

North West Leicestershire District Council General Fund Budget Proposals 2023/24 to 2027/28

| Proposal Title | Proposal Description & Service Impact | Directorate | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
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| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Payaward 22/23 | Including NI savings | Various | 672,830 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payaward Future Years | Including NI & Pension & other minor amendments | Various | 730,230 | 514,760 | 353,470 | 369,910 | 369,820 |
| Vacancy Allowance Increase | Applied a consistent 2% across the general fund | Various | (151,190) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finance Team Agency Budget | Agency contracted until the end of September 2023 to cover vacant roles until permanently recruited | Housing & Customer Services | 97,630 | (97,630) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Members Allowances | Members Allowances Payaward 22/23 & Future Years | Chief Executive Directorate | 32,950 | 9,820 | 6,700 | 6,790 | 6,920 |
| Enforcement Team Leader post | To upgrade the vacant Senior Planning Enforcement Officer role to a Team Leader position | Place Services | 17,940 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 9 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | 12,580 | 2,170 | 2,320 | 2,490 | 2,660 |
| Total Pay Related Costs | | | 1,412,970 | 429,120 | 362,490 | 379,190 | 379,400 |
| Corporate Licences increase in cost | Microsoft licences increased in cost due to inflation increase as well as Microsoft increasing prices | Housing & Customer Services | 40,000 | 9,730 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Fuel Increases of 30% | Increase to fuel costs on Grounds Maintenance, Cleansing and Refuse & Recycling | Place Services | 131,480 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Energy Costs | Additional budget to cover increase in energy costs for properties within the General Fund Portfolio | Housing & Customer Services | 171,850 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Rates - General Fund | Business Rates for Council owned properties future years inflation | Housing & Customer Services | 0 | 12,330 | 6,420 | 6,530 | 6,670 |
| Insurance | Budget increase to cover the increase in the insurance provision contract. | Various | 143,780 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Building Control Statutory Non-Fee Earning budget | Increase in hourly rates for building control service | Place Services | 28,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 7 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | 31,740 | 2,410 | 2,040 | 2,590 | 1,660 |
| Total Inflation Increases | | | 546,850 | 24,470 | 8,460 | 9,120 | 18,330 |
| CCTV Camera Replacement Programme - ongoing maintenance | Year 2 of CCTV camera replacement programme - Capital CCTV Maintenance Programme - Revenue | Place Services | 0 | 0 | 15,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Coalville Regeneration Programme | Continuation of funding for Coalville Regeneration Programme activities to be used to fund: feasibility, initial design, preparatory and legal and other due diligence work associated with: Coalville Cinema, Coalville Railway Station, council depot relocation, Stenson Square, Memorial Square workspace, Coalville public toilets and changing places other town centre regeneration projects. | Place Services | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Change Resource | Business Change resource to develop and implement the Corporate Plan and Medium Ter Financial Plan | Chief Executive Directorate | 70,805 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Service Management Restructure | Service Management Restructure | Chief Executive Directorate | 54,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 6 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | 14,110 | 13,500 | 2,190 | 260 | 260 |
| Total Service Developments | | | 188,915 | 13,500 | 17,190 | 260 | 260 |
| District Election 23/24 | District Election 23/24 | Chief Executive Directorate | 29,000 | 11,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| External Audit fees and audit of grants | Increase in audit costs due to PSAA procurement of audit services. | Housing & Customer Services | 74,850 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Credit & debit card charges - GF | Increase in credit & debit card charges | Various | 16,070 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| External Contractor Payments - Fencing HRA | To meet the increase in work demands | Place Services | 88,060 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strategic Growth Plan | NWLDC contribution to work in connection with Strategic Growth Plan. | Place Services | 39,000 | 33,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contribution to Revs & Benefits Partnership | Our share of the costs of the Revenues & Benefits Partnership | Housing & Customer Services | 65,600 | 41,320 | 42,560 | 43,840 | 45,160 |
| Bed and Breakfast Pressure | a recognition of the increasing costs toward emergency accommodation to fulfil our statutory homelessness duties | Housing & Customer Services | 146,710 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Industrial Units | Essential property repairs | Housing & Customer Services | 18,000 | (18,000) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Financing Costs | Changes to the net financing costs following the budget proposals for capital and the forecast carried forwards for 22/23. | Corporate | (283,496) | 1,162,580 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 7 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | 40,687 | 9,750 | 11,150 | 11,470 | 11,790 |
| Total Service Pressures | | | 234,481 | 1,239,650 | 53,710 | 55,310 | 56,950 |
| Newmarket income reduction | Result of the delay in the opening of the Marlborough Square Project and therefore the inability to hold regular outdoor markets. | Place Services | 57,580 | (8,792) | (9,212) | (9,422) | (9,632) |
| Leisure Contractor Income | An increase in income | Place Services | (269,550) | (332,080) | (163,940) | (107,820) | (188,040) |
| Refuse & Recycling - Additional Garden Bin | Introduction of Charge for Collection of 2nd Bin - Scheme income reduced to reflect lower take up than anticipated | Place Services | 174,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Refuse and recycling - recycling scheme income | Resale of recyclable materials from collections | Place Services | (193,020) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade Refuse & Recycling Collection | General Fees for Trade Refuse & Recycling Collections | Place Services | (73,460) | (22,720) | (18,620) | (19,170) | (19,750) |
| Income - Planning apps | Planning app charges | Place Services | (185,500) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increased income from the partnership | Increased income from the Revenues & Benefits Partnership | Housing & Customer Services | (81,120) | (32,150) | (22,070) | (22,510) | (22,970) |
| Housing Benefits | Increase budget for Rent Allowances (Private Tenants), Rent Rebates (Council Tenants) and Modified Schemes | Housing & Customer Services | 96,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Income | Income forecasts for treasury management investments | Corporate | (245,405) | 200,000 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 12 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | (22,920) | (50,603) | (8,237) | (28,282) | 8,367 |
| Total Changes in Income | | | (742,695) | (246,345) | (212,079) | (187,204) | (232,025) |
| Removal of One-off 22-23 budgets | Agreed by Cabinet & Council as part of Budget Setting 22-23 | Various | (438,420) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LCTS Grant - to Special Expenses | Phasing out of LCTS grant to Special Expenses | Corporate | (15,870) | (15,871) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Housing Revenue Account (HRA) & Special Expenses Income | Recharges from General Fund to HRA & Special Expenses | Various | (404,730) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporate Contingency | Contingency to cover the risk of increased inflation | Corporate | 28,355 | (28,355) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Technical Adjustments | | | (830,665) | (44,226) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asset Protection Fund | Asset Protection Fund | Housing & Customer Services | (56,730) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduction in Market Towns Support programme | Reduce the Market Towns Support programme | Place Services | (15,000) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Refuse & Recycling general materials | Purchase of bags and removal of bins and boxes budget (now funded from capital) | Place Services | (155,230) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | MOT Testing and Operational Equipment | Place Services | (12,850) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile phones budget reduction saving | Renewal of our mobile phone contract to a more sustainable and cheaper data shared tariff. | Various | (16,410) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICT Mobile Phone and Printer Contract efficiencies | Removal of mobile phone contract and reduced number of printers due to accommodation project | Housing & Customer Services | (17,800) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finance System Licence & Maintenance | Efficiency savings for finance system licences and maintenance | Housing & Customer Services | 15,000 | (37,470) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Leisure - Castle Donington College | A budget saving due to change the way the scheme provision is managed | Place Services | 0 | (17,590) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Rates - General Fund | Adjustments to budgets to match current costs and efficiencies due to Accommodation project. | Various | (14,880) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vacant Admin Assistant Post | Vacant Admin Assistant Post in Leisure Services | Place Services | (16,970) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Change Resource | Efficiency savings from service reviews to fund Business Change Resource | Chief Executive Directorate | 0 | 0 | (70,805) | 0 | 0 |
| Minor Adjustments across all areas | 2 budget proposals individually less than £15k | Various | (20,430) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Efficiencies | | | (311,300) | (55,060) | (70,805) | 0 | 0 |
| Total Budget Proposals | | | 498,556 | 1,361,109 | 158,966 | 256,676 | 222,915 |