

Appendix 1 - Summary of the 2026/27 Revenue and Capital Budget					
2025/26 Budget £	Committee / Budget Description	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
937,350	Policy and Resources	117,300	-	(152,050)	902,600
955,100	Recreation	99,750	-	(111,200)	943,650
240,650	Environment	15,750	-	(3,550)	252,850
12,500	Contingency Sum	3,500	-	-	16,000
2,145,600	Total Revenue Budget Requirement	236,300	-	(266,800)	2,115,100
981,400	Capital Programme Budget	-	-	(666,150)	315,250
3,127,000	Total Revenue and Capital Budget	236,300	-	(932,950)	2,430,350
(145,250)	Less Council Tax Support Grant	145,250	-	-	-
75,000	Add Contribution to Capital Reserves	-	-	-	75,000
(981,400)	Less Use Of Capital Reserves	-	-	666,150	(315,250)
2,075,350	Precept	381,550	-	(266,800)	2,190,100
Calculation of Council Tax:		2025/26	2026/27		
Precept		2,075,350	2,190,100		
Divided by Great Aycliffe Council Tax Base		6,909.0	7,011.0		
Equals Band D Council Tax		300.38	312.38		
Band A Council Tax (6/9ths of Band D)		200.26	208.25		
% Increase / (Decrease) in Council Tax		4.95%	3.99%		

Analysis of Revenue Budget Changes 2025/26 to 2026/27

Description of Budget Change	£	Comments
Budget Reductions and Savings		
Savings on 2025/26 Pay Award	(18,000)	2025/26 Local Government Pay Award savings
Deletion of posts	(18,650)	Deletion of Administrative Assistant Post
Gas Savings	(13,900)	Savings following assumed reduction in costs.
Electricity Savings	(9,150)	Savings following assumed reduction in costs.
Water	(100)	Reduction of under-utilised budgets.
Administration Section	(1,950)	Reduction of under-utilised budgets.
Bank Charges	(3,600)	Reduction in PDQ charges
Vehicle Fuel	(4,500)	Reduction in fuel costs
Sports Complex	(12,800)	Reduction in bar stocks budget following alignment to income
Driving Range	(3,500)	Reduction in resale equipment stocks linked to fall in sales
Information Technology Costs	(1,900)	Savings on ICT costs
Events - Fun in the Parks	(300)	Increased amusement and catering stand income
Events - Senior Citizens' Excursions	(3,000)	Move to providing £15 for refreshments rather than a sit down meal
Savings on Telephone Contract	(2,100)	New telephone contract and cancellation of discontinued lines
Recharges to Services Increases	(33,450)	Increased recharges based on pay award.
Other Efficiency Savings	(77,750)	Other savings on supplies and services.
	(204,650)	
Increased Income and Grants		
Community Benefit Fund	(100)	Increased Income.
Pre School Funding and Fees	(10,600)	Increased funding.
Investment Income	(7,450)	Increases in interest rates.
Sports Complex Income	(4,750)	Sport Complex income increases in some activities and fees and charges
Sports Complex Income	(16,800)	Increased bar, catering income and vending income
Golf Course Income	(18,700)	Increased membership, green fees income and fees and charges
Driving Range Income	(2,150)	Driving Range hot beverages increased income
Environment and Open Spaces Income	(1,200)	Increased Eco Centre Income
Allotments Income	(400)	Increases in rents from January 2026
	(62,150)	
Total Savings and Increased Income	(266,800)	
Inflation		
Local Government Pay Award 2026/27	91,050	4% pay award assumed
Staff Salary Increments	2,850	Salary increments due to various staff.
Overtime Provision	2,000	Overtime provision for staff
Deletion of Spinal Column 2 from Pay Scale	5,250	Deletion of SCP 2 from Pay Scale from April 2026
Golf Restructure	8,800	Approved Golf Restructure
Community Events	1,650	Inflationary increases FIP and Firework Display
Insurance Costs Inflation	5,300	Forecast insurance premium increases.
Water Costs Inflation	4,900	Forecast water increases.
Electricity Costs Inflation	3,750	Anticipated electricity increases.
Business Rates Inflation	6,000	Increase in rates costs.
Other Inflation	28,600	Unavoidable increases in supplies etc.
	160,150	
Other Committed and Unavoidable Growth		
Staff Training	2,800	Increased Training Provision
Internal Auditor	7,550	Internal Audit Provision
Works Equipment Maintenance	1,500	Increased Equipment Maintenance Costs
Consultancy Budget Increase	2,500	Increased consultancy requirements.
Bar, Catering and Vending Supply Costs	6,000	Linked to the increase in sales.
Golf Subscriptions	1,750	Linked to the increase in golf memberships
Increased Contingency Sum Budget	3,500	Increased Contingency Sum Budget
Support Service Recharge Increases	33,450	Increased recharges based on pay award.
	59,050	
Grant Cuts and Falls in Income		
Council Tax Support Grant Cut	145,250	Grant cut 2026/27.
Sports Complex Income	3,900	Sport Complex income decreases in some activities and fees and charges
Sports Pitches	700	Reduction in fees and charges income.
Pre-School Fees and Charges	4,000	Reduction in fees and charges income.
Driving Range Income	5,000	Fall in Golf Equipment Sales.
Cemeteries Income	3,500	Fall in number of burials and purchases.
	162,350	
Total Unavoidable Budget Growth	381,550	
Investment in Services		
None	0	No new investment planned.
Total Investment in Services	0	
Total Increase in Precept	114,750	

Analysis of Gross and Net 2026/27 Revenue Budget					
Committee and Service Area	Total 2026/27 Revenue Budget £	Less Internal Recharges £	Gross 2026/27 Revenue Budget £	Less 2026/27 Income £	Net 2026/27 Revenue Budget £
Policy and Resources Committee					
Members and Civic Expenses	83,850	-	83,850	-	83,850
Finance Section	170,700	(54,200)	116,500	-	116,500
Administration Section	141,900	(65,750)	76,150	(12,500)	63,650
Corporate Section	318,550	-	318,550	(2,200)	316,350
St Oswald's Pre Schools	356,250	-	356,250	(302,600)	53,650
Works Department	958,900	(708,150)	250,750	-	250,750
Depot	43,800	-	43,800	(2,400)	41,400
Capital Financing Charges	25,400	-	25,400	(48,950)	(23,550)
Sub Total	2,099,350	(828,100)	1,271,250	(368,650)	902,600
Recreation Committee					
Community Events	224,800	-	224,800	(4,600)	220,200
Sports Complex	984,650	-	984,650	(628,200)	356,450
Sports Pitches	30,950	-	30,950	(8,100)	22,850
Golf Course	321,600	(40,900)	280,700	(177,750)	102,950
Driving Range and Golf Shop	183,750	-	183,750	(190,400)	(6,650)
Parks and Play Areas	247,850	-	247,850	-	247,850
Sub Total	1,993,600	(40,900)	1,952,700	(1,009,050)	943,650
Environment Committee					
Environment and Open Spaces	131,250	-	131,250	(3,250)	128,000
Street Equipment	8,100	-	8,100	-	8,100
Cemeteries and Church Works	145,150	-	145,150	(56,450)	88,700
Allotments	37,850	-	37,850	(9,800)	28,050
Sub Total	322,350	-	322,350	(69,500)	252,850
Contingency Sum	16,000	-	16,000	-	16,000
Contribution to Capital Reserves	75,000	-	75,000	-	75,000
Less Council Tax Support Grant	-	-	-		
Total 2026/27 Budget / Precept	4,506,300	(869,000)	3,637,300	(1,447,200)	2,190,100

Policy and Resources Committee Revenue Budgets								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Revenue Budget Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
67,117	65,380	75,234	Members and Civic Expenses	82,650	1,200	-	-	83,850
60,411	59,637	55,669	Administration Section	87,200	6,400	-	(29,950)	63,650
90,999	95,293	97,540	Finance Section	105,500	18,950	-	(7,950)	116,500
260,254	275,368	281,155	Corporate Section	312,600	13,400	-	(9,650)	316,350
24,041	29,194	11,733	St Oswald's Pre Schools	54,950	23,500	-	(24,800)	53,650
225,128	279,187	228,252	Works Department	267,650	48,350	-	(65,250)	250,750
30,425	35,128	39,872	Depot	39,300	4,900	-	(2,800)	41,400
5,245	(64,742)	(80,784)	Capital Financing Charges	(12,500)	600	-	(11,650)	(23,550)
763,620	774,445	708,671	Total Policy and Resources Budget	937,350	117,300	-	(152,050)	902,600

Members and Civic Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Transport Costs					
458	253	476	Mayor's Taxi Costs	500	-	-	-	500
300			Members' Travelling Expenses	250	-	-	-	250
758	253	476	Sub-Total	750	-	-	-	750
			Supplies and Services					
3,501	2,403	2,906	Civic Functions	3,350	-	-	-	3,350
649	1,833	1,019	Civic Hospitality	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
32	-	-	Members' Mobile Phones	-	-	-	-	-
39,005	38,710	37,426	Members' Allowances	39,900	-	-	-	39,900
2,645	2,519	2,651	Mayor's Allowance	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
688	1,053	1,103	Civic Regalia Insurance	1,700	150	-	-	1,850
153	200	200	Employee/Members Insurance	200	-	-	-	200
506	238	212	Member Related Insurances	200	-	-	-	200
20	235	-	Member Training	250	-	-	-	250
47,199	47,191	45,517	Sub-Total	50,600	150	-	-	50,750
			Transfer Payments					
4,960	3,741	3,941	Council Donations Budget	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
4,960	3,741	3,941	Sub-Total	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
			Central Support Recharges					
13,650	13,650	21,200	Support Service Recharges	22,050	900	-	-	22,950
550	550	4,100	Works Section Recharges	4,250	150	-	-	4,400
14,200	14,200	25,300	Sub-Total	26,300	1,050	-	-	27,350
67,117	65,385	75,234	Total Gross Budget	82,650	1,200	-		83,850
			Total Income					
	(5)		Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
	(5)		Income Sub-Total	-	-	-	-	-
67,117	65,380	75,234	Net Expenditure	82,650	1,200	-		83,850

Administration Section and Council Offices Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
78,283	82,081	74,668	Staff Salaries and Pensions	99,800	4,550	-	(21,600)	82,750
-	-	200	Staff Training	200	-	-	-	200
403	488	500	Employee Related Insurances	500	50	-	-	550
78,686	82,569	75,368	Sub-Total	100,500	4,600	-	(21,600)	83,500
			Premises Costs					
4,936	926	2,130	Building Maintenance	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
5,759	5,487	4,471	Gas	4,900	-	-	(550)	4,350
2,395	3,073	2,474	Electricity	3,000	-	-	(500)	2,500
11,352	12,725	12,725	Rates	13,150	-	-	(2,200)	10,950
1,322	1,352	1,367	Water	1,700	100	-	-	1,800
2,734	3,338	3,784	Service Agreements	5,100	700	-	-	5,800
844	1,065	1,100	Premises and Contents Insurance	1,200	100	-	-	1,300
29,342	27,966	28,051	Sub-Total	31,050	900	-	(3,250)	28,700
			Transport Costs					
29	13	-	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	50	-	-	-	50
29	13	-	Sub-Total	50	-	-	-	50
			Supplies and Services					
355	301	824	Office Equipment	500	-	-	-	500
618	433	479	Equipment Rental and Maintenance	900	-	-	(350)	550
1,748	984	1,061	Printing and Photocopier Charges	2,000	-	-	(500)	1,500
25	-	52	Books and Publications	250	-	-	-	250
489	276	372	Cleaning Materials	400	-	-	-	400
2,276	1,511	2,095	Printing Supplies and Stationery	2,500	-	-	(300)	2,200
2,992	1,832	1,450	Postage Costs	2,500	-	-	(800)	1,700
2,347	2,447	2,413	Telephones and Mobile Phones	2,850	-	-	(600)	2,250
232	238	309	Public Liability Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
-	-	-	Promotional Items	100	-	-	-	100
4,882	4,863	5,303	Subscriptions	5,950	350	-	-	6,300
15,964	12,885	14,358	Sub-Total	18,250	350	-	(2,550)	16,050
			Central Support Recharges					
1,550	1,550	1,850	Support Service Recharges	1,900	100	-	-	2,000
5,150	5,150	10,700	Works Section Recharges	11,150	450	-	-	11,600
6,700	6,700	12,550	Sub-Total	13,050	550	-	-	13,600
130,721	130,133	130,327	Gross Expenditure	162,900	6,400	-	(27,400)	141,900
			Total Income					
(5)			Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	
(13,205)	(13,396)	(13,908)	Feed In Tariff Income	(12,500)	-	-	-	(12,500)
(57,100)	(57,100)	(60,750)	Recharges to Services	(63,200)	-	-	(2,550)	(65,750)
(70,310)	(70,496)	(74,658)	Income Sub-Total	(75,700)	-	-	(2,550)	(78,250)
60,411	59,637	55,669	Net Expenditure	87,200	6,400	-	(29,950)	63,650

Finance Section Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
125,987	128,040	132,827	Staff Salaries and Pensions	141,700	8,950	-	(5,850)	144,800
90	-	-	Staff Training	500	2,300	-	-	2,800
1,491	1,588	2,059	Employee Related Insurances	1,900	150	-	-	2,050
		312	Agency Staff	-	-	-	-	-
127,568	129,628	135,198	Sub-Total	144,100	11,400	-	(5,850)	149,650
			Transport Costs					
13	34	22	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	150	-	-	-	150
13	34	22	Sub-Total	150	-	-	-	150
			Supplies and Services					
9,450	11,550	12,130	Internal Audit Provision	12,700	7,550	-	-	20,250
318	431	290	Financial Stationery	650	-	-	-	650
9,768	11,981	12,420	Sub-Total	13,350	7,550	-		20,900
137,349	141,643	147,640	Gross Expenditure	157,600	18,950	-	(5,850)	170,700
			Total Income					
(46,350)	(46,350)	(50,100)	Recharges to Services	(52,100)	-	-	(2,100)	(54,200)
(46,350)	(46,350)	(50,100)	Income Sub-Total	(52,100)	-	-	(2,100)	(54,200)
90,999	95,293	97,540	Net Expenditure	105,500	18,950	-	(7,950)	116,500

Corporate Services Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
175,662	182,196	198,486	Staff Salaries and Pensions	209,900	9,100	-	(7,650)	211,350
2,662	2,392	3,567	Staff Training	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
-	709	-	Recruitment Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
1,168	1,088	1,253	Employee Related Insurances	1,300	100	-	-	1,400
179,492	186,385	203,306	Sub-Total	214,700	9,200	-	(7,650)	216,250
			Transport Costs					
54	20	-	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	250	-	-	-	250
963	963	963	Staff Car Allowances	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
1,017	983	963	Sub-Total	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
			Supplies and Services					
2,595	2,725	2,997	Lorry Park Rates	4,050	1,350	-	-	5,400
425	-	-	Advertising of Meetings, Elections etc	-	-	-	-	-
229	120	110	Telephones and Mobiles	250	-	-	-	250
41,150	42,539	51,404	Information Technology Costs	63,800	-	-	(1,900)	61,900
5,111	1,786	1,909	Council Newsletters and Consultation	2,750	-	-	-	2,750
2,226	2,947	3,003	Health and Safety	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
153	238	250	Public Liability Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
606	347	350	Disclosure and Barring Service Checks	700	-	-	-	700
10,893	23,538	-	Election and By Election Costs	-	-	-	-	-
621	366	938	Miscellaneous Fees and Licences	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
64,009	74,606	60,961	Sub-Total	76,850	1,350	-	(1,900)	76,300
			Agency Costs					
2,520	3,360	2,940	External Audit Fees	3,600	-	-	-	3,600
8,330	7,918	6,571	Consultants' Fees	10,000	2,500	-	-	12,500
4,995	5,694	5,996	CCTV Running Costs	6,200	250	-	-	6,450
15,845	16,972	15,507	Sub-Total	19,800	2,750	-	-	22,550
			Central Support Services					
2,100	2,100	2,000	Support Service Recharges	2,100	100	-	-	2,200
2,100	2,100	2,000	Sub-Total	2,100	100	-	-	2,200
262,463	281,046	282,737	Gross Expenditure	314,700	13,400	-	(9,550)	318,550
			Income					
(1,118)	(4,678)	(228)	Miscellaneous Income	(1,000)	-	-	-	(1,000)
(1,091)	(1,000)	(1,354)	Community Benefit Fund	(1,100)	-	-	(100)	(1,200)
(2,209)	(5,678)	(1,582)	Income Sub-Total	(2,100)	-	-	(100)	(2,200)
260,254	275,368	281,155	Net Expenditure	312,600	13,400	-	(9,650)	316,350

St Oswald's Pre-Schools Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
224,241	267,109	303,608	Staff Salaries and Pensions	298,800	16,800	-	(12,800)	302,800
-	15,428	17,212	Agency Staff	-	-	-	-	-
70	1,012	616	Staff Training	800	-	-	-	800
210	-	-	Recruitment Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
959	1,176	1,200	Employee Related Insurances	1,300	100	-	-	1,400
225,480	284,725	322,636	Sub-Total	300,900	16,900	-	(12,800)	305,000
			Premises Costs					
1,676	789	3,596	Building Maintenance	1,500	500	-	-	2,000
2,216	2,233	1,923	Gas	2,550	-	-	(600)	1,950
2,557	4,452	3,455	Electricity	4,400	-	-	(800)	3,600
5,264	5,143	5,264	Rates	5,500	150	-	-	5,650
615	580	735	Water	750	200	-	-	950
1,576	1,806	2,378	Service Agreements	2,550	900	-	-	3,450
1,467	1,788	1,801	Premises and Contents Insurance	2,000	150	-	-	2,150
15,371	16,791	19,152	Sub-Total	19,250	1,900	-	(1,400)	19,750
			Transport Costs					
175	59	126	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	500	-	-	-	500
175	59	126	Sub-Total	500	-	-	-	500
			Supplies and Services					
4,745	4,948	6,848	Equipment, Toys and Books	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
2,104	3,074	9,209	EYPP, DAF and SEN Expenditure	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
436	508	483	Printing and Photocopier Charges	550	-	-	-	550
264	585	445	Staff Uniforms	500	-	-	-	500
861	877	1,204	Cleaning Materials	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
1,761	1,972	2,450	Telephones and Mobiles	1,850	50	-	-	1,900
50	50	50	Subscriptions and OFSTED Fees	350	-	-	-	350
347	376	476	Public Liability Insurance	600	50	-	-	650
991	859	2,222	Food and Sundries	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
11,559	13,249	23,387	Sub-Total	16,250	100	-	-	16,350
			Central Support Services					
3,900	3,900	5,500	Support Service Recharges	5,700	250	-	-	5,950
5,150	5,150	8,000	Works Section Recharges	8,350	350	-	-	8,700
9,050	9,050	13,500	Sub-Total	14,050	600	-	-	14,650
261,635	323,874	378,801	Gross Expenditure	350,950	19,500	-	(14,200)	356,250
			Income					
(203,721)	(220,404)	(254,784)	Durham County Council Funding	(262,000)	-	-	(10,600)	(272,600)
(7,336)	(6,039)	(13,232)	Pupil Premium / DAF Funding	(5,000)	-	-	-	(5,000)
(5,378)	(35,728)	(74,313)	High Needs SEN Funding	(10,000)	-	-	-	(10,000)
(20,159)	(30,080)	(21,728)	Fees and Charges	(19,000)	4,000	-	-	(15,000)
(1,000)	(2,429)	(3,011)	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
(237,594)	(294,680)	(367,068)	Income Sub-Total	(296,000)	4,000	-	(10,600)	(302,600)
24,041	29,194	11,733	Net Expenditure	54,950	23,500	-	(24,800)	53,650

Works Department Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
693,709	749,689	772,692	Staff Salaries and Pensions	830,350	44,800	-	(33,450)	841,700
1,395	2,335	4,768	Staff Training	4,000	500	-	-	4,500
2,358	2,815	2,888	Employee Related Insurances	3,300	250	-	-	3,550
697,462	754,839	780,348	Sub-Total	837,650	45,550	-	33,450	849,750
			Transport Costs					
10,542	7,903	9,634	Vehicle Licences and Repairs	8,500	-	-	-	8,500
29,674	27,404	20,583	Vehicle Fuel	30,000	-	-	(4,500)	25,500
375	484	651	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
9,311	10,738	10,159	Vehicle and Machinery Insurance	11,850	900	-	-	12,750
1,926	1,926	1,926	Staff Car Allowances	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
51,828	48,455	42,953	Sub-Total	53,350	900	-	(4,500)	49,750
			Supplies and Services					
11,690	16,927	12,396	Tools, Equipment and Materials	13,500	-	-	-	13,500
9,246	5,361	14,731	Equipment Maintenance	9,500	1,500	-	-	11,000
1,021	1,369	1,028	Cleaning Materials	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
1,650	1,514	1,517	Telephones and Mobiles	1,700	-	-	(50)	1,650
5,221	6,713	6,708	Protective Clothing	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
424	438	450	Public Liability Insurance	500	50	-	-	550
13,302	13,286	13,833	Bedding Plants, Shrubs and Trees	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
42,554	45,608	50,663	Sub-Total	48,200	1,550	-	(50)	49,700
			Central Support Services					
8,000	8,000	9,000	Support Service Recharges	9,350	350	-	-	9,700
8,000	8,000	9,000	Sub-Total	9,350	350	-	-	9,700
799,844	856,902	882,964	Gross Expenditure	948,550	48,350	-	(38,000)	958,900
			Income					
(1,316)	(4,315)	(12)	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
(573,400)	(573,400)	(654,700)	Recharges to Services	(680,900)	-	-	(27,250)	(708,150)
(574,716)	(577,715)	(654,712)	Income Sub-Total	(680,900)	-	-	(27,250)	(708,150)
225,128	279,187	228,252	Net Expenditure	267,650	48,350	-	(65,250)	250,750

Works Depot Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises					
1,628	1,476	3,261	Building Maintenance	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
3,100	3,640	2,670	Gas	3,400	-	-	(750)	2,650
4,845	6,999	9,638	Electricity	7,950	2,300	-	-	10,250
14,471	16,218	16,218	Rates	16,750	1,950	-	-	18,700
1,490	1,240	1,385	Water	1,550	300	-	-	1,850
1,585	2,048	2,291	Service Agreements	2,750	-	-	(1,550)	1,200
2,777	2,820	2,682	Premises and Machinery Insurance	2,900	200	-	-	3,100
29,896	34,441	38,145	Sub-Total	37,550	4,750	-	(2,300)	40,000
			Supplies and Services					
212	238	250	Public Liability Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
347	470	501	Telephones and Alarm Lines	500	-	-	(500)	-
559	708	751	Sub-Total	800	-	-	(500)	300
			Central Support Services					
2,600	2,600	3,200	Works Section Recharges	3,350	150	-	-	3,500
2,600	2,600	3,200	Sub-Total	3,350	150	-	-	3,500
33,055	37,749	42,096	Gross Expenditure	41,700	4,900	-	(2,800)	43,800
			Income					
(204)	(621)	(224)	Sale of Scrap Metal	(400)	-	-	-	(400)
(2,426)	(2,000)	(2,000)	Lease Income	(2,000)	-	-	-	(2,000)
(2,630)	(2,621)	(2,224)	Income Sub-Total	(2,400)	-	-		(2,400)
30,425	35,128	39,872	Net Expenditure	39,300	4,900	-	(2,800)	41,400

Capital Financing Charges Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Capital Financing Costs					
4,232	3,697	3,134	Interest Payments on Loans	2,800	-	-	(600)	2,200
9,916	10,439	10,989	Principal Repayments on Loans	11,600	600	-	-	12,200
14,579	12,465	7,514	Bank Charges	14,600	-	-	(3,600)	11,000
28,727	26,601	21,637	Gross Expenditure	29,000	600	-	(4,200)	25,400
			Income					
(23,482)	(91,343)	(102,421)	Investment Income	(41,500)	-	-	(7,450)	(48,950)
(23,482)	(91,343)	(102,421)	Income Sub Total	(41,500)	-	-	(7,450)	(48,950)
5,245	(64,742)	(80,784)	Net Expenditure	(12,500)	600	-	(11,650)	(23,550)

Recreation Committee Revenue Budgets								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Revenue Budget Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
195,566	198,652	189,631	Community Events	219,600	6,100	-	(5,500)	220,200
301,739	291,186	290,507	Sports Complex	381,200	47,100	-	(71,850)	356,450
13,921	13,308	17,103	Sports Pitches	20,450	2,400	-	-	22,850
98,362	118,230	96,464	Golf Course	104,700	24,100	-	(25,850)	102,950
16,988	(1,400)	3,256	Driving Range	(8,850)	10,200	-	(8,000)	(6,650)
206,781	205,795	228,624	Parks and Play Areas	238,000	9,850	-	-	247,850
833,357	825,771	825,585	Total Recreation Budget	955,100	99,750	-	(111,200)	943,650

Community Events Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
47,366	49,943	51,662	Staff Salaries and Pensions	54,650	2,200	-	(2,200)	54,650
-	-	300	Staff Training	300	-	-	-	300
174	112	100	Employee Related Insurances	100	-	-	-	100
47,540	50,055	52,062	Sub-Total	55,050	2,200	-	(2,200)	55,050
			Transport Costs					
963	998	976	Staff Car Allowances	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
94	84	106	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	450	-	-	-	450
1,057	1,082	1,082	Sub-Total	1,450	-	-	-	1,450
			Supplies and Services					
12,256	24,021	10,080	Large Community Events	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
32,715	25,914	35,263	Senior Citizens' Excursions	37,500	-	-	(3,000)	34,500
26,000	24,965	27,507	Fun in the Parks	28,700	1,000	-	-	29,700
14,148	14,593	14,994	Firework Display	17,350	650	-	-	18,000
4,075	3,578	1,462	Christmas Display	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
1,264	23	220	Community Enhancement Awards	200	-	-	-	200
2,322	2,309	2,495	Santa Tours	3,300	-	-	-	3,300
101	-	-	Telephones and Mobiles	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	Events - PPE Uniform	200	-	-	-	200
3,784	5,204	5,162	Public Liability Insurance	5,600	400	-	-	6,000
306	476	424	Equipment Insurance	400	50	-	-	450
-	-	-	Promotional Items	250	-	-	-	250
96,971	101,083	97,607	Sub-Total	122,500	2,100	-	(3,000)	121,600
			Central Support Services					
35,600	35,600	28,450	Support Service Recharges	29,600	1,200	-	-	30,800
15,450	15,450	14,700	Works Section Recharges	15,300	600	-	-	15,900
51,050	51,050	43,150	Sub-Total	44,900	1,800	-	-	46,700
196,618	203,270	193,901	Gross Expenditure	223,900	6,100	-	(5,200)	224,800
			Income					
(410)	(1,525)	(1,730)	Firework Display	(1,750)	-	-	-	(1,750)
(25)	(1,241)	(387)	Large Community Events	(750)	-	-	-	(750)
(272)	(427)	(750)	Fun in the Parks	(450)	-	-	(300)	(750)
(345)	(1,396)	(1,375)	Sponsorships	(1,350)	-	-	-	(1,350)
-	(29)	(28)	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
(1,052)	(4,618)	(4,270)	Income Sub-Total	(4,300)	-	-	(300)	(4,600)
195,566	198,652	189,631	Net Expenditure	219,600	6,100	-	(5,500)	220,200

Sports Complex Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
415,957	454,249	459,995	Staff Salaries and Pensions	519,050	29,450	-	(19,750)	528,750
225	387	679	Staff Training	750	-	-	-	750
2,299	3,235	3,553	Employee Related Insurances	4,000	300	-	-	4,300
418,481	457,871	464,227	Sub-Total	523,800	29,750	-	(19,750)	533,800
			Premises Costs					
9,414	6,033	8,130	Building Maintenance	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
3,982	3,555	1,862	Electrical Maintenance	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
1,322	960	148	Bar Maintenance	750	-	-	-	750
449	1,008	933	Kitchen Maintenance	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
24,964	28,853	21,339	Gas	32,500	-	-	(11,300)	21,200
47,648	59,896	49,009	Electricity	55,550	-	-	(5,750)	49,800
53,750	54,835	58,477	Rates	60,500	1,600	-	-	62,100
8,251	9,846	10,999	Water	11,600	2,950	-	-	14,550
8,596	11,045	11,985	Service Agreements	14,550	100	-	-	14,650
7,688	7,905	6,671	Premises and Equipment Insurance	8,200	600	-	-	8,800
166,064	183,936	169,553	Sub-Total	196,400	5,250	-	(17,050)	184,600
			Transport Costs					
-	-	-	Staff Travelling and Subsistence	250	-	-	-	250
-	-	-	Sub-Total	250	-	-	-	250
			Supplies and Services					
2,018	1,703	3,009	General Equipment	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
-	-	-	Hire Equipment Stock	-	450	-	-	450
111,587	106,580	106,835	Bar Stock	133,300	-	-	(12,800)	120,500
693	2,563	831	Bar Equipment	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
23,733	30,094	29,755	Machine Rentals	34,400	150	-	-	34,550
2,421	9,622	10,300	Confectionery Stocks	9,900	1,100	-	-	11,000
1,605	-	-	Bottle Vending Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
3,044	4,764	4,833	Hot Drinks Stocks	4,500	550	-	-	5,050
460	518	233	Sports Resale	500	-	-	(250)	250
1,902	2,244	2,544	Cleaning Materials	2,500	150	-	-	2,650
38,954	40,435	43,759	Catering Supplies	39,800	4,350	-	-	44,150
1,139	1,130	1,440	Catering Equipment	1,750	-	-	-	1,750
2,061	1,371	1,478	Protective Clothing and Uniforms	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
1,560	1,568	1,451	Printing Supplies and Stationery	1,600	-	-	-	1,600
1,068	619	405	Sports Development and Coaching	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
2,355	2,494	2,325	Telephones and Mobiles	2,250	-	-	(450)	1,800
959	643	881	Publicity and Marketing	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
2,120	2,906	1,777	Sports Complex Internal Events	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
681	786	678	Competitions and Promotions	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
1,156	1,050	1,165	Public Liability Insurance	1,300	100	-	-	1,400
1,716	1,818	1,785	Miscellaneous Fees and Licences	1,900	-	-	-	1,900
201,232	212,908	215,484	Sub-Total	243,250	6,850	-	(13,500)	236,600
			Agency Payments					
603	683	583	Cash Collection Service	850	100	-	-	950
2,480	2,760	2,925	Stock Taker	3,100	-	-	-	3,100
			Bank Charges	-	300	-	-	300
3,083	3,443	3,508	Sub-Total	3,950	400	-	-	4,350

Sports Complex Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Central Support Services					
15,450	15,450	16,950	Support Service Recharges	17,650	700	-	-	18,350
1,050	1,050	6,200	Works Section Recharges	6,450	250	-	-	6,700
16,500	16,500	23,150	Sub-Total	24,100	950	-	-	25,050
805,360	874,658	875,922	Gross Expenditure	991,750	43,200	-	(50,300)	984,650
			Income					
(3,509)	(4,525)	(5,184)	Badminton	(5,350)	-	-	(150)	(5,500)
(24,434)	(32,603)	(29,415)	Five a Side	(33,050)	-	-	(1,000)	(34,050)
(1,733)	(3,087)	(3,611)	Table Tennis	(3,150)	-	-	(100)	(3,250)
-	-	(886)	Pickleball	(550)	-	-	(450)	(1,000)
-	-	(377)	Darts	(300)	-	-	(100)	(400)
(10,392)	(9,234)	(10,457)	General Sports Hall Hire	(8,000)	-	-	(2,000)	(10,000)
-	(1,153)	(619)	Net Ball	(1,050)	300	-	-	(750)
(18,777)	(23,575)	(24,252)	Squash Courts	(26,000)	-	-	(750)	(26,750)
(27,875)	(37,408)	(38,391)	Bowls	(40,400)	-	-	-	(40,400)
(605)	(664)	(775)	Bowls Lockers	(650)	-	-	-	(650)
(5,082)	(6,234)	(7,144)	Memberships	(7,250)	-	-	-	(7,250)
(766)	(1,323)	(2,789)	Hire of Equipment	(2,400)	-	-	(200)	(2,600)
(2,330)	(3,128)	(3,195)	Sports Development and Coaching	(3,000)	-	-	-	(3,000)
(23,199)	(43,133)	(43,660)	Gaming Machines	(40,000)	-	-	-	(40,000)
(6,436)	(15,874)	(16,361)	Bottle Vending and Confectionery	(16,000)	-	-	(1,500)	(17,500)
(13,043)	(14,292)	(14,757)	Hot Beverages	(15,000)	-	-	(450)	(15,450)
(5,207)	(11,033)	(8,697)	Hire of Function Room	(10,300)	2,300	-	-	(8,000)
(309)	(517)	(369)	Sports Equipment and Sundries	(500)	250	-	-	(250)
(1)	-	-	Payphone	-	-	-	-	-
		(292)	Entertainment System Income	- 1,450	1,050	-	-	(400)
(3,933)	(1,667)	(1,667)	Brewery Sponsorship	(1,650)	-	-	-	(1,650)
(274,620)	(290,371)	(283,080)	Bar Income	(310,000)	-	-	(9,300)	(319,300)
(75,437)	(81,811)	(86,810)	Catering Income	(82,000)	-	-	(5,550)	(87,550)
(212)	(28)	(213)	Overs and Unders	-	-	-	-	-
(5,721)	(1,812)	(2,414)	Miscellaneous Income	(2,500)	-	-	-	(2,500)
(503,621)	(583,472)	(585,415)	Income Sub-Total	(610,550)	3,900	-	(21,550)	(628,200)
301,739	291,186	290,507	Net Expenditure	381,200	47,100		(71,850)	356,450

Sports Pitches Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
-	49	50	Building Maintenance	250	-	-	-	250
979	1,320	1,324	Electricity	950	450	-	-	1,400
760	1,122	1,148	Water	1,450	250	-	-	1,700
1,129	1,515	1,512	Premises and Equipment Insurance	1,700	150	-	-	1,850
2,868	4,006	4,034	Sub-Total	4,350	850	-	-	5,200
			Supplies and Services					
727	744	1,353	Sports Pitch Maintenance	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
212	200	141	Public Liability Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
939	944	1,494	Sub-Total	3,300	-	-	-	3,300
			Central Support Services					
1,550	1,550	300	Support Service Recharges	300	-	-	-	300
15,450	15,450	20,500	Works Section Recharges	21,300	850	-	-	22,150
17,000	17,000	20,800	Sub-Total	21,600	850	-	-	22,450
20,807	21,950	26,328	Gross Expenditure	29,250	1,700	-	-	30,950
			Income					
(6,886)	(8,642)	(9,225)	Pitch Hire	(8,800)	700	-	-	(8,100)
(6,886)	(8,642)	(9,225)	Income Sub-Total	(8,800)	700	-	-	(8,100)
13,921	13,308	17,103	Net Expenditure	20,450	2,400	-	-	22,850

Golf Course Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Employee Costs					
83,839	105,282	109,215	Staff Salaries and Pensions	124,600	16,500	-	(5,550)	135,550
-	-	-	Staff Training	100	-	-	-	100
479	626	765	Employee Related Insurances	800	50	-	-	850
84,318	105,908	109,980	Sub-Total	125,500	16,550	-	(5,550)	136,500
			Premises Costs					
6,877	6,443	3,875	Course Materials and Improvements	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
707	660	621	Irrigation System Electricity	700	-	-	(50)	650
11,525	11,750	12,531	Rates	12,950	350	-	-	13,300
723	624	59	Irrigation System Water	1,350	-	-	-	1,350
459	676	700	Premises and Machinery Insurance	800	50	-	-	850
20,291	20,153	17,786	Sub-Total	23,300	400	-	(50)	23,650
			Transport Costs					
515	634	582	Golf Buggy Repairs	850	-	-	-	850
515	634	582	Sub-Total	850	-	-	-	850
			Supplies and Services					
2,445	2,040	2,669	Golf Course Equipment	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
5,894	9,791	13,975	Equipment Maintenance	9,500	-	-	-	9,500
1,350	1,306	1,384	Public Liability Insurance	1,600	150	-	-	1,750
1,521	281	-	Stationery and Scorecards	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
-	-	568	Marketing and Promotions	500	-	-	-	500
3,252	2,958	4,728	Golf Subscriptions	3,950	1,750	-	-	5,700
1,717	1,687	2,445	Sub Contractor Fees	2,200	-	-	-	2,200
16,179	18,063	25,769	Sub-Total	21,250	1,900	-	-	23,150
			Central Support Services					
9,250	9,250	7,800	Support Service Recharges	8,100	300	-	-	8,400
115,600	115,600	119,350	Works Section Recharges	124,100	4,950	-	-	129,050
124,850	124,850	127,150	Sub-Total	132,200	5,250	-	-	137,450
246,153	269,608	281,267	Gross Expenditure	303,100	24,100	-	(5,600)	321,600
			Income					
(52,983)	(56,569)	(67,352)	Golf Memberships	(71,350)	-	-	(15,650)	(87,000)
(63,647)	(66,025)	(76,680)	Green Fees	(84,200)	-	-	(2,500)	(86,700)
(4,092)	(2,373)	(2,020)	Buggy Hire	(2,500)	-	-	(500)	(3,000)
(625)	(763)	(923)	Hire of Equipment	(1,000)	-	-	(50)	(1,050)
(25,700)	(25,700)	(37,850)	Staff Recharge to Driving Range	(39,350)	-	-	(1,550)	(40,900)
(444)	52	22	Overs and Unders	-	-	-	-	-
(300)	-	-	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
(147,791)	(151,378)	(184,803)	Income Sub-Total	(198,400)	-	-	(20,250)	(218,650)
98,362	118,230	96,464	Net Expenditure	104,700	24,100	-	(25,850)	102,950

Driving Range Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
832	1,017	1,535	Building Maintenance	1,350	150	-	-	1,500
3,100	3,640	2,670	Gas	3,400	-	-	(700)	2,700
4,644	6,403	6,744	Electricity	7,600	-	-	(650)	6,950
11,525	11,750	12,531	Rates	12,950	350	-	-	13,300
1,614	1,240	1,412	Water	1,500	350	-	-	1,850
1,698	1,746	2,226	Service Contracts	2,350	200	-	-	2,550
1,073	1,403	1,450	Premises and Machinery Insurance	1,500	100	-	-	1,600
24,486	27,199	28,568	Sub-Total	30,650	1,150	-	(1,350)	30,450
			Supplies and Services					
5,080	6,133	9,024	Driving Range Equipment	15,500	-	-	-	15,500
1,241	1,653	1,396	Equipment Maintenance	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
-	193	672	Golf Shop Stationery and Equipment	250	-	-	-	250
417	163	416	Golf Shop Staff Uniforms	400	-	-	-	400
2,570	2,289	2,942	Bottle Vending Stocks	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
810	806	758	Confectionery Stocks	750	-	-	-	750
206	432	1,063	Hot Drinks Stocks	450	1,050	-	-	1,500
59,320	51,624	45,148	Golf Resale Equipment Stocks	56,000	-	-	(3,500)	52,500
847	800	919	Public Liability Insurance	1,000	100	-	-	1,100
251	335	176	Cleaning Materials	350	-	-	-	350
240	200	251	Machine Rentals	250	-	-	-	250
1,440	1,582	1,221	Telephones and Alarm Lines	1,200	-	-	(1,000)	200
72,422	66,210	63,986	Sub-Total	81,150	1,150	-	(4,500)	77,800
			Agency Costs					
594	670	583	Cash Collection Service	800	50	-	-	850
594	670	583	Sub-Total	800	50	-	-	850
			Central Support Services					
3,100	3,100	3,000	Support Service Recharges	3,150	150	-	-	3,300
33,400	25,700	37,850	Golf Staff Recharges	39,350	1,550	-	-	40,900
25,700	33,400	28,150	Works Section Recharges	29,300	1,150	-	-	30,450
62,200	62,200	69,000	Sub-Total	71,800	2,850	-	-	74,650
159,702	156,279	162,137	Gross Expenditure	184,400	5,200	-	(5,850)	183,750
			Income					
(55,317)	(77,254)	(85,180)	Driving Range Fees	(104,900)	-	-	-	(104,900)
(81,137)	(72,711)	(64,175)	Golf Equipment Sales	(80,000)	5,000	-	-	(75,000)
(6,070)	(6,820)	(6,952)	Bottle Vending and Confectionery	(7,500)	-	-	-	(7,500)
(190)	(894)	(2,574)	Hot Beverages	(850)	-	-	(2,150)	(3,000)
(142,714)	(157,679)	(158,881)	Income Sub-Total	(193,250)	5,000	-	(2,150)	(190,400)
16,988	(1,400)	3,256	Net Expenditure	(8,850)	10,200	-	(8,000)	(6,650)

Parks and Play Areas Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
631	2,145	2,076	Building Maintenance	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
2,741	3,081	4,907	Parks Maintenance	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
4,028	4,428	3,828	Electricity	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
2,225	1,731	2,156	Water	2,150	700	-	-	2,850
3,613	4,216	4,312	Premises and Equipment Insurance	4,500	350	-	-	4,850
13,238	15,601	17,279	Sub-Total	17,150	1,050	-	-	18,200
			Supplies and Services					
4,543	1,356	5,933	Play Equipment Maintenance	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
6,600	6,438	6,412	Public Liability Insurance	6,900	500	-	-	7,400
11,143	7,794	12,345	Sub-Total	13,900	500	-	-	14,400
			Central Support Services					
182,400	182,400	199,000	Works Section Recharges	206,950	8,300	-	-	215,250
182,400	182,400	199,000	Sub-Total	206,950	8,300	-	-	215,250
206,781	205,795	228,624	Gross Expenditure	238,000	9,850	-	-	247,850

Environment Committee Revenue Budgets								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Revenue Budget Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
97,484	89,799	117,662	Environment and Open Spaces	123,850	5,350	-	(1,200)	128,000
8,090	10,678	7,739	Street Equipment	8,800	100	-	(800)	8,100
31,374	43,783	73,593	Cemeteries	73,350	8,550	-	(1,000)	80,900
21,804	21,667	25,114	Allotments	27,200	1,350	-	(500)	28,050
11,835	9,190	6,925	Church Works	7,450	400	-	(50)	7,800
170,587	175,117	231,033	Total Environment Budget	240,650	15,750	-	(3,550)	252,850

Environment and Open Space Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
-	-	735	Building Maintenance	250	-	-	-	250
938	2,940	2,194	Electricity	1,350	900	-	-	2,250
699	734	807	Rates	1,050	250	-	-	1,300
-	30	20	Water	150	-	-	-	150
431	520	535	Service Agreements	550	-	-	-	550
976	1,162	959	Premises Insurance	1,000	100	-	-	1,100
3,044	5,386	5,250	Sub-Total	4,350	1,250	-	-	5,600
			Supplies and Services					
826	389	381	Dog Bags	1,750	-	-	-	1,750
7,381	5,444	5,985	Environment Waste Disposal Charges	8,100	-	-	-	8,100
212	200	238	Public Liability and Volunteers Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
-	1,111	1,736	Environment Projects	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
1,437	239	569	Environment Events and Workshops	750	-	-	-	750
6,832	1,295	7,240	Tree Works	5,000	150	-	-	5,150
4,200	4,200	4,200	Wildflower Area Maintenance	4,500	-	-	-	4,500
-	1,629	-	Bedding Plants, Shrubs and Trees	-	-	-	-	-
20,888	14,507	20,349	Sub-Total	22,400	150	-	-	22,550
			Central Support Recharges					
74,500	74,500	95,350	Works Section Recharges	99,150	3,950	-	-	103,100
74,500	74,500	95,350	Sub-Total	99,150	3,950	-	-	103,100
98,432	94,393	120,949	Gross Expenditure	125,900	5,350	-		131,250
			Income					
(48)	(320)	(337)	Dog Bag	(1,750)	-	-	-	(1,750)
		(1,388)	Memorial Seat Income	-	-	-	-	-
(900)	(4,274)	(1,562)	Miscellaneous Income	(300)	-	-	(1,200)	(1,500)
(948)	(4,594)	(3,287)	Income Sub-Total	(2,050)	-	-	(1,200)	(3,250)
97,484	89,799	117,662	Net Expenditure	123,850	5,350	-	(1,200)	128,000

Street Equipment Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
715	2,517	2,059	Street Equipment Maintenance	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
-	-	-	Parish Lighting Maintenance	100	-	-	-	100
3,030	3,835	3,130	Parish Lighting Electricity	4,000	-	-	(800)	3,200
174	226	250	Street Equipment Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
3,919	6,578	5,439	Sub-Total	6,400	-	-	(800)	5,600
			Supplies and Services					
271	200	200	Public Liability Insurance	200	-	-	-	200
271	200	200	Sub-Total	200	-	-	-	200
			Central Support Services					
3,900	3,900	2,100	Works Section Recharges	2,200	100	-	-	2,300
3,900	3,900	2,100	Sub-Total	2,200	100	-	-	2,300
8,090	10,678	7,739	Net Expenditure	8,800	100	-	(800)	8,100

Cemeteries Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
586	757	1,386	Building Maintenance	750	-	-	-	750
429	437	212	Cemetery Maintenance	450	-	-	-	450
3,308	4,358	3,034	Electricity	3,600	100	-	(600)	3,100
3,743	2,495	2,495	Rates	2,600		-	(400)	2,200
600	492	536	Water	650	50	-	-	700
288	300	300	Premises Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
8,954	8,839	7,963	Sub-Total	8,350	150	-	(1,000)	7,500
			Supplies and Services					
21	277	524	Cemeteries Equipment	500	-	-	-	500
168	106	21	Shoring Equipment Maintenance	400	-	-	-	400
-	921	1,600	Memorial Seating	-	-	-	-	-
423	400	476	Public Liability Insurance	600	50	-	-	650
612	1,704	2,621	Sub-Total	1,500	50	-	-	1,550
			Central Support Services					
82,200	82,200	111,450	Works Section Recharges	115,900	4,650	-	-	120,550
4,150	4,150	5,200	Support Service Recharges	5,400	200	-	-	5,600
86,350	86,350	116,650	Sub-Total	121,300	4,850	-	-	126,150
95,916	96,893	127,234	Gross Expenditure	131,150	5,050	-	(1,000)	135,200
			Income					
(32,365)	(28,123)	(29,336)	Burial Fees	(32,000)		-	-	(32,000)
(22,155)	(13,605)	(11,105)	Purchases	(15,000)	3,500	-	-	(11,500)
(3,100)	(3,310)	(4,341)	Plaques and Inscriptions	(3,900)	-	-	-	(3,900)
(6,922)	(6,922)	(6,922)	Lease of Building	(6,900)	-	-	-	(6,900)
-	(1,150)	(1,937)	Memorial Seat Income	-	-	-	-	-
(64,542)	(53,110)	(53,641)	Income Sub-Total	(57,800)	3,500	-	-	(54,300)
31,374	43,783	73,593	Net Expenditure	73,350	8,550	-	(1,000)	80,900

Church Works Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Central Support Services					
12,850	12,850	9,200	Works Section Recharges	9,550	400	-	-	9,950
12,850	12,850	9,200	Sub-Total	9,550	400	-	-	9,950
			Income					
(1,015)	(2,660)	(1,225)	Burial Fees from St Andrews Church	(1,000)	-	-	-	(1,000)
	(1,000)	(1,050)	Recharge for maintenance	(1,100)	-	-	(50)	(1,150)
(1,015)	(3,660)	(2,275)	Income Sub-Total	(2,100)	-	-	(50)	(2,150)
11,835	9,190	6,925	Net Expenditure	7,450	400	-	(50)	7,800

Allotments Revenue Budget								
2022/23 Actual Outturn £	2023/24 Actual Outturn £	2024/25 Actual Outturn £	Income and Expenditure Description	2025/26 Budget £	Inflation and Committed Growth £	Investment in Services £	Savings and Increased Income £	2026/27 Budget £
			Premises Costs					
163	485	2,016	Allotment Maintenance	800	-	-	-	800
1,319	1,553	1,364	Water	1,900	-	-	(100)	1,800
212	200	238	Public Liability Insurance	300	-	-	-	300
1,694	2,238	3,618	Sub-Total	3,000	-	-	(100)	2,900
			Central Support Services					
23,150	5,150	22,700	Works Section Recharges	23,600	950	-	-	24,550
5,150	23,150	9,600	Support Service Recharges	10,000	400	-	-	10,400
28,300	28,300	32,300	Sub-Total	33,600	1,350	-	-	34,950
29,994	30,538	35,918	Gross Expenditure	36,600	1,350	-	(100)	37,850
			Income					
(7,140)	(7,763)	(8,547)	Allotment Rents	(8,250)	-	-	(250)	(8,500)
(136)	(150)	(187)	Bee Plots	(150)	-	-	(50)	(200)
(501)	(529)	(585)	Poultry Rents	(550)	-	-	(50)	(600)
(413)	(429)	(490)	Pigeon Rents	(450)	-	-	(50)	(500)
		(995)	Miscellaneous Income					
(8,190)	(8,871)	(10,804)	Income Sub-Total	(9,400)	-	-	(400)	(9,800)
21,804	21,667	25,114	Net Expenditure	27,200	1,350	-	(500)	28,050

Appendix 2 - Analysis of Changes Made to the Draft 2026/27 Revenue Budget

<u>Committee / Budget</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Change £</u>	<u>Description of Budget Change</u>
Policy and Resources Committee			
Administration Section	Staffing Costs	450	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
Administration Section	Staffing Costs	(2,750)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Administration Section	Rates	(2,200)	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Finance Section	Staffing Costs	450	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
Finance Section	Staffing Costs	(4,750)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Finance Section	Internal Audit	7,050	Increased Internal Audit costs
Corporate Services	Staffing Costs	(6,900)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Corporate Services	Rates	1,350	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Corporate Services	Information Technology	500	IASME Certification (Cyber Essentials)
Capital Financing Charges	Investment Income	(200)	Investment Income Increase
St Oswald's Pre-School	Staffing Costs	4,200	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
St Oswald's Pre-School	Durham County Council Funding	5,000	Reduction in Early Years Funding due to reduction in numbers
St Oswald's Pre-School	Staffing Costs	(9,950)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
St Oswald's Pre-School	Rates	200	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Works Department	Staffing Costs	8,950	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
Works Department	Staffing Costs	(25,950)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Depot	Rates	1,900	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
<u>Committee / Budget</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>		<u>Description of Budget Change</u>
Recreation Committee			
Events	Staffing Costs	(1,750)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Sports Complex	Staffing Costs	6,100	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
Sports Complex	Staffing Costs	(15,600)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Sports Complex	Rates	550	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Golf Complex	Staffing Costs	2,250	Limited Staff Restructure following deletion of SCP2
Golf Complex	Staffing Costs	(4,550)	Reduced Employers Pension Contributions
Golf Complex	Rates	(100)	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Driving Range	Rates	(100)	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Environment Committee			
Cemeteries	Rates	(400)	Change to business rates charge following revaluation of rateable values
Contingency Sum		(2,500)	Contingency sum reduced
Council Tax Support Grant		113,250	Grant has been fully withdrawn by Durham County Council.
Total Budget Increase / (Decrease)		74,500	Total change in the Final 2026/27 Revenue Budget.

Summary of the Change in the 2026/27 Council Precept		
Precept		£ Description of Budget Change
Draft 2025/26 Precept	2,115,600	Equated to a 1.7% increase in Council Tax.
Total Budget Changes	74,500	As highlighted above.
Final 2026/27 Precept	2,190,100	Equates to a 3.99% increase in Council Tax.
Analysis of Changes Made to the Draft 2026/27 Capital Programme Budget		
Committee / Budget		£ Description of Budget Change
Policy and Resources Committee		
Replacement Marquee for Events	(3,000)	Deferred to Future Year
Council Chamber Audiovisual Technology	9,000	Council Chamber Audiovisual Information Technology Provision
Recreation Committee		
Golf Toilet and Shower Refurbishment	(5,000)	Deferred to Future Year
Environment Committee		
Total Capital Budget Changes	1,000	Total increase in the 2026/27 Capital Budget.
Draft 2026/27 Capital Programme Budget	314,250	Draft Budget as agreed by Committees in October.
Final 2026/27 Capital Programme Budget	315,250	Final 2026/27 Capital Programme Budget.

Appendix 3 Capital Programme Budgets for 2026/27			
Committee / Capital Project	Current 2025/26 Budget £	2026/27 Budget	2026/27 Budget Comments
<u>Policy and Resources</u>			
Council Buildings			
Council Offices	38,300	10,500	Boiler and external door
Horticulture and Vehicle Depots	12,750	3,750	Alarm & separation tank cleaning
St Oswald's Pre Schools	45,600	13,000	Kitchen refurbishment, Internal & External Redecoration
Electrical Survey	5,050	-	
Roofing Surveys	10,000	-	
Felt Roof Inspections	1,000	1,000	Felt Roof Inspections to be undertaken annually for insurance purposes
Works Vehicles and Machinery			
Electric Machinery	5,000	5,000	Ongoing programme of replacements
Ride on Mower	49,750	-	
Works Vehicle (Citroen Berlingo)	24,500	-	
Water Bowser	-	6,000	Replacement Water Bowser
Office Equipment			
Computer Hardware and Software	9,400	5,500	Rolling programme of replacements
Council Chamber PA System	-	20,000	Council Chamber PA System upgrade/replacement
Council Chamber Audiovisual Technology	-	9,000	Council Chamber Audiovisual Information Technology Investment
Information Technology Infrastructure	10,800	10,000	Ongoing consultancy and Cyber Security
Website Development	2,500	2,500	Provisional sum for essential updates.
Photocopier Replacement	10,500	-	
<u>Recreation Committee</u>			
Special Events			
Christmas Lights	2,500	2,500	To replace those lights that fail electrical tests.
Marquee	-	-	Replacement Marquee for Events
Santa Tours Sleigh Sides & Post Boxes	-	1,500	Provisional Sum to replace Sleigh Sides and Post Boxes
Parks and Parks Buildings			
Moore Lane Pavilion	20,000	-	
Simpasture Pavilion	12,500	2,500	Doors and windows
Simpasture Playing Fields	20,000	-	
St Oswald's Park Pavilion	-	10,000	Toilet Refurbishment
Town Park Building	10,000	-	
Street Light Column Testing	-	2,500	Street light column testing Town Park
Goal Posts	-	1,200	Ongoing programme of replacements
Play Areas			
Safety Surfacing and Fencing Repair	75,000	25,000	Undertake essential repairs only.
Skate Park	2,500	-	
Aycliffe Village Infant Play Area	47,500	-	
Driving Range			
Steelwork Painting	2,500	-	
Ball Washing Machine	2,500	-	
Bay Dividers	8,500	-	Bay dividers due to be replaced in 2023/24, deferred to 2025/26
Range Targets	2,500	-	
Ball Dispenser Machine	4,550	-	
Driving Range Utility Vehicle	22,000	-	
Driving Range Ball Collector	2,650	-	
Golf Course and Golf Complex			
Golf Shop and Changing Rooms	4,500	-	Golf Shop toilet and shower refurbishment
Golf Irrigation System	2,500	3,000	Provisional sum for any essential repairs.
Golf Irrigation Plant Electricity	-	1,000	Essential electrical works
Golf Course Improvements	2,500	-	Provision for ditch clearance works
Golf Course Footpaths	-	1,200	On-going programme of essential repairs.
Golf Launch Monitor	-	1,500	Replacement Launch Monitor
Golf Buggies	-	18,000	Remaining three golf buggies due to be replaced
Vertidrain	-	35,000	New Vertidrain
Greens Top Dresser	15,350	-	

Committee / Capital Project	Current 2025/26 Budget £	2026/27 Budget	2026/27 Budget Comments
Sports Complex			
Roofing Works	60,000	-	
Heating System	31,650	-	
Window Replacement	20,000	-	
Drainage Works	5,500	5,500	Provisional sum for drainage repairs.
Toilet Refurbishment	-	11,000	Ladies Toilet Refurbishment
Changing Room Refurbishment	-	24,000	Male and Female Changing Room Refurbishment
Internal Decoration	5,000	-	
Flooring and Carpet Replacement	7,000	-	
Disabled Access and Catering Lifts	3,000	-	
Kitchen Oven	2,500	-	
Cellar Cooler	2,500	-	
Fridge and Freezer Replacement	2,500	-	
Sports Hall Flooring	12,500	-	
Carpet Replacement and Cleaning	1,450	-	
Bar Service Lift	2,250	-	
Shutters for External Doors	4,000	-	
Bar Furniture Replacement	4,200	-	
Squash Court Flooring	12,500	-	
Event Tables and Chairs	-	2,500	Replacement Event Tables and Chairs
PA System Replacement	6,000	-	
Automatic Entrance Doors	12,000	-	
Alarm and Emergency Lights System	10,500	-	
Rotowash Floor Cleaner	3,000	-	
Solar Panels	120,000	-	
Environment Committee			
Cemeteries			
Woodland Burial Site	37,500	-	
Stephenson Way Cemetery	2,500	7,500	Drainage Improvements, windows and door replacement
West Cemetery	7,500	7,500	Drainage Improvements & Shutter replacement
Moore Lane Environment Centre			
Moore Lane Centre	4,000	-	
Allotments			
Allotments Gates and Fencing	10,000	-	
General Environment			
Footpath Repairs	29,650	15,000	On-going programme of essential repairs.
Council Offices Visitors Car Park	-	20,000	Car park resurfacing
Bus Shelter Replacement/Refurbishment	8,100	2,500	Bus shelter essential repair programme
Bridge Repairs	40,000	5,000	General repainting and repairs
Street Light Column Testing		2,500	Testing of DCC Street Light Columns
Ash Dieback Disease & Emergency Tree Works	27,800	10,000	Programme of Felling and Replanting
CCTV Cameras	1,100	1,100	Rapid Response CCTV budget to move cameras
Capital Contingency	-	10,000	Capital Contingency Sum
Grant Funded Projects:			
No projects currently planned.	-	-	
Total Capital Programme	981,400	315,250	

Appendix 4 - Projection of Council Balances and Reserves (assuming all capital spend goes ahead)		
Opening Position as at 01/04/2025	Balance £	Comments
General Fund Balance	206,352	Contingency Fund.
Budget Support Fund	31,149	Support to Revenue Budget.
HMRC Leisure VAT Reserve	12,750	To fund approved spend carried forward from 2023/24
Community Support Fund	50,000	Targeted community investments.
Community Benefit Fund	8,510	Solar Farm Community Benefit Funding.
Allotments Bonds Holding Account	550	Holding Account for Bonds.
Earmarked Revenue Reserves	50,000	Funding of Elections and By Elections.
Earmarked Capital Reserves	1,850,000	Funding of Capital Programme.
Usable Capital Receipts	4,563	Funding of Capital Spend
Capital Contributions	13,119	Funding of Capital Spend
Total Actual Balances and Reserves held at 01/04/2025	2,226,993	Total Balances and Reserves.
Less Funding of 2025/26 Capital Programme Budget	(374,150)	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Less Use of 2025/26 Budget Support Reserve	(26,317)	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Less Use of VAT Leisure Services Reserve	(12,367)	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Less Use of the Community Support Fund	(47,831)	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Less Use of Community Benefit Fund	-	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Less Funding of By Elections	-	No By Elections currently planned 2025/26
Less Capital Contributions Repaid	(2,411)	Underspent DCC Grant 75th Display Boards
Add Land Sales	-	No land sales planned in 2025/26.
Add Vehicle and Machinery Sales Capital Receipts	-	No sales planned in 2025/26
Add Capital Contributions Received	61,937	Tree Planting Grant, Simpasture Drainage Grant
Less Use of Capital Receipts/Contributions	(46,256)	Tree Planting Grant and Security Works
Add 2025/26 Contribution to Earmarked Reserves	75,000	As per approved 2025/26 Revenue Budget.
Add 2025/26 Revenue Budget Underspend / (Overspend)	246,800	Based on latest forecast of expected outturn.
Estimated Balances and Reserves held at 31/03/2026	2,101,398	Total Balances and Reserves.
Less Estimated Financing of 2026/27 Capital Programme	(315,250)	Based on draft 2026/27 Capital Budget.
Less Estimated Financing of 2025/26 Capital Carry Forward	(571,900)	Deferred projects from 2025/26 Capital Budget Review.
Less Use of Elections Reserve	-	Funding of Town Council Election.
Add Capital Contributions Received	-	None expected.
Less Use of Capital Contributions	-	None expected.
Add Contribution to Capital Reserves from 2026/27	75,000	Based on draft 2026/27 Revenue Budget.
Add Revenue Budget Contingency Sum	16,000	Based on draft 2026/27 Revenue Budget.
Add Revenue Budget Savings from 2026/27	-	Assumes no savings.
Estimated Balances and Reserves held @ 31/03/2027	1,305,248	Total Balances and Reserves.
Analysis of Earmarked Reserves as at 1st April 2025		
Revenue Reserves	Balance £	Nature of Reserve
Elections Reserve	50,000	To fund elections and bi-elections.
Total Revenue Reserves	50,000	
Capital Reserves	Balance £	Nature of Reserve
Buildings Asset Management Reserve	350,000	To fund building works
Vehicle and Machinery Renewals Reserve	400,000	To replace vehicles and machinery.
Play Equipment Renewals Reserve	500,000	To replace and upgrade play areas.
Street Equipment Renewals Reserve	100,000	To replace street equipment.
Sports Complex Reserve	100,000	To support investment at the sports complex.
Golf Complex Reserve	100,000	To support investment at the golf complex.
ICT and Office Equipment Renewals Reserve	100,000	To upgrade and replace office equipment.
Climate Change	200,000	Provision for Climate Change
Total Capital Reserves	1,850,000	

Appendix 5 - 2026/27 Budget Survey Results

1. Having considered all of the services provided by the Town Council, and the investment that we make in the Parish of Great Aycliffe do you feel that the current Town Council Tax of £200.26 (Band A) per year provides value for money?

Yes	44	80.0%
No	11	20.0%

2. Looking ahead to next year, all things considered, are you in support of the proposed 2.8% increase in the Town Council Tax (equating to £5.61 per year to £0.47 per month at Council Tax Band A)?

Yes	43	78.2%
No	12	21.8%

2a. If no, what increase (or decrease) would you propose and why?

1. Abolish town council and transfer necessary services to county and cease the rest.
2. Should stay the same and look at either sub contract of some services/amenities, to be more cost effective.
3. Shut sports complex, it's never busy
4. None
5. It's all well and good commenting on band A, but the increase will be higher as the bands go higher. It should be £5 a month flat rate not a percentage. I don't agree with yet another increase at all when inflation is so high for food and gas/electric. People cannot afford it, no matter what band they're in. And lower bands are more likely to be getting more money through benefits whilst working families trying to make a better life for themselves fund it, and are starting to struggle doing so! Some may get subsidised council tax, and yet again working families won't!
6. Increase more
7. None, you need to look at waste
8. No more than 2% as we pay far too much in Durham compared to the rest of England
9. I would suggest either cease altogether the OAP bus trips or charge a moderate fee for the trips. Also cease completely or again charge a moderate fee for the bonfire/firework display to cover the expense and recoup some money back.
10. Many of the services delivered by Great Aycliffe Town Council duplicate functions already provided by Durham County Council. The town council adds an extra administrative layer without offering unique value, and most of its responsibilities could be handled more efficiently by existing county-level services
11. It is not a function of a Town Council to provide leisure centres and golf courses especially when the loos money year on year. The cessation of such facilities and reduction in annual bedding would allow the precept to be significantly reduced. In addition raising the age at which residents can attend the pensioners trips would allow financial resources to be better spent. Currently residents aged 60 and in full time employment can enjoy a day out on the drink at the expense of us tax payers.

3. In respect of the full withdrawal of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant, of £145,250, by Durham County Council in 2026/27, are you in support of this being funded by an additional 4.12% increase in the Town Council Tax (taking to the total increase to 6.92%) to offset this, equating to an additional £8.25 (total £13.86) per year, or £0.69 (total £1.16) per month at Council Tax Band A?

Yes	40	72.7%
No	15	27.3%

3a. If no, what increase (or decrease) what would you propose and why?

1. As above. Duplication of staffing, premises and equipment. Save the £3m by transferring to county. Fireworks,
2. Durham county council should either support current levels of support or take on some of the duties/ responsibilities.
3. None
4. See comments above
5. None. Sure there must be savings that can be made in all areas. Reduce the amount of councillors. Remove civic duties and the Mayor. Remove Park Patrol service.
6. It will be wasted on non essential services
7. But please make every attempt to restrict this increase as much as you can via further efficiency savings and income generation (bearing in mind previous outturn positions and expected outturn forecasts showing that savings continue to be delivered on the Revenue Budget).
8. Propose no increase and make efficiency savings.
9. None again start looking at the money wasted, I.e the sports complex
10. 2% as we already pay far too much in Co. Durham
11. It would be a lot fairer if every single person was made to contribute something towards services that everyone gets instead of those who just seem to cream off everything and don't pay anything.
12. Residents should not be asked to pay higher council tax to fix financial problems created at county level. Local people shouldn't be penalised for decisions they did not make, especially when those decisions have led to budget gaps, withdrawn grants, and reduced support for towns like Aycliffe
13. Town Council Services should be cut to reflect the loss of grant funding.

4. Do you have any specific comments to make on the 2026/27 budget proposals and what, if any, changes would you wish to see in the final budget?

1. Cease all active and transfer to county for essentials like grass cutting. This week remove a layer of complexity such as who is responsible for grass, hedges etc.
2. As per my previous comments.
3. Town council lads in vans are always sat in vans doing nothing.
4. As a disabled person with a child i can barely afford council tax as it is yet alone other bills, we have struggled expecially with the changes to PIP (currently doing an MR) even with my partner working part time (he supports me and pur daughter so doesnt get carers) we struggle with regular bills and live pay check to paycheck often having to hold off buying things we need to make sure bills are paid snd our daughter (17 months) has what she needs...if the council tax rises any more we honestly would end up in more debt and probaly homeless
5. Scrap the fireworks display & the pensioners trips
6. Please undertake a further review of income and expenditure targets in line with expected outturn projections with a view to identifying further savings opportunities to limit the council tax increase.
7. I would like to see the Oakleaf become more profitable. There is a lack of imagination in the food offering and I noted that the Oakleaf is closed on New Year's Eve. Why haven't you organised an event? Is the golf course and driving range profitable?
8. Disappointing that DCC have removed the funding with little warning.
9. Yes, the liberal democrats at Great Aycliffe Town Council have told us not to upset Reform UK by suggesting that they have stolen the money central govt (Labour) give to them to pass onto Aycliffe. The Lib Dem/Tory coalition began the withdrawal of the Aycliffe grant during their 4 years. Therefore, it seems obvious that the Lib Dems pushed an amendment to the town councils letter to our MP to request the £1.5m we will lose over the next 9 years, should not be given to Durham County Council if they are not going to use it to help Great Aycliffe and the other big towns in County Durham. It is obvious that the Liberal democrats are doing this to keep Reform UK sweet in order not to lose their dozen or so seats on the county council at Durham City.
10. Aycliffe's financial problems are partly self-inflicted. The council could source services more efficiently instead of relying on shortfalls and then passing the cost to residents. It's hard to justify higher charges when it's not obvious that all previous spending has gone directly into services. The final budget should prioritise transparency, better procurement, and value for money.
11. See previous comments.

5. Are there any services or new initiatives you would like to see the Council make futher investment either by raising the Council Tax by more than currently planned, or by reducing spending in other service areas?

1. Absolutely not.
2. As per my previous comments.
3. Honestly whatever has to be done to stop the tax rising too much is fine people will manage etc
4. Reductions need to be made instead of expecting residents to constantly find more money when food and energy costs are sky high.
5. Possibly an increase to the Santa Tours Budget to provide additional resources ahead of the Service Review next year. More resources for grants and donations to community groups.
6. I would like to see a town centre market and improved town warden provision to crack down on people who park on verges and churn them up.
7. No
8. More investment in the outdoor spaces, less on the pensioner trips and events like the fireworks etc
9. Yes, take over closed down pub/hotels and convert them into council run care homes to undercut the extortionate £1500 pw costs of private sector (for profit London Hedge fund brokers owned) care homes. Many MPs have probably got shares in private sector care homes so are reluctant to re open council run care homes, despite being able to run them at less than £800 per week per resident. They hide these shares in mixed portfolio share schemes to avoid showing a conflict of interest. Converting pub/hotels and empty B&B into care homes is good recycling and would also create thousands of jobs for the building sector and reduce private sector exploitation of cheap immigrant staff doing up to 5 night shifts on public transport with no access to working poverty benefits. The money DCC would save on care home fees being paid by us as taxpayers would be hundreds of thousands a year. This could be re-invested to convert more buildings that already possess bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, dining rooms, offices, lifts, fire escapes, car parks, etc. Of course Great Aycliffe Town Council can't do this as already running a leisure centre, golf course, pre-school, many parks, 2 cemeteries and allotments. But Durham should pilot again public sector care homes, which were affordable to everyone and did not mean OAPs having to sell the houses they worked and paid 25 years for to pass onto their children and grandchildren. Reduce spend on OAP trips as residents tell me not reaching poor pensioners as middle class retired with cars mainly using them. Change criteria to state pension and non car owners and rented homes based over 60s. Football pitches good for health but Moore Lane provide them. Oak Leaf duplicates town leisure centre in some ways but provides affordable exercise for those who can't afford private health clubs. Town is large enough for Oak Leaf as many on benefits live closer to that side of town but if cuts are drastic than the Oak Leaf golf could be sold to the private sector and Oak Leaf sports complex sold to a private consortium jointly owned by INEOS, Gestamp and Hitachi. Allotments could be run by the Gardening Guild and Moore Lane Eco centre run by Greenfield Arts. The preschool is OFSTED outstanding so fees should increase to at least private sector prices to boost GATC income Especially if most parents get free funding for 3-4 years olds. It would still be extremely popular and parents on working tax credits could receive a small discount.
10. It is unclear why residents pay a high precept when the Town Council provides only a small set of non-essential services. Most of its functions could be delivered more efficiently by Durham County Council or external providers. The current structure feels redundant and poor value for money.
11. Make inquiries about closing golf course and leisure centre and consider alternative land uses which could bring in additional revenue. Is part of the land suitable for residential or commercial uses. Could the GC land be used for a solar farm etc

6. Which Council services are most important to you i.e. where budget cuts should not be made and where any future investment should be targeted?

Service Area	Votes
Parks and Play Areas	43
Litter and Dog Bins	41
Cemeteries	35
Fun in the Parks	34
Senior Citizens' Trips	34
Fireworks Display	33
Santa Tours	33
Christmas Lights	32
Environment, Nature Parks and Open Space	30
Allotments	30
Bus Shelters	26
Public Seating	24
Football Pitches	19
Oakleaf Sports Complex	13
Flower Beds	8
Large Community Events such as the Big Brass Bash	8
Oakleaf Golf Course and Driving Range	7
St Oswald's Pre-School	6
Park Patrol Service	6
Financial Management	5
Civic Events and Office of Town Mayor	4
Councillors	4
Corporate Management and Administration	3

8. Which Council services are least important to you i.e. where budget cuts should, if they are required in future, be targeted?

Service Area	Votes
Councillors	29
Civic Events and Office of Town Mayor	25
Oakleaf Sports Complex	14
Oakleaf Golf Course and Driving Range	14
Fireworks Display	14
Senior Citizens' Trips	14
Large Community Events such as the Big Brass Bash	13
Corporate Management and Administration	10
Flower Beds	9
Financial Management	9
Football Pitches	7
Fun in the Parks	7
Allotments	6
Park Patrol Service	6
Santa Tours	6
St Oswald's Pre-School	5
Christmas Lights	5
Cemeteries	2
Parks and Play Areas	1
Bus Shelters	1
Environment, Nature Parks and Open Space	0
Public Seating	0
Litter and Dog Bins	0