

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2024/25**Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2025**

	2024-28 MTFP (Feb 2024)	£000
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) :-		
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		64
Financing Costs		(324)
Joint Venture - Investment Return		0
Contingencies		(83)
Contribution from general fund reserves to Housing Benefits		(155)
Unallocated grant income		218
Projected General Fund Reserve (excluding Departmental) 31st March 2025	at	13,384
Planned Balance at 31st March 2025		12,343
Improvement		1,041

Departmental projected year-end balances

	Improvement / (decline) compared with 2024-28 MTFP	£000
People Services		187
Environment, Highways & Community Services		(337)
Resources and Governance		(796)
Economy & Public Protection		178
Chief Executive		(9)
TOTAL		(777)

Summary Comparison with :-

	2024-28 MTFP	£000
Corporate Resources - increase in opening balance from 23/24 results		1,321
Corporate Resources - additional in-year Improvement/(Decline)		(280)
Departmental - Improvement / (Decline)		(777)
Improvement / (Decline) compared with MTFP		264
Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2025		12,607

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 Services	84,432	1,237	(715)	84,954	84,114	653	(187)
Environment, Highways & Community Services	24,842	2,209	(1,393)	25,658	25,544	451	337
Resources and Governance	13,580	831	(302)	14,109	14,850	55	796
Chief Executive	302	14	(15)	301	310	0	9
Economy & Public Protection	1,675	420	(195)	1,900	1,605	117	(178)
Total Departmental Resources	124,831	4,711	(2,620)	126,922	126,423	1,276	777
Corporate Resources							
Council Wide	631	(452)	(200)	(21)	(85)	0	(64)
Financing Costs	3,547	0	0	3,547	3,871	0	324
Joint Venture - Investment Return	(1,517)	0	0	(1,517)	(1,517)	0	0
Unallocated grant income	0	0	0	0	(218)	0	(218)
Contingencies Budget							
Apprentice Levy	202	0	0	202	285	0	83
Total Corporate Resources	2,863	(452)	(200)	2,211	2,336	0	125
Net Expenditure	127,694	4,259	(2,820)	129,133	128,759	1,276	902
Contributions To / (From) Reserves							
Planned Contribution to General Fund Reserves (MTPF)	(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	2,820	2,820	2,820	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	121,192	1,276	1,057

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>
	Original Budget £000	Approved Adjustments £000	Approved C/fwds £000	Amended Approved Budget £000	Expenditure £000	Total Projection £000	
	<u>Council Wide</u>						
Corporate Running Costs	28	240	(200)	68	0	0	(68)
Procurement savings	(24)	0	0	(24)	(85)	(85)	(61)
Pay Award	627	(692)	0	(65)	0	0	65
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	631	(452)	(200)	(21)	(85)	(85)	(64)

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 £000	C/fwds to approve £000	Total Projection £000	
<u>People Services</u>								
Executive Director - People	178	(1)	0	177	208	0	208	31
<u>People Support Services</u>								
Transformation & Performance	793	116	0	909	734	0	734	(175)
Business Support	1,649	107	0	1,756	1,742	0	1,742	(14)
	2,442	223	0	2,665	2,476	0	2,476	(189)
<u>Children's Services</u>								
Children's Services Management & Other Services	1,114	10	0	1,124	1,275	0	1,275	151
Assessment Care Planning & LAC	4,429	84	0	4,513	5,006	0	5,006	493
First Response & Early Help	3,758	(234)	0	3,524	3,329	0	3,329	(195)
Youth Offending/ASB	307	(7)	0	300	300	0	300	0
Adoption & Placements	21,263	(42)	0	21,221	21,012	0	21,012	(209)
Disabled Children	1,372	112	0	1,484	1,543	0	1,543	59
Quality Assurance & Practice Improvement	138	(38)	0	100	100	0	100	0
	32,381	(115)	0	32,266	32,565	0	32,565	299
<u>Development & Commissioning</u>								
Commissioning	1,967	475	(225)	2,217	1,905	10	1,915	(302)
Voluntary Sector	293	0	0	293	242	50	292	(1)
	2,260	475	(225)	2,510	2,147	60	2,207	(303)
<u>Education</u>								
Education	702	67	(48)	721	486	60	546	(175)
Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport Unit	3,111	27	0	3,138	2,982	41	3,023	(115)
	3,813	94	(48)	3,859	3,468	101	3,569	(290)
<u>Public Health</u>								
Public Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Adult Social Care & Health</u>								
External Purchase of Care	35,886	390	(442)	35,834	35,268	470	35,738	(96)
Intake & Enablement	727	24	0	751	748	0	748	(3)
Older People Long Term Condition	1,832	13	0	1,845	1,849	0	1,849	4
Physical Disability Long Term Condition	14	0	0	14	7	0	7	(7)
Learning Disability Long Term Condition	2,253	29	0	2,282	2,250	0	2,250	(32)
Mental Health Long Term Condition	1,163	68	0	1,231	1,246	0	1,246	15
Service Development & Integration	1,068	(28)	0	1,040	1,424	0	1,424	384
Workforce Development	415	65	0	480	458	22	480	0
	43,358	561	(442)	43,477	43,250	492	43,742	265
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	84,432	1,237	(715)	84,954	84,114	653	84,767	(187)

REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25

	<i>Budget</i>				<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>(Under)/ Over Spend £000</i>
	Original	Approved	Approved	Amended	Expenditure	C/fwds to approve	Total Projection	
	Budget	Adjustments	C/fwds	Budget				
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<u>Environment, Highways & Community Services</u>								
Executive Director - Environment, Highways & Community Services	184	0	0	184	183	0	183	(1)
<u>Highways & Capital Projects</u>								
AD - Highways & Capital Projects	111	(1)	0	110	109	0	109	(1)
Building Design Services	63	(3)	0	60	(18)	0	(18)	(78)
Capital Projects	374	65	(66)	373	249	0	249	(124)
Car Parking R&M	612	0	0	612	531	0	531	(81)
Concessionary Fares	2,247	50	(56)	2,241	2,526	0	2,526	285
Flood & Water Act	89	202	(202)	89	58	31	89	0
Highways	4,237	246	(172)	4,311	4,352	5	4,357	46
Highways - DLO	(437)	22	0	(415)	(388)	0	(388)	27
Investment & Funding	89	433	(405)	117	107	0	107	(10)
Sustainable Transport	96	95	(28)	163	76	0	76	(87)
	7,481	1,109	(929)	7,661	7,602	36	7,638	(23)
<u>Community Services</u>								
AD - Environmental Services & Community Safety	99	(1)	0	98	98	0	98	0
Allotments	19	0	0	19	18	0	18	(1)
Building Cleaning - DLO	33	32	0	65	135	0	135	70
Cemeteries & Crematorium	(821)	7	0	(814)	(549)	0	(549)	265
Street Scene	6,282	257	(61)	6,478	6,111	176	6,287	(191)
Transport Unit - Fleet Management	57	1	0	58	61	0	61	3
Waste Management	4,109	8	0	4,117	4,016	0	4,016	(101)
Winter Maintenance	618	5	0	623	598	0	598	(25)
	10,396	309	(61)	10,644	10,488	176	10,664	20
<u>Community Safety</u>								
CCTV	284	5	0	289	267	25	292	3
Community Safety	781	119	(140)	760	615	70	685	(75)
Parking	(2,049)	33	0	(2,016)	(2,285)	0	(2,285)	(269)
Parking Enforcement	17	(34)	0	(17)	(89)	0	(89)	(72)
Stray Dogs	53	1	0	54	71	0	71	17
	(914)	124	(140)	(930)	(1,421)	95	(1,326)	(396)
<u>Leisure and Culture</u>								
Dolphin Centre	973	74	(12)	1,035	676	126	802	(233)
Eastbourne Complex	36	3	0	39	40	0	40	1
Hippodrome	222	100	(40)	282	167	0	167	(115)
Hopetown Darlington	369	41	0	410	1,285	0	1,285	875
Indoor Bowling Centre	19	12	(12)	19	16	0	16	(3)
Libraries	946	11	0	957	991	0	991	34
Move More	31	1	0	32	32	0	32	0
Outdoor Events	522	1	0	523	505	18	523	0
Community Catering	82	1	0	83	45	0	45	(38)
Culture and Heritage Fund	122	1	(7)	116	116	0	116	0
	3,322	245	(71)	3,496	3,873	144	4,017	521
<u>Building Services</u>								
Construction - DLO	(366)	9	0	(357)	(347)	0	(347)	10
Other - DLO	0	36	0	36	0	0	0	(36)
	(366)	45	0	(321)	(347)	0	(347)	(26)
<u>Corporate Landlord</u>								
Corporate Landlord	4,534	377	(192)	4,719	4,976	0	4,976	257
<u>General Support Services</u>								
Works Property & Other	76	0	0	76	64	0	64	(12)
<u>Joint Levies & Boards</u>								
Environment Agency Levy	129	0	0	129	126	0	126	(3)
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	24,842	2,209	(1,393)	25,658	25,544	451	25,995	337

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<u>Resources and Governance</u>								
Executive Director - Resources and Governance	136	(3)	0	133	132	0	132	(1)
<u>Resources</u>								
AD Resources	120	1	0	121	123	0	123	2
Financial Services	1,598	180	(65)	1,713	1,003	0	1,003	(710)
Financial Assessments & Protection	301	40	0	341	289	0	289	(52)
Xentrall (D&S Partnership)	1,968	231	0	2,199	2,197	0	2,197	(2)
Human Resources	680	63	(123)	620	563	0	563	(57)
Health & Safety	200	(29)	0	171	165	5	170	(1)
	4,867	486	(188)	5,165	4,340	5	4,345	(820)
<u>Head of Strategy Performance & Communications</u>								
Communications & Engagement	1,045	133	(48)	1,130	982	10	992	(138)
Systems	1,132	(17)	(66)	1,049	1,016	0	1,016	(33)
	2,177	116	(114)	2,179	1,998	10	2,008	(171)
<u>Law & Governance</u>								
AD Law & Governance	136	(1)	0	135	146	0	146	11
Complaints & FOI	330	(1)	0	329	292	40	332	3
Democratic Services	1,381	5	0	1,386	1,505	0	1,505	119
Registrars	(26)	6	0	(20)	(23)	0	(23)	(3)
Administration	550	46	0	596	636	0	636	40
Legal Services	1,768	4	0	1,772	1,720	0	1,720	(52)
Procurement	195	(16)	0	179	197	0	197	18
Coroners	321	0	0	321	371	0	371	50
	4,655	43	0	4,698	4,844	40	4,884	186
<u>Xentrall Shared Services</u>								
ICT	811	3	0	814	1,100	0	1,100	286
	811	3	0	814	1,100	0	1,100	286
<u>Building Services</u>								
Maintenance - DLO	(684)	0	0	(684)	(709)	0	(709)	(25)
	(684)	0	0	(684)	(709)	0	(709)	(25)
<u>Housing & Revenues</u>								
Local Taxation	473	0	0	473	189	0	189	(284)
Rent Rebates / Rent Allowances / Council Tax	(132)	0	0	(132)	1,744	0	1,744	1,876
Housing Benefits Administration	451	186	0	637	641	0	641	4
Customer Services	324	0	0	324	214	0	214	(110)
Homelessness	347	0	0	347	196	0	196	(151)
Service, Strategy & Regulation and General	155	0	0	155	161	0	161	6
	1,618	186	0	1,804	3,145	0	3,145	1,341
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	13,580	831	(302)	14,109	14,850	55	14,905	796

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 £000	C/fwds to approve £000	Total Projection £000	
Chief Executive								
Chief Executive	217	(1)	0	216	225	0	225	9
Darlington Partnership	85	15	(15)	85	85	0	85	0
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	302	14	(15)	301	310	0	310	9
Economy and Public Protection								
AD - Economic Growth	154	(1)	0	153	148	0	148	(5)
Emergency Planning	105	0	0	105	92	0	92	(13)
Building Control	192	1	0	193	148	0	148	(45)
Consolidated Budgets	46	109	(5)	150	150	0	150	0
Development Management	52	1	0	53	64	0	64	11
Economy	259	56	(58)	257	259	9	268	11
Environmental Health	351	0	0	351	248	0	248	(103)
Place Strategy	603	93	(82)	614	539	12	551	(63)
Property Management & Estates	(487)	122	(50)	(415)	(430)	96	(334)	81
Private Sector Housing	112	29	0	141	107	0	107	(34)
General Licensing	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Taxi Licensing	28	9	0	37	43	0	43	6
Trading Standards	260	0	0	260	236	0	236	(24)
In Year Over/(Under) Spend	1,675	420	(195)	1,900	1,605	117	1,722	(178)

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	%
Primary					
Federation of Darlington Nursery Schools	34	1,131	1,165	134	12%
Harrowgate Hill Primary	43	2,687	2,730	(39)	(1%)
Red Hall Primary	239	1,588	1,827	156	10%
Rise Carr College, Clifton House & Eldon House	305	2,005	2,310	244	12%
Primary Total	621	7,411	8,032	495	

*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)	(23,561)	79
Sundry Rents (Including Garages & Shops)	(497)	0	(497)	(580)	(83)
Charges For Services & Facilities	(3,377)	11	(3,366)	(3,567)	(201)
Contribution towards expenditure	(887)	(205)	(1,092)	(1,496)	(404)
Interest Receivable	(6)	0	(6)	(933)	(927)
Total Income	(28,407)	(194)	(28,601)	(30,137)	(1,536)
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Operational	4,859	205	5,064	5,523	459
Service Charges	3,377	(11)	3,366	3,548	182
Maintenance	6,179	0	6,179	6,984	805
Capital Financing Costs	3,911	0	3,911	3,101	(810)
Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay	13,455	0	13,455	13,455	0
Increase in Bad Debt Provision	250	0	250	128	(122)
In year contribution to/(from) balances	(3,624)	0	(3,624)	(2,602)	1,022
Total Expenditure	28,407	194	28,601	30,137	1,536
(Surplus)/Deficit	0	0	0	0	0

HRA Balances	£000
Opening balance 01/04/2024	25,947
Contribution to/(from) balances	(2,602)
Closing balance	23,345