

Service Committee Budgets

1 Strategy and Resources Committee Budgets

1.1 Revenue Budget position

1.2 The original budget for Strategy and Resources Committee revenue budget for 2023/24, approved by Council in February 2023, was £8.387m this has now been revised to £9.459m. This is following the allocation of the centrally held budgets to service committees, the inclusion of the Fit for the Future programme funded from the Transformation reserve, and the addition of capital reserve funded Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO), as included in the capital programme.

1.3 This is then used as the base budget for the 2023/24 revised estimates and 2024/25 original estimates, incorporating changes arising from unavoidable inflationary cost pressures, budget pressures and efficiency savings.

1.4 Table 1 provides a summary of the changes to the 2023/24 and 2024/25 estimates. A more detailed breakdown of the service committee budget is set out in Section 2.

Table 1 – Summary of changes from the 2023/24 Original Budget

Strategy & Resources Committee	Para	2023/24 Revised Estimate (000's)	2024/25 Original Estimate (000's)
Base Budget		8,387	9,459
Virements/adjustments		1,048	(1,042)
Recurring changes:			
Pay increases	1.7	24	272
Fees and charges growth	1.8		(50)
Contract increases	1.10		143
Proposed budget adjustments	1.12		(386)
New items funded from reserves	1.14		861
Net Service Budget		9,459	9,257
Transfers to/from reserves		(1,243)	(810)
Net Service Budget (after Reserve Funding)		8,216	8,447

(Table may contain roundings)

1.5 Adjustments/In year virements

In year virements/adjustments include carry forwards £46k from previous year, re-distribution of Corporate Maintenance budgets according to the proposed schedule of work within each Committee, alignment of budgets to agreed establishment structures and re-allocation of budgets from Community Services & Licensing Committee.

1.6 Inflation

1.7 Pay Inflation £296k

This reflects a change to the 2023/24 budget for the recently agreed pay award from 1 April 2023 of £1,925 or 3.88%, whichever is higher for each employee.

The 2024/25 salary budgets have been increased by an initial 5.6% in line with the budget strategy.

The total increase of £296k is broken down into £24k in 2023/24 representing the pay award being higher than the budgeted 5% increase, and an additional £272k from 2024/25 onwards representing the 5.6% included in the Budget Strategy.

1.8 Fees and charges growth (£50k)

Fees and charges budgets have been inflated by 5% unless stated otherwise on the fees and charges appendix.

1.9 A full list of fees and charges are included in Appendix H.

1.10 Contract Increases £143k

Contract inflation has been updated in line with the Budget Strategy, this includes insurance uplift, software budgets, business rates and the Multi Service Contract applicable to this Committee (Building cleaning).

1.11 Proposed Budget Adjustments

1.12 A breakdown of the proposed budget adjustments is included in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – Budget Pressures and Efficiency Savings – Strategy & Resources

Service	Pressures	2024/25 (£'000)
Corporate	Drainage Board Levy increase	18
Car Parking	Car park income	185
ICT	ICT	33
Corporate Maintenance	Corporate Maintenance	77
Corporate Maintenance	Repairs and Replacements (One offs)	250
Policy & Governance	Mainstreaming Fit for the Future	101
Policy & Governance	Elections	34
Finance	External Audit Costs	36
Various	Subscriptions/licenses	10
Legal	One Legal Income	30
Car Parking	Electric vehicle charging points in car parks	15
Corporate Maintenance	Brunel Mall Car Park	20
Car Parking	Car parking - free after 2	15
Held centrally - to be allocated	Canal Phase 1A	30
Held centrally - to be allocated	Refugee/asylums seekers accommodation	50
Held centrally - to be allocated	Crowdfunding	35
Held centrally - to be allocated	Play areas	150
Various	2023/24 - Budget items (reversed)	(584)
	Other net movements	43
	Subtotal Pressures	548
Service	Savings	2024/25 (£'000)
Corporate	Investment income/borrowing costs	(730)
Corporate Properties	Utilities costs	(204)
	Subtotal savings	(934)
	Total Strategy & Resources Committee	(386)

1.13 Further details on these budget changes, and those for the other service committees, can be found in Section 3 of the main report.

1.14 There are also some new/changed budgets funded from earmarked reserves.

Table 3 – Change in earmarked reserve transfers

Service	Earmarked Reserve Funded Movements	2024/25 (£'000)
Council wide	2023/24 - Crossplan – Fit for the Future	(177)
Council wide	Fit for the Future 2024/25	(65)
Held centrally - to be allocated	Crowdfunding - match funding	100
Held centrally - to be allocated	Market Towns Vitality Fund	200
Held centrally - to be allocated	Nature recovery	120
Corporate	MRP - from 23/24 underspend	239
Corporate	Capital funding from Capital Reserve	577
Misc Properties	Brimscombe Port (to Brimscombe Port EMR)	(133)
	Total Strategy& Resources Committee	861

2 Strategy and Resources Committee Budgets – Detailed Breakdown

Table 4 – Detailed breakdown of Strategy and Resources budgets

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Strategy & Resources Committee			
Car Parks (Other)	50	47	52
Car Parks (Stroud)	(611)	(630)	(477)
Car Parks Enforcement	57	60	27
Car Parks	(503)	(523)	(397)
Brunel Mall	(56)	(58)	(38)
Gossington Depot	(70)	(59)	(104)
Industrial Units, Stonehouse	4	4	0
Littlecombe Development, Dursley	(9)	(9)	(32)
Commercial Properties	(132)	(122)	(173)
Communications	187	187	229
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Corporate Expenditure & Income	525	1,438	1,084
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Democratic Services	124	125	137
Elections	107	109	136
Electoral Registration	123	124	140
Executive Support	90	91	96
Members Expenses	382	382	403
Policy	413	412	541
Corporate Policy & Governance	1,239	1,242	1,451
Legal Services	562	562	624
Corporate Services (Legal)	562	562	624

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Strategy & Resources Committee			
Ebley Mill	708	725	591
Emergency Management	62	62	65
Facilities Management	770	788	656
Financial Services	1,031	1,032	1,143
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Fit for the Future	464	465	187
Transformation	41	41	48
Fit for the Future	505	506	235
Human Resources	726	796	811
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Information & Communication Technology	2,034	2,048	2,199
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Brimscombe Port Business Park	72	72	(54)
Bus Stations/Shelters	1	1	1
May Lane	0	3	0
Miscellaneous Properties and Land	(887)	(886)	(892)
Other Properties	(815)	(810)	(945)
Pension Lump Sum	1,133	1,133	1,133
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Building Maintenance	62	126	73
Head of Property Services	76	75	79
Property Services	432	432	480
Property Services	570	633	632
Chief Executive	175	174	183
Director of Communities	122	121	127
Director of Place	129	128	135
Director of Resources	125	124	131
Senior Leadership Team	552	546	576
Youth Councils	2	2	0
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Strategy and Resources TOTAL	8,387	9,459	9,257

3 Other Service Committee Budgets

3.1 Community Services and Licensing Committee

Table 5 – Community Services and Licensing Committee budgets

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Community Services Committee			
Community Safety	160	200	205
Cultural Services - Arts and Culture	493	500	472
Cultural Services - Community Health & Wellbeing	176	553	299
Cultural Services - Sports Centres	372	370	743
Customer Services	438	447	744
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	350	360	330
Licensing	(20)	(20)	(15)
Public Spaces	1,496	1,669	1,595
Revenues and Benefits	816	832	1,131
Youth Services	118	120	110
Community Services and Licensing TOTAL	4,400	5,030	5,613

There has been one change to the Community Services and Licensing Committee budgets after being presented at the Committee. The pressure on Housing Benefit for supported housing has been reduced from £302k to £202k, a reduction of £100k. This is largely due to the announcement that the Local Housing Allowance is to increase from April 2024.

3.2 Environment Committee

Table 6 – Environment Committee budgets

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Environment Committee			
Canal	183	183	0
Carbon Management	265	265	254
Economic Development	196	197	207
Health & Wellbeing	923	926	979
Land Charges & Street Naming	(6)	27	3
Planning Strategy/Local Plan	468	544	513
Statutory Building Control	(132)	(130)	(69)
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	14
Waste and Recycling: MSC	5,338	5,338	5,902
Environment TOTAL	7,260	7,376	7,803

The Environment Committee budget has been updated to show the final position for Building Control, which includes the split of charges across the partnership. The Canal project has also been updated to show that the expenditure of £155k in 2024/25 will be funded from project income.

3.4 Development control Committee

Table 7 – Development Control Committee budgets

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Community Services Committee			
Development Control	433	443	328
Development Control TOTAL	433	443	328

3.5 Housing Committee

Table 8 – Housing Committee budgets

	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Housing Committee			
Housing Advice	514	520	592
Housing Strategy	174	367	228
Private Sector Housing	191	467	202
Housing General Fund Total	879	1,354	1,022

4 Strategy & Resources Capital Programme

4.1 Table 9 below outlines the capital schemes that the committee is responsible for.

Table 9 – Capital schemes 2023/24 and 2024/25

	Para Refs	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Revised Budget (£'000)	2024/25 Original Budget (£'000)
Strategy & Resources Capital Schemes				
Bath Place	4.2	0	0	161
Brimscombe Port Redevelopment	4.3	4,173	118	92
ICT Investment Plan		290	290	0
Marybrook Car Park, Berkeley	4.4	0	0	33
Strategy and Resources Capital Schemes TOTAL		4,463	408	286

4.2 Bath Place

Council approved a budget of £1.535m for the purchase of Bath Place, Cheapside and associated purchase costs and redesign fees including architect's fees and planning fees and the purchase was completed on the 13 December 2022. The purchase price was £1.285m and associated purchase cost were £66k leaving a balance of (£165k) for the design and planning fees. Due to the decision to look at the Bath Place and Cheapside and station car parks as one project, the budget for the majority of the remaining fees were brought forward from 2022/23, but now will not be spent until 2024/25 as the initial scoping work, transport assessment and parking study and master planning for the project has been funded through the Zero Carbon Public Estate project.

4.3 Brimscombe Port Redevelopment

The budget includes provision for the public investment of £3.526m which will be committed to the preferred developer when the development agreement is signed. The

council is working with St Modwen Homes to bring the redevelopment forward and until planning permission is secured for the site, there will be no significant spend. The figures included for 2024-25 are for costs, including legal fees, to progress the redevelopment.

4.4 **Marybrook Car Park, Berkeley**

At the December 2023 meeting of Council it was resolved to extend the Marybrook Car Park in Berkeley, using a former HRA garage site. This budget is for the required works, as set out in the report.