

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

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## **COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R SUTTON TO COUNCILLOR K MERRIE**

“The Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire (SGPLL), approved by this Council on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, speaks with pride of the “Leicestershire International Gateway (LIG) focused around the northern parts of the A42 and the M1” and “improvements to the A42, the M1, railway lines and services set out in the Midlands Connect Strategy”. This implied dependency is reiterated in the SGPLL under ‘Aligning Infrastructure and Growth’ as follows: “we will need the support from government if we are to achieve the step change in the amount and speed of housing and economic growth”.

Can the Council give details of all firm and significant investments by government, county and district since 2018 specifically for infrastructure and growth at the North end of the District, to warrant and support the ambitious Draft Local Plan currently out for consultation, providing, at the same time, any other tangible evidence for members representing communities such as Diseworth, Breedon, Castle Donington, Hemington, Lockington and Kegworth that the cumulative impacts of the Local Plan will not be for them further exposure to relatively deregulated development which satisfies an iconic LIG Freeport’s ambition for urbanisation without prior investment in infrastructure, services, rural preservation and traditional village communities.”

#### **REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR K MERRIE TO COUNCILLOR R SUTTON**

“The Strategic Growth Plan is a non-statutory plan which sets out an agreed strategy to meet the future developments needs of Leicester and Leicestershire up to 2050. It has been jointly prepared by the ten partner organisations in Leicester & Leicestershire to provide a long term shared vision for Local Plans to address both the challenges and the opportunities that growth presents. The Council’s draft Local Plan aligns with the Strategic Growth Plan in terms of its overall strategy.

The days of new infrastructure being paid for solely from the public purse are gone. Instead, there is a clear expectation from government that new development will make a significant contribution towards the cost of providing the new infrastructure which is required to make a development acceptable.

In recent years both the Kegworth bypass (which opened in November 2018) and the Castle Donington relief road (February 2020) were funded as part of new development (the East Midlands Gateway development and housing off Park Lane respectively). The East Midlands Gateway development also provided £300,000 to Castle Donington, Kegworth and Lockington & Hemington Parish Councils to improve community facilities. In addition, the Park Lane development also secured over £1million towards the cost of youth and adult leisure facilities in Castle Donington as well as significant contributions towards health (about £500,000) and education, including a new primary school.

As part of the Council’s new Local Plan an Infrastructure Delivery Plan is being prepared. This will identify what new infrastructure is required to support the development proposed as part of the Local Plan. That work, together with a Viability assessment as required by national policy, is now underway and will be reported to Local Plan Committee before any decisions are made regarding the final preferred plan. It is likely that funding will need to come from both the public purse, but also from new development paying its way.”

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AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR S LAMBETH

I move the amendments to recommendations to Item 12 General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2024/25 with amended areas highlighted in red.

Should these changes be agreed, members will need to be mindful of the consequential changes to Item 11 – Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.

AGENDA ITEM 12: GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2024/25

Recommendations	COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="603 689 1378 920">1. TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2024/25 AS SUMMARISED IN SECTION 2 OF THIS REPORT <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET</b>. THIS INCLUDES INCREASING THE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S SHARE OF COUNCIL TAX IN 2024/25 BY 2.75%</li><li data-bbox="603 954 1378 1093">2. TO NOTE THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 2025/26 TO 2028/29 (APPENDIX 1) <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET</b>.</li><li data-bbox="603 1126 1378 1227">3. TO NOTE THE GENERAL FUND FEES AND CHARGES APPROVED BY CABINET ON 31 JANUARY 2024 (APPENDIX 3).</li><li data-bbox="603 1261 1378 1462">4. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME (APPENDIX 4) FOR 2024/25 AND PLANNED FINANCING, AS SET OUT IN SECTION 3 OF THIS REPORT <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET</b>.</li><li data-bbox="603 1496 1378 1632">5. TO NOTE THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 – 2028/29 <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET</b>.</li><li data-bbox="603 1666 1378 1933">6. TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EXPENSES REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2024/25 (APPENDIX 6) AS SUMMARISED IN SECTION 4, INCLUDING SETTING THE SPECIAL EXPENSE BAND D COUNCIL TAX AT THE LEVELS DETAILED IN TABLE 4 OF THIS REPORT AND APPROVES THE REVISED SPECIAL EXPENSES POLICY SHOWN IN APPENDIX 10</li><li data-bbox="603 1966 1378 2016">7. TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF NWLDC IN THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE</li></ol>

	<p><b>ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LLEP) BUSINESS RATES POOL IN 2024/25.</b></p> <p><b>8. TO APPROVE THE DRAWDOWN FROM RESERVES TO FUND THE ONE-OFF BUDGET PROPOSALS AS DETAILED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (APPENDIX 1).</b></p> <p><b>9. TO APPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES AS DETAILED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (APPENDIX 1) <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.</b></b></p> <p><b>10. DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES (SECTION 151 OFFICER) AND THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO SPEND £500K FROM THE MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) RESERVE ON THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME.</b></p>
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**1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

1.1 The Labour Group proposes to make seven changes to the General Fund budgets as set out below:

1. Removal of the budget saving in relation to Age UK in 2024/25 to 2026/27 and retain the grant at £21,990 per year.
2. Removal of the budget saving in relation to Ashby Museum in 2025/26 and 2027/28 and retain the grant at £1,460 per year.
3. Removal of the saving in relation to Ashby Public Conveniences and for the Council to continue to operate these facilities.
4. Removal of the commitment to review the Small Grants Scheme of £19,500 in 2025/26.
5. To postpone the development of Stenson Square to 2025/26.
6. Additional £30k one-off contribution to Citizens Advice in 2024/25.
7. Additional £50k revenue and £400k Capital to build and operate workspaces for small businesses.

1.2 The proposed Labour changes will ensure that valuable voluntary sector services are maintained, the Public Conveniences in Ashby remain in place and that the much-used Ashby Museum are protected for the next three years.

1.3 A more targeted support be provided to more vulnerable residents to address the cost-of-living crisis. We propose a budget of £30k as a one-off additional grant to Citizens Advice Bureau to be used specifically to employ an advisor for the next year to assist with financial advice. This is a one-year commitment, funded from reserves, subject to a review towards the end of the year.

- 1.4 To produce a detailed business case to build and operate workspaces for small businesses. The business case will have particular focus to promoting creative industry businesses and providing workspace that enables businesses to ‘start up’ and grow within North West Leicestershire. This proposal includes a one-off £50k revenue budget to undertake a feasibility study and produce a business case and £400k capital budget for the building of the workspaces. Both are funded from reserves.
- 1.5 The report appendices have been updated to reflect the above seven proposals and are attached; all changes are highlighted in red:
- Appendix 1 – General Fund Revenue Budget Summary 2024/25 to 2028/29
  - Appendix 2 – Changes to the MTFP 2024/25 to 2028/29
  - Appendix 4 – General Fund Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29
  - Appendix 5 – General Fund Reserves
- 1.6 A summary of the revenue changes is detailed in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Summary of Revenue Changes**

PROPOSAL	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Age UK	7,330	14,660	21,990	21,990	21,990
2. Ashby Musuem	-	485	975	1,460	1,460
3. Ashby PC	-	21,000	26,000	31,000	36,000
4. Small Grants Scheme	-	-	-	-	-
5. Stenson Square	-	-	-	-	-
6. Citizens Advice	30,000	-	-	-	-
7. Workspaces	50,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total of Revenue Changes</b>	<b>87,330</b>	<b>36,145</b>	<b>48,965</b>	<b>54,450</b>	<b>59,450</b>
Funded By:					
Increase in budget proposals funded from reserves	80,000				
Reduction in the contribution to Reserves	7,330				
Increase in the anticipated funding gap		36,145	48,965	54,450	59,450
	<b>87,330</b>	<b>36,145</b>	<b>48,965</b>	<b>54,450</b>	<b>59,450</b>

1.7 A summary of the capital changes is detailed in Table 2:

**Table 2: Summary of Capital Changes**

PROPOSAL	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1. Age UK	-	-	-	-	-
2. Ashby Musuem	-	-	-	-	-
3. Ashby PC	-	-	-	-	-
4. Small Grants Scheme	-	-	-	-	-
5. Stenson Square	- 1,000	-	1,000	-	-
6. Citizens Advice	-	-	-	-	-
7. Workspaces	400	-	-	-	-
Total of Revenue Changes	- 600	-	1,000	-	-
Funded By:					
Business Rates Reserve	- 600	-	1,000	-	-
	- 600	-	1,000	-	-

1.8 The consequential impact of this proposed change on the Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators report at Agenda Item 11 will be actioned under the delegation provided to the Section 151 Officer.

**2.0 CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER ASSESSMENT OF ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND ADEQUACY OF RESERVES**

2.1 Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to provide their professional assessment of the robustness of budget estimates and the adequacy of reserves prior to the Budget and Council tax being considered by Council. Agenda Item 10 provides Council with the CFOs assessment on the Administration's proposed budget.

2.2 The CFO has undertaken an initial review of the alternative budget proposals contained in this report and can indicatively provide a positive opinion. The alternative budget suggests a number of amendments to the Cabinet's proposed budget, which would result in additional revenue and capital spending. However, based on his analysis, the CFO is satisfied that the alternative budget is affordable and meets the statutory requirements of a balanced budget.

2.3 The alternative budget maintains adequate levels of reserves and does not compromise the financial stability or sustainability of the Council. However, it should be noted this review has not been undertaken in the level of depth as the proposed Administration's budget due to the short period of time available to assess the proposals. If the Alternative budget proposals were adopted by Council a more comprehensive level of analysis would be required as part of their implementation.



## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL GENERAL FUND SUMMARY BUDGET 2024/25 to 2028/29

2023/24		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Budget £	Service	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £
277,030	Chief Executive	201,490	201,490	201,490	201,490	201,490
740,310	Human Resources	732,700	734,780	737,270	739,930	739,930
1,654,930	Legal & Support Services	1,873,460	1,880,860	1,887,380	1,893,000	1,893,000
<b>2,672,270</b>	<b>Total Chief Executive's Directorate</b>	<b>2,807,650</b>	<b>2,817,130</b>	<b>2,826,140</b>	<b>2,834,420</b>	<b>2,834,420</b>
340,600	Strategic Director of Place	137,970	137,970	137,970	137,970	137,970
1,141,250	Property & Economic Regeneration	1,329,120	1,130,740	1,132,390	1,134,070	1,134,070
985,399	Planning & Infrastructure	1,070,580	1,073,730	1,073,730	1,081,585	1,081,585
9,080	Joint Strategic Planning	(2,890)	(4,600)	(6,340)	(8,120)	(9,930)
<b>2,476,329</b>	<b>Total Place Directorate</b>	<b>2,534,780</b>	<b>2,337,840</b>	<b>2,337,750</b>	<b>2,345,505</b>	<b>2,343,695</b>
6,321,690	Community Services	6,663,270	6,399,040	6,233,650	6,042,840	5,843,940
797,733	Strategic Housing	540,188	540,188	540,188	540,188	540,188
<b>7,119,423</b>	<b>Total Community Services Directorate</b>	<b>7,203,457</b>	<b>6,939,227</b>	<b>6,773,837</b>	<b>6,583,027</b>	<b>6,384,127</b>
114,980	Strategic Director of Resources	237,130	237,130	237,130	237,130	237,130
959,610	Customer Services	1,009,760	1,011,180	1,012,630	1,014,110	1,014,110
1,086,770	Finance	1,052,640	1,044,460	985,990	987,590	987,590
1,131,260	Revenues & Benefits	1,170,850	1,191,620	1,213,230	1,235,710	1,235,710
1,208,970	ICT	1,221,640	1,161,280	1,161,280	1,171,280	1,171,280
70,810	Business Change	570,090	0	0	0	0
<b>4,572,400</b>	<b>Total Resources Directorate</b>	<b>5,262,110</b>	<b>4,645,670</b>	<b>4,610,260</b>	<b>4,645,820</b>	<b>4,645,820</b>
107,530	Non Distributed - Revenue Expenditure on Surplus Assets	115,140	116,120	117,120	118,140	118,140
67,380	Non Distributed - Retirement Benefits	69,980	71,330	72,710	74,120	74,120
70,410	Corporate & Democratic Core	92,500	92,500	92,500	92,500	92,500
651,230	Estimated Pay Award	526,781	877,711	1,247,621	1,617,441	1,987,441
<b>17,736,972</b>	<b>NET COST OF SERVICES</b>	<b>18,612,398</b>	<b>17,897,528</b>	<b>18,077,938</b>	<b>18,310,973</b>	<b>18,480,263</b>
(1,827,750)	Net Recharges from General Fund	(1,859,136)	(1,859,136)	(1,859,136)	(1,859,136)	(1,859,136)
<b>15,909,222</b>	<b>NET COST OF SERVICES AFTER RECHARGES</b>	<b>16,753,262</b>	<b>16,038,392</b>	<b>16,218,802</b>	<b>16,451,837</b>	<b>16,621,127</b>
	<b>CORPORATE ITEMS AND FINANCING</b>					
	<b>Corporate Income and Expenditure</b>					
1,763,264	Net Financing Costs	1,906,878	1,876,250	1,827,678	1,790,447	1,761,552
(335,200)	Investment Income	(410,200)	(200,200)	(200,200)	(200,200)	(200,200)
15,871	Localisation of CT Support Grant - Parish & Special Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>17,353,157</b>	<b>NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>18,249,940</b>	<b>17,714,442</b>	<b>17,846,280</b>	<b>18,042,084</b>	<b>18,182,479</b>
(290,195)	Budget Proposals Funded from Reserves - One-Off	(850,805)	0	0	0	0
24,116	Contribution to/(from) Balances/Reserves	12,118	0	0	0	0
<b>17,087,078</b>	<b>MET FROM GOVT GRANT &amp; COUNCIL TAX</b>	<b>17,411,253</b>	<b>17,292,753</b>	<b>17,193,408</b>	<b>16,719,795</b>	<b>16,243,634</b>
	<b>ANTICIPATED BASELINE FUNDING GAP</b>		<b>421,689</b>	<b>652,872</b>	<b>1,322,290</b>	<b>1,938,845</b>

2023/24		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2027/28
Budget £	Service	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £	Indicative £
	<b>Financed By</b>					
1,219,692	New Homes Bonus	918,476	-	-	-	-
25,056	Transfer from/(to) Collection Fund - CT Prev Yrs Surplus/(Deficit)	11,470	0	0	0	0
5,771,361	Council Tax	6,041,652	6,316,254	6,603,504	6,903,678	7,217,545
8,715,943	National Non-Domestic Rates	8,619,604	8,673,565	4,899,552	4,984,281	5,076,051
1,171,479	Minimum Funding Guarantee	1,707,118	2,207,349	-	-	-
93,369	Services Grant	16,782	15,296	-	-	-
90,178	Revenue Support Grant	96,151	80,289	297,580	253,041	204,597
0	Transitional Relief	0	0	5,392,772	4,578,795	3,745,441
<b>17,087,078</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE</b>	<b>17,411,253</b>	<b>17,292,753</b>	<b>17,193,408</b>	<b>16,719,795</b>	<b>16,243,634</b>

## North West Leicestershire District Council

### General Fund Budget Amendments to the MTFP 2024/25 to 2028/29

Change to MTFP	Proposal Description & Service Impact	Directorate	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
			£	£	£	£	£
Pay Award 23/24	Budget 4%, actual £1,925 per FTE	Various	367,830	0	0	0	0
Pay Award Future Years	Including NI & Pension & other minor amendments	Various	14,120	8,320	0	0	0
Other Pay	Other salary adjustments	Various	(52,848)	0	0	0	0
Incremental increases		Various	132,140	0	0	0	0
Vacancy Allowance Increase	Applied a consistent 2% across the general fund	Various	(195,960)	(10,860)	0	0	0
Members allowances - Pay Award	Pay award	Chief Executives	20,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Pay Related Costs</b>			<b>285,282</b>	<b>(2,540)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increase in Legal Services Budget	Required for specialist legal advice	Chief Executives	5,000	0	0	0	0
Members allowances - Special Responsibility Allowance	Possible creation of a Scrutiny Commission SRA and levels of subsistence	Chief Executives	3,200	0	0	0	0
Local Resilience Forum	Increase in our contribution to the Local Resilience Forum	Chief Executives	2,000	0	0	0	0
Security costs	Additional costs for security required at Council Premises	Place	31,500	0	0	0	0
Insurance	Increased insurance costs net of recharge to HRA	Resources	40,000	40,000	0	0	0
ICT Firmstep Licences	Firmstep licences - entering into a 3 year contract which will mean a £5.5k increase from 23/24-25/26.	Resources	5,500	0	0	0	0
Finance System Admin Support	System admin support required for Unit 4	Resources	60,000	0	(60,000)	0	0
External Audit Fees	Increase in audit fees net of recharge to HRA	Resources	22,460	0	0	0	0
Transformation (one off costs)	Service Transformation Project Team - funded from the MTFP reserve	Resources	500,000	(500,000)	0	0	0
System Improvements (one off costs)	Finance System - Phase 3 - funded from the MTFP reserve	Resources	50,000	(50,000)	0	0	0
Feasibility Funding (one off costs)	Feasibility for Capital Projects - funded from the Business Rates Reserve	Place	150,000	(150,000)	0	0	0
Community Services	Community Safety Support Officer (focused upon significant ASB increases in the district)	Communities	17,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Service Pressures</b>			<b>886,660</b>	<b>(660,000)</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Audit Recharges to HRA	Review the HRA recharges to reflect the allocation of Audit days to HRA	Chief Executives	(29,000)	0	0	0	0
Project External Consultancy Support	This was originally set aside for corporate project support but has not been used as project support has been factored into the business cases assessment process where needed. This will continue to be the case in future projects.	Chief Executives	(20,000)	0	0	0	0
Emergency Planning	This is a highly unpredictable budget as it is difficult to predict emergency planning events, and as part of our Category 1 responder role we would be obliged to find any budget needed to support our communities in the event of a major incident. In quiet years the budget has not been spent historically.	Chief Executives	(2,000)	0	0	0	0
Corporate Training	Central training budget saving	Chief Executives	(15,000)	0	0	0	0
Housing Income	Charging policy for temporary accommodation	Communities	(5,000)	0	0	0	0
Housing Income	New temporary accommodation provision	Communities	(70,000)	0	0	0	0

Change to MTFP	Proposal Description & Service Impact	Directorate	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
			£	£	£	£	£
Community Services	Increase pest control charges by 3% (7% inflation dealt with via fees and charges)	Communities	(500)		0	0	0
Community Services	Set new port health charges to ensure full cost recovery (new port health regime to be introduced in April 2024 following EU exit)	Communities	(23,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Back-office administration Cost Savings - various	Communities	(24,600)	(1,400)	0	0	0
Community Services	Leisure Contract – net impact of costs associated with the contract	Communities	264,000		0	0	0
Community Services	Leisure Contract – net impact of income associated with the contract	Communities	13,170	1,940	1,370	2,370	(197,630)
Community Services	LED Lighting installations on council car parks	Communities	(4,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Revise SLA with Castle Donington College meaning the school retain all the income with costs risk transfer	Communities	0	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Housing	Reduction in temporary accommodation demand	Communities	(50,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Adjust the budget to reflect the re-introduction of charges to use Ashby and Coalville public conveniences in early 2024 as well as operational savings as per the capital programme report approved at Full Council in September 2023	Communities	(27,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Delete the Council's budget for the Free Tree Scheme. This would mean that the National Forest area will be the only part of the district benefiting from free trees fully funded by the National Forest Company	Communities	(9,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Increase the charge for any additional garden waste bins to align with charges across Leicestershire. Inflation of 7% will be applied to this charge through fees and charges. (total increase from £45 pa to £57pa)	Communities	(13,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	No longer print and distribute annual waste collection calendars to every house in the district and instead promote Councils website. Savings amount to staff time, printing costs and travel costs which will all reduce carbon emissions	Communities	(15,000)	0	0	0	0
Community Services	Reduce the Council's Community Grant Funding budget: <del>Age UK £21,990 reduce by a third each year over three years to zero.</del> Citizens Advice £62,000 to remain and <del>Small Grants Scheme £19,500 to be reviewed in 2025/26 following implementation of community lottery scheme. One off grant in 24/25 to Citizens Advice for cost of living advisor.</del>	Communities	30,000	(30,000)	0	0	0
Community Services	Reduce the Council's contribution to the running of Ibstock Leisure Centre to Zero over three years. The grant in 23/24 is £15k	Communities	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0
Economic Regeneration	Feasibility pot to produce a business case to build and operate workspace for small businesses	Place	50,000	(50,000)	0	0	0
Planning Skills Grant	Planning Skills Grant (one-off) – bid to assist with validation of planning applications for urban design and conservation processes. Total grant £95k shown net of expenditure.	Place	(3,155)	3,155	0	0	0
HS2 Consultancy	HS2 – budget for consultants no longer required	Place	(25,000)	0	0	0	0
Closure of Council Offices	Council Offices Budget – to reflect closure of Whitwick Road Council offices	Place	(67,600)	0	0	0	0
Town Centre WiFi	Town Centre Wifi – service provider has decided to withdraw from the market	Place	(11,000)	0	0	0	0
Strategic Growth Plan	NWLDC contribution to work in connection with Strategic Growth Plan	Place	(67,000)	0	0	0	0
ICT	Resources to match demand and efficiencies from contracts	Resources	(51,800)	(60,400)	0	0	0
ICT	Increase costs due to SAN Network less maintenance savings	Resources	(5,000)				
<b>Total Budget Options</b>			<b>(185,485)</b>	<b>(142,705)</b>	<b>(4,630)</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>(198,630)</b>
Corporate Income	Investment Income	Corporate	(275,000)	200,000	0	0	0
Joint Strategic Planning	Additional income from partners	Place	(8,530)	90	100	90	1,810
Fees & Charges	Increase in fees and charges income across the authority by 7%	Various	(89,640)	0	0	0	0
Fees & Charges	Reduction in BDA charges for 1-3 items from £30 to £25	Communities	7,500	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	Increased recharges to HRA - Grounds Maintenance	Communities	(44,850)	0	0	0	0

Change to MTFP	Proposal Description & Service Impact	Directorate	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
			£	£	£	£	£
Recharge Income	Net reduction in other recharges to HRA (buildings, postage, printing, insurance, piperlife line)	Various	37,970	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Changes In Income</b>			<b>(372,550)</b>	<b>200,090</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1,810</b>
Budget efficiencies	Removal of nominal budgets	Various	(37,300)	0	0	0	0
Budget efficiencies	Centralisation of budgets	Various	(9,080)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Efficiencies</b>			<b>(46,380)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Special Expenses	Special Expenses overtime transferred back to General Fund	Communities	(6,100)	0	0	0	0
Special Expenses	Owen Street Maintenance transferred to General Fund reducing subsidy by 20% annually	Communities	12,800	(2,560)	(2,050)	(1,640)	(1,310)
Special Expenses	Transfer of Closed Churchyards & Grace Dieu Woods to General Fund	Communities	100,120	(58,330)	(11,150)	940	1,040
Corporate	Various adjustments relating to recharges	Various	(129,506)	(2,100)	0	0	0
Financing Costs	Changes to the net financing costs following the budget proposals for capital and the forecast carried forwards for 23/24.	Corporate	(1,018,966)	40,286	(7,860)	(36,230)	(28,896)
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>			<b>(1,041,652)</b>	<b>(22,704)</b>	<b>(21,060)</b>	<b>(36,930)</b>	<b>(29,166)</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO MTFP</b>			<b>(474,125)</b>	<b>(627,859)</b>	<b>(85,590)</b>	<b>(35,470)</b>	<b>(225,986)</b>

PROJECT	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Funding Source
	For Approval	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	
	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>ACTIVE PROJECTS</b>						
<b>Coalville Regeneration Projects</b>						
Marlborough Square Improvements	991,713					Reserves
Marlborough Centre Purchase and Renovation	2,238,028	1,152,923				
<b>Total Coalville Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>3,229,741</b>	<b>1,152,923</b>	-		-	
<b>Systems / ICT Schemes</b>						
Laptop replacements	8,727					Reserves
SharePoint	10,000					
<b>Total Systems / ICT Schemes</b>	<b>18,727</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>Other Capital Schemes</b>						
Disabled Facility Grants	2,428,745					Grants and Reserves
CCTV	49,969					
Memorial Clock Tower	9,000					
<b>Total Other Capital Schemes</b>	<b>2,487,714</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE PROJECTS - MAIN PROGRAMME</b>	<b>5,736,182</b>	<b>1,152,923</b>	-	-	-	

PROJECT	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Funding Source
	For Approval	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	

**DEVELOPMENT POOL**

**Coalville Regeneration Projects**

Coalville Regeneration Framework	1,041,616	500,000				Reserves
Demolition of Council Offices	150,000					
<b>Total Coalville Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>1,191,616</b>	<b>500,000</b>	-	-	-	

**Systems / ICT Schemes**

Laptop Replacements	49,000	92,000	49,000	49,000		Reserves
Firewall Replacement				50,000		
Hosted SBC to Cloud	15,000					
Replacement of NetApp Storage Solution	70,000					
<b>Total Systems / ICT Schemes</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>92,000</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>99,000</b>	-	

**Fleet Replacement and Infrastructure Programme**

Fleet Replacement Programme	1,496,643					Capital receipts and Reserves
Solar Panels - Ashby Leisure Centre/Coalville Leisure Centre	195,000					
<b>Total Fleet Replacement and Infrastructure Programme</b>	<b>1,691,643</b>	-	-	-	-	

**Other Capital Schemes**

Disabled Facility Grants		670,310	670,310	670,310	670,310	Grants and Reserves
UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan Programme	292,690					
Moira Furnace (Phase 1)	230,000					
The Courtyard Roof repair	200,000					Reserves
Hermitage Rec Ground Demolition	96,068	50,000				
Hermitage Recreational Ground 3G Pitch			130,000			
Refuse Bins & Recycling Containers	194,000	200,000	200,000	202,000		Grants
Electrical vehicle charging infrastructure/strategy	50,000					
UKSPF - Moira Furnace (Phase 2)	300,000					
UKSPF - Memorial Workspace	350,000					
UKSPF - National Forest	171,000					
UKSPF - Kegworth Quiet-Way	150,000					
UKSPF - Mantle Lane Bridge	64,060					

PROJECT	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Funding Source
	For Approval	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	
Stenson Square Public Realm		1,000,000	1,000,000			Reserves
Nottingham road enterprise park - (business workspace development)		1,850,000	1,850,000			
Workspaces for Small Business	400,000					
Hermitage Play Area Fencing	18,000					
Parks depot electric gates	13,000					
<b>Total Other Capital Schemes</b>	<b>2,528,818</b>	<b>3,770,310</b>	<b>3,850,310</b>	<b>872,310</b>	<b>670,310</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT POOL - MAIN PROGRAMME</b>	<b>5,546,077</b>	<b>4,362,310</b>	<b>3,899,310</b>	<b>971,310</b>	<b>670,310</b>	
<b>TOTAL - MAIN PROGRAMME</b>	<b>11,282,259</b>	<b>5,515,233</b>	<b>3,899,310</b>	<b>971,310</b>	<b>670,310</b>	

### SPECIAL EXPENSES PROGRAMME

#### DEVELOPMENT POOL

##### Cemeteries

Hugglescote cemetery - new burial area works	34,000					Revenue
<b>Total Cemeteries</b>	<b>34,000</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT POOL</b>	<b>34,000</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>	<b>11,316,259</b>	<b>5,515,233</b>	<b>3,899,310</b>	<b>971,310</b>	<b>670,310</b>	

## North West Leicestershire District Council

### Estimated Reserves 2024/25 to 2028/29

TEAM	Estimated Balance as at 1/4/24 £	Commitments & Budget Proposals 24/25 £	Estimated balance as at 31/3/25 £	Future commitment incl budget proposals 25/26 to 28/29 £	Estimated Balance 31/3/29 £
<b>Earmarked Reserves:</b>					
Chief Exec	334,000	0	334,000	0	334,000
Human Resources	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Legal & Support Services	121,413	0	121,413	(121,413)	0
Property & Economic Regeneration	204,300	(204,300)	0	0	0
Planning	640,522	(12,250)	628,272	(111,817)	516,455
Joint Strategic Planning	91,017	0	91,017	0	91,017
Community Services	791,185	(392,293)	398,892	(398,892)	0
Strategic Housing	207,647	0	207,647	0	207,647
Finance	0	0	0	0	0
ICT	0	0	0	0	0
Customer Services	6,273	0	6,273	0	6,273
Revenues & Benefits	142,645	0	142,645	0	142,645
Business Change	70,805	(70,805)	0	0	0
MTFP Reserve	7,936,684	(767,882)	7,168,802	0	7,168,802
Business Rates Reserve	3,084,638	565,457	3,650,095	4,027,762	7,677,857
<b>Total earmarked reserves - General Fund</b>	<b>13,661,129</b>	<b>(882,073)</b>	<b>12,779,056</b>	<b>3,395,640</b>	<b>16,174,696</b>
<b>Other reserves General Fund:</b>					
General Balance (minimum level of reserves)	1,544,493	0	1,544,493	0	1,544,493
<b>Total other Reserves - General Fund</b>	<b>1,544,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,544,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,544,493</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL RESERVES - GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>15,205,622</b>	<b>(882,073)</b>	<b>14,323,549</b>	<b>3,395,640</b>	<b>17,719,189</b>
<b>Total earmarked reserves - Special Expenses</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>(8,060)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other reserves Special Expenses:</b>					
General Balance	64,649	28,742	93,391	0	93,391
<b>Total other Reserves - Special Expenses</b>	<b>64,649</b>	<b>28,742</b>	<b>93,391</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93,391</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL RESERVES - SPECIAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>72,709</b>	<b>20,682</b>	<b>93,391</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93,391</b>



**COUNCIL, THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN**

I move the amendments to recommendations to Item 13 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rent Setting 2024/25 with amended areas highlighted in red.

Should these changes be agreed, members will need to be mindful of the consequential changes to Item 11 – Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENT SETTING 2024/25**

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED:</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="603 723 1398 925">1. TO APPROVE THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA BUDGET FOR 2024/25 (APPENDIX 1) AS SUMMARISED IN SECTION 2 OF THIS REPORT, INCLUDING THE INCREASING OF RENTS BY 7.7% <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.</b></li><li data-bbox="603 958 1398 1025">2. TO NOTE THE FEES AND CHARGES APPROVED BY CABINET ON 31 JANUARY 2024 (APPENDIX 3).</li><li data-bbox="603 1059 1398 1160">3. TO NOTE THE HRA BUDGET FOR 2025/26 TO 2028/29 (APPENDIX 1) <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.</b></li><li data-bbox="603 1193 1398 1361">4. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2024/25 (APPENDIX 4) AND PLANNED FINANCING, AS SET OUT IN SECTION 3 OF THIS REPORT <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.</b></li><li data-bbox="603 1395 1398 1529">5. TO NOTE THE HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025/26 TO 2028/29 (APPENDIX 4) <b>SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES SHOWN IN THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.</b></li></ol>

**1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETS**

- 1.1 The Labour Group proposes to make two changes to the capital budget.
  1. Increase the capital budget for the supply of 70 additional homes over a two-year period to rent at affordable rent levels.
  2. Increase the capital budget for Zero Carbon to £4.1m each year for the five years of the capital programme
- 1.2 The capital cost of supplying an additional 70 homes over a two-year period would be £16.1m. This would be funded from additional borrowing (£13.5m) and the use of Right to Buy Receipts (£2.6m). The additional revenue costs would be offset by the additional revenue generated through rental income.

- 1.3 The Zero Carbon capital budget will increase by £8m over the five-year capital programme. This would be funded from additional borrowing (£6.4m) and capital receipts (£1.6m).
- 1.4 The following appendices have been updated to reflect the two proposals and are attached; all changes are highlighted in red:
- Appendix 1 – HRA Revenue Budget 2024/25 to 2028/29
  - Appendix 2 – HRA Proposed Amendments to Budgets 2024/25 to 2028/29
  - Appendix 4 – HRA Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29
- 1.5 In 2024/25, the revenue implications are an additional £127k in debt management costs and this is offset against a reduction in the revenue contribution to capital.
- 1.5 The consequential impact of this proposed change on the Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators report at Agenda Item 11 will be actioned under the delegation provided to the Section 151 Officer.

## **2.0 CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER ASSESSMENT OF ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND ADEQUACY OF RESERVES**

- 2.1 Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to provide their professional assessment of the robustness of budget estimates and the adequacy of reserves prior to the Budget and Council tax being considered by Council. Agenda Item 10 provides Council with the CFOs assessment on the Administration’s proposed budget.
- 2.2 The CFO has undertaken an initial review of the alternative budget proposals contained in this report. The alternative budget suggests two amendments to the Cabinet’s proposed budget, these would result in additional capital spending and an associated increase in financing costs and, as part of the process it’s essential to consider the long-term implications.
- 2.3 A thorough examination is yet to be undertaken, this would include an assessment of the impact on the Council’s future borrowing headroom, the associated risks of the proposal and the impact on the 30-year business plan. A sensitivity analysis in respect of the estimated rental income is also required. This review has not yet been undertaken at the level of depth required, this was due to the short period of time available.
- 2.4 If the Alternative budget proposals were to be adopted by Council, then as with all similar proposals, it would be prudent to seek further advice from the Council’s treasury management advisors on the impact of the proposals on the Council’s headroom, this to ensure that the Council complies with the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL HRA SUMMARY BUDGET 2024/25 to 2028/29

2023/24 Revised Budget	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SUMMARY	2024/25 Requested Budget	2025/26 Indicative	2026/27 Indicative	2027/28 Indicative	2028/29 Indicative
£		£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Expenditure</b>					
7,693,445	Repairs & Maintenance	9,749,113	8,779,584	8,963,955	9,107,379	9,289,526
3,995,193	Supervision & Management	4,314,095	4,403,756	4,495,153	4,565,988	4,656,206
100,000	Provision for Doubtful Debts	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
3,466,317	Depreciation	4,161,536	4,327,682	4,494,833	4,609,442	4,701,236
1,822,113	Capital Financing & Debt Management	2,028,347	2,674,409	3,294,862	3,616,657	4,010,649
<b>17,077,068</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>20,353,091</b>	<b>20,285,431</b>	<b>21,348,803</b>	<b>21,999,466</b>	<b>22,757,617</b>
	<b>Income</b>					
-19,791,781	Rent & Service Charges	-21,004,680	-22,059,330	-22,949,877	-23,456,971	-23,929,331
-41,000	Non-Dwelling Rents	-38,900	-38,900	-38,900	-38,900	-38,900
-20,147	Other Income	-283,252	-253,252	-180,252	-84,252	-29,252
-286,000	Investment Income	-286,000	-160,000	-212,000	-316,000	-431,000
<b>-20,138,928</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-21,612,832</b>	<b>-22,511,482</b>	<b>-23,381,029</b>	<b>-23,896,123</b>	<b>-24,428,483</b>
<b>-3,061,860</b>	<b>Net Operating Expenditure/-Surplus</b>	<b>-1,259,741</b>	<b>-2,226,051</b>	<b>-2,032,226</b>	<b>-1,896,657</b>	<b>-1,670,866</b>
	<b>Appropriations</b>					
3,726,138	Transfer to/from reserves	2,492,444	2,085,547	1,692,856	1,513,493	1,272,848
3,814,898	Revenue Contribution to Capital	1,385,506	140,504	339,370	383,164	398,018
<b>7,541,036</b>	<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>3,877,950</b>	<b>2,226,051</b>	<b>2,032,226</b>	<b>1,896,657</b>	<b>1,670,866</b>
<b>4,479,176</b>	<b>NET (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT</b>	<b>2,618,209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>0</b>
-6,576,920	Balance brought Forward	-3,618,209	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,000,000
4,479,176	-Surplus/Deficit In Year	2,618,209	0	-0	-0	0
-2,097,744	Balance Carried Forward	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,000,000

## North West Leicestershire District Council

### Housing Revenue Account- Proposed Amendments to Budgets 2024/25 to 2028/29

Proposal Title	Proposal Description & Service Impact	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Restructure	Change in staffing cost due to restructure (including pay award)	302,506	0	0	0	0
Pay awards	Change in staffing costs due to pay awards	0	307,895	110,842	113,059	115,319
<b>Total Pay Related Costs</b>		<b>302,506</b>	<b>307,895</b>	<b>110,842</b>	<b>113,059</b>	<b>115,319</b>
Heating contract	9.7% inflation on heating maintenance contract	46,090	0	0	0	0
Recharges from the General Fund	Inflation on services provided by the General Fund to the HRA	330,962	0	0	0	0
General inflation			115,761	167,631	103,552	159,751
<b>Total Inflation Increases</b>		<b>377,052</b>	<b>115,761</b>	<b>167,631</b>	<b>103,552</b>	<b>159,751</b>
"Right sizing" of budgets	Every budget line set for level of expected activity.	(400,848)	0	0	0	0
	1 proposal below 15k	13,860	(1,020)	(1,060)	(1,070)	(1,080)
<b>Other Budget Adjustments</b>		<b>(386,988)</b>	<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(1,060)</b>	<b>(1,070)</b>	<b>(1,080)</b>
Repairs Backlog	Additional expenditure to tackle repairs backlog	2,000,000	(1,250,000)	0	0	0
Subscription to Regulator	Regulator of Social Housing subscription to cover costs of greater regulation	32,000	0	0	0	0
Change Consultant	Change Consultant to advise and assist with service transformation in 24/25	50,000	(50,000)	0	0	0
<b>Cost Pressures</b>		<b>2,082,000</b>	<b>(1,300,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Investment Income	Investment income on HRA balances	0	126,000	(52,000)	(104,000)	(115,000)
Loan interest	Changes in loan interest due to capital financing requirements	206,235	645,975	620,395	321,750	393,935

## North West Leicestershire District Council

### Housing Revenue Account- Proposed Amendments to Budgets 2024/25 to 2028/29

Proposal Title	Proposal Description & Service Impact	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Depreciation	Depreciation changes due to inflation and changing number of properties.	695,219	166,145	167,152	114,609	91,794
<b>Total Other Corporate Amendments</b>		<b>901,454</b>	<b>938,120</b>	<b>735,547</b>	<b>332,359</b>	<b>370,729</b>
Dwellings Rents	Dwellings Rent Increase	(1,137,219)	(1,031,000)	(875,000)	(495,000)	(457,000)
Service Charges	Service Charge Increase	(26,320)	(23,650)	(15,547)	(12,094)	(15,359)
Central heating charges	Central heating charges	(49,360)	0	0	0	0
Grant Income	Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive	(254,000)	30,000	73,000	96,000	55,000
Income	Two proposals below £15k	(7,005)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Changes In Income</b>		<b>(1,473,904)</b>	<b>(1,024,651)</b>	<b>(817,547)</b>	<b>(411,094)</b>	<b>(417,359)</b>
<b>Total Budget Amendments</b>		<b>1,802,119</b>	<b>(963,894)</b>	<b>195,413</b>	<b>136,806</b>	<b>227,360</b>

NORTHWEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25-2028/29

Appendix 4

PROJECT	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
	For Approval	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	Indicative	
	£	£	£	£	£	

Major Repairs Reserve	Capital Receipts	RCCO	Prudential Borrowing	Total
£	£	£	£	£

Stock Investment

Home Improvement Programme	6,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	24,500,000
Asbestos	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	2,000,000
Roofs	550,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,550,000
Commercial Boilers	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000
Stock Condition Surveys	325,000	-	-	-	-	325,000
Zero Carbon	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	20,500,000
<b>Total Stock Investments</b>	<b>12,025,000</b>	<b>9,400,000</b>	<b>9,400,000</b>	<b>9,400,000</b>	<b>9,400,000</b>	<b>49,625,000</b>

13,064,792	-	2,646,561	8,788,646	24,500,000
-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
-	-	-	1,550,000	1,550,000
-	-	-	750,000	750,000
-	-	-	325,000	325,000
-	10,353,000	-	10,147,000	20,500,000
<b>13,064,792</b>	<b>10,353,000</b>	<b>2,646,561</b>	<b>23,560,646</b>	<b>49,625,000</b>

Estate Improvements

Off-Street Parking	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,500,000
Estate Projects	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000
Garage Demolition	70,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	270,000
Footpaths and Unadopted Roads	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
<b>Total Estate Improvement</b>	<b>670,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>2,670,000</b>

-	300,000	-	1,200,000	1,500,000
-	200,000	-	400,000	600,000
-	70,000	-	200,000	270,000
-	100,000	-	200,000	300,000
-	<b>670,000</b>	-	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>2,670,000</b>

Fleet Replacement

Vehicles	-	100,000	300,000	-	-	400,000
<b>Total Fleet Replacement</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400,000</b>

-	-	-	400,000	400,000
-	-	-	<b>400,000</b>	<b>400,000</b>

Other Capital

Sheltered Scheme Improvements	350,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	750,000
Passive Fire Safety	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,500,000
Scheme Lighting	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,050,000
Tunstall System	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Major Aids and Adaptations	400,000	-	-	-	-	400,000
Housing Management IT System	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
<b>Total Other Capital</b>	<b>1,430,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>3,830,000</b>

-	350,000	-	400,000	750,000
-	300,000	-	1,200,000	1,500,000
-	250,000	-	800,000	1,050,000
-	30,000	-	-	30,000
-	400,000	-	-	400,000
-	-	-	100,000	100,000
-	<b>1,330,000</b>	-	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>3,830,000</b>

<b>Total Active Projects</b>	<b>14,125,000</b>	<b>10,600,000</b>	<b>10,800,000</b>	<b>10,500,000</b>	<b>10,500,000</b>	<b>56,525,000</b>
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<b>13,064,792</b>	<b>12,353,000</b>	<b>2,646,561</b>	<b>28,460,646</b>	<b>56,525,000</b>
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DEVELOPMENT POOL

New Supply	9,840,000	15,470,000	2,640,000	1,190,000	4,660,000	33,800,000
<b>Total Development Pool</b>	<b>9,840,000</b>	<b>15,470,000</b>	<b>2,640,000</b>	<b>1,190,000</b>	<b>4,660,000</b>	<b>33,800,000</b>

-	8,896,039	-	24,903,961	33,800,000
-	<b>8,896,039</b>	-	<b>24,903,961</b>	<b>33,800,000</b>

<b>TOTAL HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>	<b>23,965,000</b>	<b>26,070,000</b>	<b>13,440,000</b>	<b>11,690,000</b>	<b>15,160,000</b>	<b>90,325,000</b>
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<b>13,064,792</b>	<b>21,249,039</b>	<b>2,646,561</b>	<b>53,364,608</b>	<b>90,325,000</b>
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<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2024/25</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Councillor Nick Rushton Corporate Portfolio Holder	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Council Tax Base 2024/25</a> Cabinet – 9 January 2024	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	This is a statutory report which is required to set the total level of Council Tax for North West Leicestershire. It includes the precepts for Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority, North West Leicestershire District Council, Parish/Town Councils and Special Expenses.	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	There are no direct legal implications arising. The Council Tax resolution has been drafted to comply with legal requirements.	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	There are no direct staffing and corporate implications arising from this report.	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To enable Full Council to comply with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 in respect of setting Council Tax.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2024/25 AS SET OUT IN SECTION 2.</b>	

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report ask Council is approve the rate of Council Tax for 2024/25. Although the legal requirement is that the Council must have set a balanced budget and Council Tax charge by 11 March, it is important the Council Tax rates are approved at this meeting to allow sufficient time to produce and post Council Tax bills and meet all statutory deadlines.
- 1.2 This report sets out the resolution based on the assumption that the budget as set out in the General Fund Budget 2024/25 report are approved.
- 1.3 Members are reminded that the individual Council Tax bill is comprised of six elements – the amount levied by North West Leicestershire District Council, the amount precepted by Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority and for properties in a parished area of the district, the amount precepted by the individual Town or Parish Council and Special Expenses.
- 1.4 The Localism Act 2011 requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year. This is to help the Council determine if it has set an excessive Council Tax increase that would in turn a local referendum. Principles set by the Secretary of State for

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities determines that an increase in a Council's basic rate of Council Tax of 3% is excessive.

- 1.5 The Council's net revenue budget and capital programme were recommended by the Cabinet on 31 January 2024 for approval by Council. Details appear earlier on the agenda.
- 1.6 Members are reminded that the Council must word the resolution in precise language, as directed by legislation.
- 1.7 At the time of writing this report, the precept for Leicestershire County Council is awaiting final approval at their Council meeting on the 21 February 2024 and the precept for the Combined Fire Authority at its meeting on 14 February 2024. Therefore, if any changes are approved, these will be tabled at the meeting. The precept for the Police and Crime Commissioner was approved at the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel meeting on the 1 February 2024.

## **2.0 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2024/25**

- 2.1 That it be noted that the Council Tax base for 2024/25 has been calculated:
  - a) for the whole Council area as 37,079 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
  - b) for dwellings in those part of its areas to which a Parish precept as in Appendix A.
- 2.2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Special Items) is calculated as £6,041,652.
- 2.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - a) £64,891,017 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act (gross expenditure including parish precepts, the Housing Revenue Account and the additions to reserves).
  - b) £55,206,472 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act (gross income including the Housing Revenue Account and use of reserves).
  - c) £9,684,545 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (net expenditure to be met from Council).
  - d) **£261.19** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (average Council Tax for a Band D property for the District including Parish/Town Council Precepts and Special Expenses).
  - e) £3,642,893 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (Parish/Town Council Precepts and Special Expenses).
  - f) £162.94 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (average Council Tax for a



Band D property for the District excluding Parish/Town Councils Precepts and Special Expenses), the amounts being for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 1.

- g) In accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item relates are shown by addition of the amounts for Band D for the District Council in Table 1 and Appendix C.
- h) In accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of the categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are shown by adding the amounts for each band n Table 1 and Appendix C.

2.4 That it be noted that for the year 2024/25 Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Council Tax Precepts 2024/25

	<b>Band A</b> £	<b>Band B</b> £	<b>Band C</b> £	<b>Band D</b> £	<b>Band E</b> £	<b>Band F</b> £	<b>Band G</b> £	<b>Band H</b> £
County Council (main element)	913.28	1,065.49	1,217.71	1,369.92	1,674.35	1,978.77	2,283.20	2,739.84
County Council (social care)	154.44	180.18	205.92	231.66	283.14	334.62	386.10	463.32
<b>County Council</b>	<b>1,067.72</b>	<b>1,245.67</b>	<b>1,423.63</b>	<b>1,601.58</b>	<b>1,957.49</b>	<b>2,313.39</b>	<b>2,669.30</b>	<b>3,203.16</b>
<b>District Council</b>	<b>108.63</b>	<b>126.73</b>	<b>144.84</b>	<b>162.94</b>	<b>199.15</b>	<b>235.36</b>	<b>271.57</b>	<b>325.88</b>
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b>	<b>190.82</b>	<b>222.62</b>	<b>254.43</b>	<b>286.23</b>	<b>349.84</b>	<b>413.44</b>	<b>477.05</b>	<b>572.46</b>
<b>Combined Fire Authority</b>	<b>54.44</b>	<b>63.51</b>	<b>72.58</b>	<b>81.65</b>	<b>99.80</b>	<b>117.94</b>	<b>136.09</b>	<b>163.30</b>

- 2.5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix C as the amounts of council tax for 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix C.
- 2.6 The Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2024/25 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB and 52zY Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Section 4ZA Local Government Finance Act 1992: Referendums relating to Council Tax increases.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	The Council Tax provides funding for the Council to deliver all of its priorities.
Policy Considerations:	<p>The Council has agreed a Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the effect of the scheme, in particular the effect on the Council Tax Base, is taken into account in determining the District's Council Tax.</p> <p>The Council Tax Requirement of this Council includes the impact of Parish/Town Council precepts, although the Council does not have any role in the setting of these, other than determining the Tax Base for each parish.</p> <p>The Council does not have any role in the setting of Council Tax for Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority. Their decisions do, however, feed into the overall Council Tax Resolutions.</p>
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable
Customer Impact:	Council Tax payers within the district are likely to be impacted by the increase in Council Tax.
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	There are no environmental implications arising directly from the report.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Not applicable
Risks:	<p>Failure to agree the Council Tax Resolution would delay the preparation of Council Tax bills and the collection of the payments from residents. The cost of such delay would be borne solely by the Council.</p> <p>There is a risk that one of the precepting bodies may amend their precept requirement after the issue of this report and that the figures quoted may differ from the provisional figures provided. Should this happen revised appendices will be circulated for approval.</p>
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APPENDIX A

COUNCIL TAX BASE 2024/25

PARISH / SPECIAL EXPENSE AREA	COUNCIL TAX BASE
APPLEBY MAGNA	547
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH	6,363
ASHBY WOULD'S	1,417
BARDON	10
BELTON	311
BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL	510
CASTLE DONINGTON	2,949
CHARLEY	78
CHILCOTE	58
COALVILLE	6,847
COLEORTON	590
ELLISTOWN & BATTLEFLAT	837
HEATHER	368
HUGGLESCOTE & DONINGTON LE HEATH	2,626
IBSTOCK	2,349
ISLEY WALTON-CUM-LANGLEY	31
KEGWORTH	1,345
LOCKINGTON CUM HEMINGTON	246
LONG WHATTON and DISEWORTH	822
MEASHAM	1,715
NORMANTON-LE-HEATH	70
OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE and ACRESFORD	929
OSGATHORPE	218
PACKINGTON	410
RAVENSTONE	1,066
SNARESTONE	147
STAUNTON HAROLD	62
STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD	19
SWANNINGTON	472
SWEPSTONE	277
WHITWICK	2,758
WORTHINGTON	632
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,079</b>

## COUNCIL TAX 2024/25 - SPECIAL ITEMS (PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS) AND SPECIAL EXPENSES

PARISH / AREA	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
APPLEBY MAGNA	34.13	39.81	45.50	51.19	62.57	73.94	85.32	102.38
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH	83.20	97.07	110.93	124.80	152.53	180.27	208.00	249.60
ASHBY WOULD'S	61.75	72.04	82.33	92.62	113.20	133.78	154.37	185.24
BARDON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BELTON	64.31	75.02	85.74	96.46	117.90	139.33	160.77	192.92
BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL	40.49	47.23	53.98	60.73	74.23	87.72	101.22	121.46
CASTLE DONINGTON	108.63	126.73	144.84	162.94	199.15	235.36	271.57	325.88
CHARLEY	104.96	122.45	139.95	157.44	192.43	227.41	262.40	314.88
CHILCOTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COALVILLE	52.65	61.43	70.20	78.98	96.53	114.08	131.63	157.96
COLEORTON	31.17	36.36	41.56	46.75	57.14	67.53	77.92	93.50
ELLISTOWN & BATTLEFLAT	62.95	73.45	83.94	94.43	115.41	136.40	157.38	188.86
HEATHER	28.99	33.82	38.65	43.48	53.14	62.80	72.47	86.96
HUGGLESCOTE & DONINGTON LE HEATH	51.31	59.86	68.41	76.96	94.06	111.16	128.27	153.92
IBSTOCK	70.95	82.78	94.60	106.43	130.08	153.73	177.38	212.86
ISLEY WALTON-CUM-LANGLEY	9.10	10.62	12.13	13.65	16.68	19.72	22.75	27.30
KEGWORTH	65.47	76.39	87.30	98.21	120.03	141.86	163.68	196.42
LOCKINGTON CUM HEMINGTON	63.37	73.93	84.49	95.05	116.17	137.29	158.42	190.10
LONG WHATTON and DISEWORTH	33.98	39.64	45.31	50.97	62.30	73.62	84.95	101.94
MEASHAM	56.37	65.76	75.16	84.55	103.34	122.13	140.92	169.10
NORMANTON-LE-HEATH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE and ACRESFORD	74.69	87.14	99.59	112.04	136.94	161.83	186.73	224.08
OSGATHORPE	41.56	48.49	55.41	62.34	76.19	90.05	103.90	124.68
PACKINGTON	40.26	46.97	53.68	60.39	73.81	87.23	100.65	120.78
RAVENSTONE	68.31	79.70	91.08	102.47	125.24	148.02	170.78	204.94
SNARESTONE	46.29	54.01	61.72	69.44	84.87	100.30	115.73	138.88
STAUNTON HAROLD	2.14	2.50	2.85	3.21	3.92	4.64	5.35	6.42
STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWANNINGTON	57.06	66.57	76.08	85.59	104.61	123.63	142.65	171.18
SWEPSTONE	54.15	63.18	72.20	81.23	99.28	117.33	135.38	162.46
WHITWICK	79.65	92.93	106.20	119.48	146.03	172.59	199.13	238.96
WORTHINGTON	24.26	28.30	32.35	36.39	44.48	52.56	60.65	72.78

## COUNCIL TAX 2024/25 - COUNTY PRECEPT, FIRE PRECEPT, POLICE PRECEPT, DISTRICT, TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL AND SPECIAL EXPENSES

PARISH / AREA	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
APPLEBY MAGNA	1,455.74	1,698.34	1,940.98	2,183.59	2,668.85	3,154.07	3,639.33	4,367.18
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH	1,504.81	1,755.60	2,006.41	2,257.20	2,758.81	3,260.40	3,762.01	4,514.40
ASHBY WOULD'S	1,483.36	1,730.57	1,977.81	2,225.02	2,719.48	3,213.91	3,708.38	4,450.04
BARDON	1,421.61	1,658.53	1,895.48	2,132.40	2,606.28	3,080.13	3,554.01	4,264.80
BELTON	1,485.92	1,733.55	1,981.22	2,228.86	2,724.18	3,219.46	3,714.78	4,457.72
BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL	1,462.10	1,705.76	1,949.46	2,193.13	2,680.51	3,167.85	3,655.23	4,386.26
CASTLE DONINGTON	1,530.24	1,785.26	2,040.32	2,295.34	2,805.43	3,315.49	3,825.58	4,590.68
CHARLEY	1,526.57	1,780.98	2,035.43	2,289.84	2,798.71	3,307.54	3,816.41	4,579.68
CHILCOTE	1,421.61	1,658.53	1,895.48	2,132.40	2,606.28	3,080.13	3,554.01	4,264.80
COALVILLE	1,474.26	1,719.96	1,965.68	2,211.38	2,702.81	3,194.21	3,685.64	4,422.76
COLEORTON	1,452.78	1,694.89	1,937.04	2,179.15	2,663.42	3,147.66	3,631.93	4,358.30
ELLISTOWN & BATTLEFLAT	1,484.56	1,731.98	1,979.42	2,226.83	2,721.69	3,216.53	3,711.39	4,453.66
HEATHER	1,450.60	1,692.35	1,934.13	2,175.88	2,659.42	3,142.93	3,626.48	4,351.76
HUGGLESCOTE & DONINGTON LE HEATH	1,472.92	1,718.39	1,963.89	2,209.36	2,700.34	3,191.29	3,682.28	4,418.72
IBSTOCK	1,492.56	1,741.31	1,990.08	2,238.83	2,736.36	3,233.86	3,731.39	4,477.66
ISLEY WALTON-CUM-LANGLEY	1,430.71	1,669.15	1,907.61	2,146.05	2,622.96	3,099.85	3,576.76	4,292.10
KEGWORTH	1,487.08	1,734.92	1,982.78	2,230.61	2,726.31	3,221.99	3,717.69	4,461.22
LOCKINGTON CUM HEMINGTON	1,484.98	1,732.46	1,979.97	2,227.45	2,722.45	3,217.42	3,712.43	4,454.90
LONG WHATTON and DISEWORTH	1,455.59	1,698.17	1,940.79	2,183.37	2,668.58	3,153.75	3,638.96	4,366.74
MEASHAM	1,477.98	1,724.29	1,970.64	2,216.95	2,709.62	3,202.26	3,694.93	4,433.90
NORMANTON-LE-HEATH	1,421.61	1,658.53	1,895.48	2,132.40	2,606.28	3,080.13	3,554.01	4,264.80
OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE and ACRESFORD	1,496.30	1,745.67	1,995.07	2,244.44	2,743.22	3,241.96	3,740.74	4,488.88
OSGATHORPE	1,463.17	1,707.02	1,950.89	2,194.74	2,682.47	3,170.18	3,657.91	4,389.48
PACKINGTON	1,461.87	1,705.50	1,949.16	2,192.79	2,680.09	3,167.36	3,654.66	4,385.58
RAVENSTONE	1,489.92	1,738.23	1,986.56	2,234.87	2,731.52	3,228.15	3,724.79	4,469.74
SNARESTONE	1,467.90	1,712.54	1,957.20	2,201.84	2,691.15	3,180.43	3,669.74	4,403.68
STAUNTON HAROLD	1,423.75	1,661.03	1,898.33	2,135.61	2,610.20	3,084.77	3,559.36	4,271.22
STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD	1,421.61	1,658.53	1,895.48	2,132.40	2,606.28	3,080.13	3,554.01	4,264.80
SWANNINGTON	1,478.67	1,725.10	1,971.56	2,217.99	2,710.89	3,203.76	3,696.66	4,435.98
SWEPSTONE	1,475.76	1,721.71	1,967.68	2,213.63	2,705.56	3,197.46	3,689.39	4,427.26
WHITWICK	1,501.26	1,751.46	2,001.68	2,251.88	2,752.31	3,252.72	3,753.14	4,503.76
WORTHINGTON	1,445.87	1,686.83	1,927.83	2,168.79	2,650.76	3,132.69	3,614.66	4,337.58

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**COUNCIL, THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA ITEM 14 – COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2024/25**

Since the publication of the Council agenda, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue have confirmed the Council Tax 2024/25 for the Combined Fire Authority. There has been one amendment to the Band H from £163.31 to £163.30.

An error has also been identified in the Council Tax Resolution, the figure in paragraph 2.3 d) should be £261.19 and not £266.10.

As a result, the report and Appendix C have been updated, with amended areas highlighted in red.

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## **Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments**

### **What members can do**

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 15.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 15.5, 15.5.1).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 15.5.2).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 15.5.4, 15.5.5 and 15.5.6).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 15.5.3).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 15.15).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 15.16).

### **What members can't do**

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 15.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 15.5).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 15.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 15.16).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 15.17).

### Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

