

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2024/25

<u>Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2025</u>		2024-28 MTFP (Feb 2024)
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) :-		£000
MTFP Planned Opening Balance 01/04/2024		16,384
Approved net contribution from balances		(4,041)
Planned Closing Balance 31/03/2025		12,343
Increase in opening balance from 2023-24 results		1,321
Projected corporate underspends / (overspends) :-		
Council Wide		(11)
Financing Costs		0
Joint Venture - Investment Return		0
Contingencies		(58)
Contribution from general fund reserves to Housing Benefits		(155)
Projected General Fund Reserve (excluding Departmental) 31st March 2025	at	13,440
Planned Balance at 31st March 2025		12,343
Improvement		1,097

<u>Departmental projected year-end balances</u>		Improvement / (decline) compared with 2024-28 MTFP £000
People Group		(143)
Environment, Highways & Community Services Group		(851)
Resources and Governance Group		(1,252)
Economy & Public Protection Group		264
Chief Executives Office		0
TOTAL		(1,982)

<u>Summary Comparison with :-</u>		2024-28 MTFP £000
Corporate Resources - increase in opening balance from 23/24 results		1,321
Corporate Resources - additional in-year Improvement/(Decline)		(224)
Departmental - Improvement / (Decline)		(1,982)
Improvement / (Decline) compared with MTFP		(885)
Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2025		11,458

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2024/25

	Budget				Expenditure		
	Original 2024/25	Approved Adjustments	Approved C/fwds	Amended Approved Budget	Projected Outturn	C/fwds to approve	Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Departmental Resources							
People Group	84,432	1,247	(272)	85,407	85,550	0	143
Environment, Highways & Community Services Group	24,842	2,205	(624)	26,423	27,244	30	851
Resources and Governance Group	13,580	824	(228)	14,176	15,428	0	1,252
Chief Executives Office	302	14	0	316	316	0	0
Economy & Public Protection Group	1,675	421	(123)	1,973	1,709	0	(264)
Total Departmental Resources	124,831	4,711	(1,247)	128,295	130,247	30	1,982
Corporate Resources							
Council Wide	631	(452)	0	179	190	0	11
Financing Costs	3,547	0	0	3,547	3,547	0	0
Joint Venture - Investment Return	(1,517)	0	0	(1,517)	(1,517)	0	0
Contingencies Budget							
Apprentice Levy	202	0	0	202	260	0	58
Total Corporate Resources	2,863	(452)	0	2,411	2,480	0	69
Net Expenditure	127,694	4,259	(1,247)	130,706	132,727	30	2,051
Contributions To / (From) Reserves							
Planned Contribution to General Fund Reserves (MTFP)	(6,283)	0	0	(6,283)	(6,283)	0	0
Departmental Brought Forwards from 2023/24	0	(4,104)	0	(4,104)	(4,104)	0	0
Already approved Carry Forwards	0	0	1,247	1,247	1,247	0	0
Contribution from general reserves to Housing Benefits	0	(155)	0	(155)	0	0	155
General Fund Total	121,411	0	0	121,411	123,587	30	2,206

Note: Appendix 1 shows an increase in reserves of £1.321m brought forward from 2023/24

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25

	<i>Budget</i>			<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>(Under)/ Over Spend £000</i>
	<i>Original Budget £000</i>	<i>Approved Adjustments £000</i>	<i>Amended Approved Budget £000</i>	<i>Expenditure to November £000</i>	<i>Projected Spend £000</i>	<i>Total Projection £000</i>	
	<u>Council Wide</u>						
Corporate Running Costs	28	240	268	0	240	240	(28)
Procurement savings	(24)	0	(24)	25	(75)	(50)	(26)
Pay Award	627	(692)	(65)	0	0	0	65
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	631	(452)	179	25	165	190	11

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25									
	Budget				Expenditure				(Under)/ Over Spend £000
	Original Budget £000	Approved Adjustments £000	Approved C/fwds £000	Amended Approved Budget £000	Expenditure to November £000	C/fwds to approve £000	Projected Spend £000	Total Projection £000	
<u>People Group</u>									
Executive Director - People	178	(1)	0	177	155	0	34	189	12
<u>People Support Services</u>									
Transformation & Performance	793	129	0	922	513	0	234	747	(175)
Business Support	1,649	107	0	1,756	1,177	0	562	1,739	(17)
	2,442	236	0	2,678	1,690	0	796	2,486	(192)
<u>Children's Services</u>									
Children's Services Management & Other Services	681	(27)	0	654	479	0	203	682	28
Assessment Care Planning & LAC	4,429	126	0	4,555	3,406	0	1,197	4,603	48
First Response & Early Help	3,758	(277)	0	3,481	2,026	0	1,337	3,363	(118)
Youth Offending/ASB	307	(7)	0	300	(93)	0	393	300	0
Adoption & Placements	21,263	(42)	0	21,221	13,267	0	8,059	21,326	105
Disabled Children	1,372	112	0	1,484	1,087	0	514	1,601	117
Child Protection & Review	433	37	0	470	399	0	185	584	114
Quality Assurance & Practice Improvement	138	(38)	0	100	(110)	0	210	100	0
	32,381	(116)	0	32,265	20,461	0	12,098	32,559	294
<u>Development & Commissioning</u>									
Commissioning	1,967	475	(224)	2,218	2,108	0	(107)	2,001	(217)
Voluntary Sector	293	0	0	293	132	0	161	293	0
	2,260	475	(224)	2,511	2,240	0	54	2,294	(217)
<u>Education</u>									
Education	702	67	(48)	721	19,854	0	(19,253)	601	(120)
Schools	0	0	0	0	2,533	0	(2,533)	0	0
Transport Unit	3,111	27	0	3,138	3,277	0	(130)	3,147	9
	3,813	94	(48)	3,859	25,664	0	(21,916)	3,748	(111)
<u>Public Health</u>									
Public Health	0	0	0	0	4,274	0	(4,274)	0	0
	0	0	0	0	4,274	0	(4,274)	0	0
<u>Adult Social Care & Health</u>									
External Purchase of Care	35,886	390	0	36,276	15,902	0	20,505	36,407	131
Intake & Enablement	727	24	0	751	1,733	0	(982)	751	0
Older People Long Term Condition	1,832	13	0	1,845	1,489	0	409	1,898	53
Physical Disability Long Term Condition	14	0	0	14	24	0	(16)	8	(6)
Learning Disability Long Term Condition	2,253	29	0	2,282	1,538	0	775	2,313	31
Mental Health Long Term Condition	1,163	68	0	1,231	904	0	429	1,333	102
Service Development & Integration	1,068	(28)	0	1,040	601	0	485	1,086	46
Workforce Development	415	63	0	478	205	0	273	478	0
	43,358	559	0	43,917	22,396	0	21,878	44,274	357
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	84,432	1,247	(272)	85,407	76,880	0	8,670	85,550	143

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<u>Environment, Highways & Community Services Group</u>									
Executive Director - Environment, Highways & Community Services	184	0	0	184	122	0	62	184	0
<u>Highways & Capital Projects</u>									
AD - Highways & Capital Projects	111	(1)	0	110	91	0	19	110	0
Building Design Services	63	(3)	0	60	(52)	0	112	60	0
Capital Projects	374	65	0	439	211	0	228	439	0
Car Parking R&M	612	0	0	612	512	0	45	557	(55)
Concessionary Fares	2,247	50	(56)	2,241	1,275	0	1,293	2,568	327
Flood & Water Act	89	202	0	291	(261)	0	552	291	0
Highways	4,237	246	(60)	4,423	508	0	4,045	4,553	130
Highways - DLO	(437)	20	0	(417)	3,056	0	(3,413)	(357)	60
Investment & Funding	89	433	(365)	157	40	0	117	157	0
Sustainable Transport	96	95	0	191	(278)	0	402	124	(67)
	7,481	1,107	(481)	8,107	5,102	0	3,400	8,502	395
<u>Community Services</u>									
AD - Environmental Services &									
Community Safety	99	(1)	0	98	59	0	31	90	(8)
Allotments	19	0	0	19	6	0	15	21	2
Building Cleaning - DLO	33	32	0	65	(215)	0	322	107	42
Cemeteries & Crematorium	(821)	7	0	(814)	(106)	0	(426)	(532)	282
Street Scene	6,282	255	0	6,537	3,183	0	3,354	6,537	0
Transport Unit - Fleet Management	57	1	0	58	1,257	0	(1,199)	58	0
Waste Management	4,109	8	0	4,117	2,693	0	1,524	4,217	100
Winter Maintenance	618	5	0	623	284	0	339	623	0
	10,396	307	0	10,703	7,161	0	3,960	11,121	418

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<u>Environment, Highways & Community Services Group</u>									
<u>Community Safety</u>									
CCTV	284	5	0	289	89	0	204	293	4
Community Safety	781	119	(91)	809	143	30	537	710	(99)
Parking	(2,049)	33	0	(2,016)	(1,473)	0	(751)	(2,224)	(208)
Parking Enforcement	17	(34)	0	(17)	(137)	0	55	(82)	(65)
Stray Dogs	53	1	0	54	35	0	31	66	12
	(914)	124	(91)	(881)	(1,343)	30	76	(1,237)	(356)
<u>Leisure and Culture</u>									
Dolphin Centre	973	74	(12)	1,035	273	0	721	994	(41)
Eastbourne Complex	36	3	0	39	67	0	(28)	39	0
Hippodrome	222	100	(40)	282	(1,053)	0	1,295	242	(40)
Hopetown Darlington	369	41	0	410	1,641	0	(631)	1,010	600
Indoor Bowling Centre	19	12	0	31	8	0	20	28	(3)
Libraries	946	11	0	957	613	0	422	1,035	78
Move More	31	1	0	32	(249)	0	281	32	0
Outdoor Events	522	1	0	523	260	0	263	523	0
Community Catering	82	1	0	83	3	0	60	63	(20)
Culture and Heritage Fund	122	1	0	123	64	0	59	123	0
	3,322	245	(52)	3,515	1,627	0	2,462	4,089	574
<u>Building Services</u>									
Construction - DLO	(366)	9	0	(357)	(3,543)	0	3,186	(357)	0
Other - DLO	0	36	0	36	1,236	0	(1,237)	(1)	(37)
	(366)	45	0	(321)	(2,307)	0	1,949	(358)	(37)
<u>Corporate Landlord</u>									
Corporate Landlord	4,534	377	0	4,911	2,930	0	1,841	4,771	(140)
<u>General Support Services</u>									
Works Property & Other	76	0	0	76	0	0	76	76	0
<u>Joint Levies & Boards</u>									
Environment Agency Levy	129	0	0	129	126	0	0	126	(3)
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	24,842	2,205	(624)	26,423	13,418	30	13,826	27,274	851

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<u>Resources and Governance Group</u>									
Executive Director - Resources and Governance	136	(3)	0	133	121	0	13	134	1
<u>Resources</u>									
AD Resources	120	0	0	120	82	0	40	122	2
Financial Services	1,598	37	(65)	1,570	1,466	0	(251)	1,215	(355)
Financial Assessments & Protection	301	40	0	341	201	0	99	300	(41)
Xentrall (D&S Partnership)	1,968	68	0	2,036	1,320	0	716	2,036	0
Human Resources	680	130	(45)	765	480	0	245	725	(40)
Health & Safety	200	0	0	200	162	0	28	190	(10)
	4,867	275	(110)	5,032	3,711	0	877	4,588	(444)
<u>Head of Strategy Performance & Communications</u>									
Communications & Engagement	1,045	135	(48)	1,132	748	0	292	1,040	(92)
Systems	1,132	154	(70)	1,216	1,109	0	107	1,216	0
	2,177	289	(118)	2,348	1,857	0	399	2,256	(92)
<u>Law & Governance</u>									
AD Law & Governance	136	(1)	0	135	96	0	39	135	0
Complaints & FOI	330	51	0	381	201	0	174	375	(6)
Democratic Services	1,381	5	0	1,386	1,047	0	482	1,529	143
Registrars	(26)	6	0	(20)	(99)	0	85	(14)	6
Administration	550	10	0	560	490	0	90	580	20
Legal Services	1,768	0	0	1,768	1,195	0	822	2,017	249
Procurement	195	1	0	196	144	0	55	199	3
Coroners	321	0	0	321	0	0	331	331	10
	4,655	72	0	4,727	3,074	0	2,078	5,152	425
<u>Xentrall Shared Services</u>									
ICT	811	0	0	811	253	0	697	950	139
	811	0	0	811	253	0	697	950	139
<u>Building Services</u>									
Maintenance - DLO	(684)	5	0	(679)	1,273	0	(1,952)	(679)	0
	(684)	5	0	(679)	1,273	0	(1,952)	(679)	0
<u>Housing & Revenues</u>									
Local Taxation	473	0	0	473	538	0	(126)	412	(61)
Rent Rebates / Rent Allowances / Council Tax	(132)	0	0	(132)	9,156	0	(7,972)	1,184	1,316
Housing Benefits Administration	451	186	0	637	565	0	61	626	(11)
Customer Services	324	0	0	324	184	0	90	274	(50)
Homelessness	347	0	0	347	(691)	0	1,067	376	29
Service, Strategy & Regulation and General	155	0	0	155	(1,951)	0	2,106	155	0
	1,618	186	0	1,804	7,801	0	(4,774)	3,027	1,223
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	13,580	824	(228)	14,176	18,090	0	(2,662)	15,428	1,252

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25

	<i>Budget</i>				<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>(Under)/ Over Spend £000</i>
	Original Budget £000	Approved Adjustments £000	Approved C/fwds £000	Amended Approved Budget £000	Expenditure to November £000	Projected Spend £000	Total Projection £000	
<i>Chief Executive Office</i>								
Chief Executive	217	(1)	0	216	145	71	216	0
Darlington Partnership	85	15	0	100	15	85	100	0
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	302	14	0	316	160	156	316	0
<i>Economy and Public Protection Group</i>								
AD - Economic Growth	154	(1)	0	153	101	50	151	(2)
Emergency Planning	105	0		105	49	45	94	(11)
Building Control	192	1	0	193	103	43	146	(47)
Consolidated Budgets	46	148	0	194	(100)	294	194	0
Development Management	52	1	0	53	53	(60)	(7)	(60)
Economy	259	56	(58)	257	28	229	257	0
Environmental Health	351	0	0	351	94	180	274	(77)
Place Strategy	603	93	(65)	631	120	488	608	(23)
Property Management & Estates	(487)	84	0	(403)	(760)	357	(403)	0
Private Sector Housing	112	29	0	141	(139)	258	119	(22)
General Licensing	0	1	0	1	(51)	66	15	14
Taxi Licensing	28	9	0	37	(30)	67	37	0
Trading Standards	260	0	0	260	129	95	224	(36)
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	1,675	421	(123)	1,973	(403)	2,112	1,709	(264)

BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2024/25

SCHOOLS PROJECTED BALANCES 2024/25					
School Name	Opening Balance at 1st April 2024	Formula Budget Allocation*	Total Available	Closing Balance at 31st March 2025	Projected Closing Balance as proportion of Formula Budget Allocation
	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
<u>Primary</u>					
Federation of Darlington Nursery Schools	34	1,131	948	78	7%
Harrowgate Hill Primary	43	2,687	2,730	(69)	(3%)
Red Hall Primary	239	1,588	1,827	148	9%
Rise Carr College, Clifton House & Eldon House	305	2,005	2,310	313	16%
Primary Total	621	7,411	7,815	470	

*Federation of Darlington Nursery Schools/Rise Carr College original budget. Actual allocation based on attendance.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2024/25

	Budget			Total Projection £000	(Under)/ Over Spend £000
	Original Budget £000	Approved Adjustments £000	Amended Approved Budget £000		
<u>Housing Revenue Account</u>					
<u>Income</u>					
Rents Of Dwellings (Gross)	(23,640)	0	(23,640)	(23,029)	611
Sundry Rents (Including Garages & Shops)	(497)	0	(497)	(480)	17
Charges For Services & Facilities	(3,377)	11	(3,366)	(3,320)	46
Contribution towards expenditure	(887)	(205)	(1,092)	(1,331)	(239)
Interest Receivable	(6)	0	(6)	(450)	(444)
Total Income	(28,407)	(194)	(28,601)	(28,610)	(9)
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Operational	4,859	205	5,064	5,528	464
Service Charges	3,377	(11)	3,366	3,320	(46)
Maintenance	6,179	0	6,179	6,432	253
Capital Financing Costs	3,911	0	3,911	3,911	0
Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay	13,455	0	13,455	13,455	0
Increase in Bad Debt Provision	250	0	250	150	(100)
In year contribution to/(from) balances	(3,624)	0	(3,624)	(4,186)	(562)
Total Expenditure	28,407	194	28,601	28,610	9
(Surplus)/Deficit	0	0	0	0	0

HRA Balances	£000
Opening balance 01/04/2024	25,947
Contribution to/(from) balances	(4,186)
Closing balance	21,761