quarterly basis the Chief Executive and the Cabinet member for Stronger Communities will review progress of the scheme and on completion of quarter one Communities and local services scrutiny committee be asked to review the pilot scheme.
14. Councillors may pool their budgets with other Councillors within their Ward and more widely across the Borough, the only limitation on beneficiaries of the grant is they must be Darlington residents. Members may also carry forward any balance of their fund to a following year subject to the continuation of the fund.

#### **Pilot Review**

15. A review will take place prior to the preparation of the MTFP in late 2021 and Members will be asked to prepare a note on what they have delivered from their budgets. Council will then be able to review the outcomes and decide whether to progress with the pilot.

**Stronger Communities Fund  
Grant Information**

Ward	Councillor	Signed Agreement	Recipient - Name of Group	Purpose of Grant	Date Grant Awarded	Amount Allocated (£)	Amount Remaining (£)
Bank Top and Lascelles	Helen Crumbie	Y	Lascelles Community Partnership	Replace seat in Eastbourne Park.	TBC		280.00
			Lascelles Community Partnership	Supply and fit 2 picnic benches under CCTV at Aldborough Park greenspace	TBC		400.00
			Lascelles Community Partnership	King Alfred daffodil bulbs	TBC		25.00
			Thomas Court Residents	Shrubs and planting day	TBC		150.00
							145.00
	Wendy Newall	Y	Lascelles Park residents	Picnic bench and seating for Lascelles park	TBC		400.00
			Lascelles Community Partnership	Contribution to cost of installation of CCTV at the Community Hub	28 October 2021	300.00	
			Lascelles Community Partnership	Cost of outdoor lights for Eastbourne park, batteries and refreshments for Family Help Moonlight Walk	27 October 2021	200.00	
							100.00
	Darrien Wright	Y	Eastbourne Park Hub	Improvements, Painting and restore the community hub	TBC		500.00
			Lascelles Community Partnership	Buy new tools for the Community gardens to support local residents	TBC		300.00
			Lascelles Community Partnership	To start a craft group with local residents to get together and buy supplies	TBC		100.00
Lascelles Community Partnership			Funds to go towards a new mothers and toddlers drop in	TBC		100.00	
Cockerton	Jan Cossins	Y	FC Darlington Locomotives	provision of kit and equipment for the newly formed FC Darlington Locomotives Football Club	23 September 2021	250.00	
			Cockerton Cricket Club	Drainage works to improve cricket field	23 September 2021	200.00	
			Darlington (Cockerton Green) Scout Group	Funding to re-start following covid. Consumables, pens, pencil, paper, creative equipment, games equipment and some remedial operation requirements to ensure a safe covid environment (PPE)	23 September 2021	200.00	
			1st Darlington Girls Brigade, Cockerton Methodist Church	Assistance towards residential camp to fund those that might not be able to afford to attend	23 September 2021	200.00	
			Darlington Town Mission	Funding towards social outings	23 September 2021	150.00	
	Eddie Heslop	Y	Mount pleasant school	to help towards improving childrens musical education and increase opportunities	01 October 2021	1000.00	
Eastbourne	Jonathan Dulston	Y	Firthmoor & District Community Association	Support with hampers	20 December 2021	1000.00	
	Kevin Nicholson	N	FC Locomotives	support a girls only football team with the purchasing of strips	TBC		300.00
			Firthmoor Foodbank / Hampers	support the creation of hampers and foodbank Christmas items	TBC		100.00
			Firthmoor LIVE 2022	support towards the cost of an act for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event	TBC		500.00
			Firthmoor over 50's	support an elderly persons community meeting / luncheon / Hampers	TBC		100.00
Haughton and Springfield	Chris McEwan, Andy Scott, Nick Wallis	Y	St Andrew Food Bank	St Andrews Food Bank	TBC		250.00
			Salvation army Food Bank	Salvation Army Food Bank	TBC		250.00
			Haughton War Memorial	Improvement Haughton Memorial Garden	TBC		250.00
			Health in Haughton Matters	Health in Haughton Matters (with a focus on older people moving more)	TBC		250.00
			Haughton in Bloom	Haughton in Bloom	TBC		250.00
			Haughtn Xmas Lights	Haughton Xmas Lights	TBC		250.00
			Daryington Close	Daryington Close field	TBC		250.00
			Haughton Scouts and Guides	Scouts and Guides (to promote and enable people to join)	TBC		250.00
			Eduction Village Prize	School prize	TBC		250.00
			Haughton Residents	Queens Platinum Jubilee	TBC		250.00
			Fryers Field	Fryers Field	TBC		250.00
			Energy Trust	Energy Trust - energy advice	TBC		250.00
			Heighington and Coniscliffe	Paul Crudass	Y	Low Coniscliffe PC	Replace vandalised Footpath signs
							900.00
Hurworth	Lorraine Tostevin	Y	Hurworth Community Association	Contribution to support Hurworth Annual Fair	01 September 2021	500.00	
			Hurworth Albion Football Club	New Goal Posts for the under 7 football team	01 November 2021	500.00	
Northgate	Sajna Ali	Y	Lyall Events				400.00
			Resident				400.00
			Northgate Community Church				200.00
	Eleanor Lister O.B.E	Y	Resident				500.00
			NQA Foodbank				500.00
Park East	Cyndi Hughes	Y	Skerne Park Community Partnership	To purchase equipment and materials to support activities for children, young people and the wider community of Skerne Park	25 October 2021	350.00	
			Friends of Middleton Street Peace Garden	To purchase plants and other materials in order to improve local amenity and to promote activities and engagement with the local community and the wider community in Darlington	30 November 2021	350.00	
			More In Common Darlington	Contribution towards speaker fees and room hire for a commnity lecture and meeting to improve understanding and cohesion amongst our existing residents vis-à-vis new Afghan refugees who will be moving to Darlington	25 October 2021	300.00	

	Libby McCollom	Y	South Park Bowls Club	Funding toward DBS Checks and coaching certification for "That's How We Roll". Project aims to increase the accessibility of bowls to children and people with disabilities.	TBC		500.00
			27th Darlington Scouts	Funding towards obtaining a storage container for the group's equipment so that it can be kept at their meeting place in the Coleridge Centre.	TBC		500.00
Park West	Mrs Heather Scott O.B.E	Y	Community	Benches for Green Park		300.00	
							700.00
Pierremont	Stephen Harker, Linda Hughes, Mary Layton	Y	Reid Street School	Purchase of materials for "Conversation Corner", a pergola in the KS2 playground.	29 November 2021	500.00	
			George Dent Nursery School	Purchase of woodworking tools, to create a woodworking area for the children.	02 December 2021	500.00	
			Arthur Wharton Foundation	Sound and recording equipment	29 November 2021	500.00	
			Darlington Bee Keepers Association	To enable groups & schools to visit us and to continue our education of the public on the importance of honeybees and other pollinators.	17 November 2021	500.00	
			Friends of Denes	Purchase of saplings, to plant in the Denes	29 November 2021	500.00	
			Willow Road Community Centre	To help fund fuel costs of transporting people to the weekly Lunch Club	29 November 2021	500.00	
Stephenson	Mike Renton	Y	Wesley Court	To fund community activities at the centre, including baby group and over 65s arts and crafts	29 October 2021	400.00	
			The Bridge	To fund family crafts sessions at the Bridge for six months	26 October 2021	300.00	
							300.00
Whinfield	Jamie Bartch	Y	Whinfield Residents Association	Purchase of 1 x Alexander Rose Roble Park bench 5ft £674.10 incl VAT	TBC		674.00
			Whinfield Residents Association	Provide a contribution for community chair (no 3) purchase by WRA.	TBC		326.00
			Whinfield Residents Association	To purchae 7 X 20kg bags of Daffodill bulbs for planting in Whinfield ward.	TBC		210.00
	Andy Keir	Y	Whinfield Residents Association	Purchase of 1 x Alexander Rose Roble Park bench 5ft £674.10 incl VAT	TBC		674.00
			Whinfield Residents Association	Purchase 10 X Yellow High Vis Vests @ £4.82 each	TBC		48.00
			Whinfield Residents Association	Provide a contribution for community chair (no 3) purchase by WRA.	TBC		68.00
<b>Total Spent</b>						<b>11600.00</b>	
<b>Grant Allocation</b>							
<b>Remaining</b>							<b>38400.00</b>