NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026

Title of Report	COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES FINANCE UPDATE – 2026/27 QUARTER 1
Presented by	Anna Crouch Head of Finance and Deputy S151 Officer
Background Papers	**Council – 19 February 2026** 2026/27 General Fund Budget and Council Tax
Financial Implications	The quarter 1 monitoring position for 2026/27 forecasts net revenue expenditure of £0.607m against available funding of £0.578m, resulting in a forecast deficit of £0.029m. This position includes an increased contribution of £0.013m from the Coalville Special Expense Reserve. The earmarked reserve is expected to partly fund 2026/27 expenditure. As at Quarter 1, the reserve balance stands at £0.098m, with £0.004m used to date and further utilisation anticipated over the remainder of the financial year.
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The report is provided for information purposes and updates the Working Party on the 2026/27 Quarter 1 forecast outturn position for Coalville Special Expenses.
	Signed off by the Deputy Monitoring Officer: Yes
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no direct staffing or corporate implications arising from this report.
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	To present the 2026/27 budget monitoring figures as at quarter 1 along with the forecasted outturn for the financial year.
Recommendations	**THAT THE WORKING PARTY:** **1. NOTES THE 2026/27 QUARTER 1 FORECAST OUTTURN**

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This report provides the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party with an update on the 2026/27 quarter 1 forecast outturn position.

2.0 2026/27 QUARTER 1 BUDGET MONITORING AND FORECAST OUTTURN

2.1 The net revenue budget for 2026/27 is £0.594m and through Council Tax there is £0.578m funding available, leading to a budgeted deficit of £0.016m. Any deficit at the year-end will be funded by reserves.

2.2 The outturn is based on actual expenditure to the end of June and is a forecasted pressure of £0.013m and a summary of the financial position is shown in Table 1 below and a more detailed breakdown is shown on Appendix A.

Table 1 – 2026/27 Coalville Special Expenses Quarter 1 Forecasted Outturn

	Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance
	£'000	**£'000**	**£'000**
Annual Recurring Expenditure	594	607	13
Expenditure Requirement	594	607	13
Precept	578	578	-
Transfer from/(to) reserves	16	29	13

2.3 The forecast pressure is primarily driven by an anticipated £0.020m increase in Parks and Recreation grounds repairs and maintenance costs. This is partially offset by additional burial fee of £0.007m.

2.4 The projected increase in repairs and maintenance expenditure is based on actual spending incurred to date, together with expenditure trends from previous years. As a result, the forecast remains subject to change as the year progresses.

2.5 A further review will be undertaken as part of the quarter 2 monitoring process, which should provide a more accurate indication of the likely year-end position and the extent of any potential pressure.

2.6 As detailed in Table 2 below, the Coalville Special Expenses Reserve has an opening balance of £0.069m. The forecast 2026/27 deficit of £0.029m is expected to be met from reserve balances, resulting in a projected closing balance of £0.040m at the end of the financial year.

Table 2 – 2026/27 Coalville Special Expenses Reserve Balances

	Forecast Outturn
	£'000
Special Expenses Reserves 01.04.26	69
Forecast Contribution from Reserve 2026/27	(29)
Forecast Special Expenses Reserves 31.03.27	**40**

2.7 As at 31 March 2027, reserves are forecast to represent 8% of recurring expenditure, falling below the recommended 10% minimum level. The position will be reviewed and updated at quarter 2, and, if the forecast remains below the recommended level, consideration may need to be given to measures to improve the reserve position.

2.8 Earmarked reserves are forecast to be £0.059m, with the balances as at the end of June 2026 set out in Appendix B.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	Not applicable
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable
Customer Impact:	Not applicable
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	Not applicable
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	Not applicable
Risks:	Weak budget monitoring can result in uncontrolled expenditure, inefficient use of resources and delayed identification of overspends. This may create budget shortfalls, affect service quality or delay delivery.
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