

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
Total Pay Related Costs			285,282	(2,540)	0	0	0
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
Total Service Pressures			886,660	(660,000)	(60,000)	0	0
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

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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	Stop providing a toilet service in Ashby from April 25 and seek the asset and service transfer of Ashby public toilets	Communities	0	(21,000)	(5,000)	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: Age UK £21,990 reduce by a third each year over three years to zero. Citizens Advice £62,000 to remain and Small Grants Scheme £19,500 to be reviewed in 2025/26 following implementation of community lottery scheme	Communities	(7,330)	(7,330)	(7,330)	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
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
Ashby Museum Grant	Ashby Museum – removal of grant	Place	0	(975)	(485)	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)				
Total Budget Options			(272,815)	(92,010)	(17,445)	1,370	(198,630)
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

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Recharge Income	Net reduction in other recharges to HRA (buildings, postage, printing, insurance, piperlife line)	Various	37,970	0	0	0	0
Total Changes In Income			(372,550)	200,090	100	90	1,810
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
Total Efficiencies			(46,380)	0	0	0	0
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 Special Expenses (Closed Churchyards & Pitch Maintenance) 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)
Total Technical Adjustments			(1,041,652)	(22,704)	(21,060)	(36,930)	(29,166)
TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO MTFP			(561,455)	(577,164)	(98,405)	(35,470)	(225,986)