

## Appendix 2 - Summary of the Proposed General Fund Budget 2026/27 to 2028/29

Directorate/Service	Approved Budget 2025/26 £'000	Proposed Budget 2026/27 £'000	Proposed Budget 2027/28 £'000	Proposed Budget 2028/29 £'000
<b>Communities &amp; Adult Social Care</b>				
Commissioning, Transformation & Performance	(7,948)	(7,786)	(7,725)	(7,645)
Adult Social Care Operations	62,631	67,337	74,172	78,051
Safeguarding, Quality & Practice	7,897	7,752	7,746	7,740
Community & Adult Social Care Management	1,570	1,547	1,546	1,545
Housing & Communities	3,582	5,325	5,660	5,955
Public Health	0	0	0	0
<b>Communities &amp; Adult Social Care</b>	<b>67,732</b>	<b>74,175</b>	<b>81,399</b>	<b>85,646</b>
<b>Children's Services</b>				
Family Help & Safeguarding	49,663	53,697	52,632	53,032
Children's Commissioning, Resource & Performance Services	3,347	3,344	3,341	3,338
Education Services	5,989	5,801	5,601	5,457
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>58,999</b>	<b>62,842</b>	<b>61,574</b>	<b>61,827</b>
<b>Economic Growth &amp; Neighbourhood Services</b>				
Planning, Transport & Public Protection	(101)	1,392	2,153	2,078
Culture	3,059	2,426	1,935	1,627
Environmental & Commercial Services	18,603	18,668	20,744	21,003
Property & Asset Management	376	418	352	348
Management & Sustainability	908	1,276	1,561	1,927
<b>Economic Growth &amp; Neighbourhood Services</b>	<b>22,845</b>	<b>24,180</b>	<b>26,745</b>	<b>26,983</b>
<b>Resources</b>				
Policy, Change & Customer Services	4,163	3,707	3,673	3,539
Human Resources & Organisational Development	2,661	2,416	2,393	2,390
Finance	6,961	6,607	6,601	6,595
Legal & Democratic Services	3,834	3,551	3,548	3,545
Digital & IT	8,147	7,781	7,803	7,801
<b>Resources</b>	<b>25,766</b>	<b>24,062</b>	<b>24,018</b>	<b>23,870</b>
<b>Chief Executive Services</b>				
Executive Management Team	944	944	944	944
Communications	706	636	621	605
<b>Chief Executive Services</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,549</b>
<b>Total Service Expenditure</b>	<b>176,992</b>	<b>186,839</b>	<b>195,301</b>	<b>199,875</b>
<b>Corporate Budgets</b>				
Capital Financing Costs	17,296	17,215	19,363	20,580
Corporate Contingency	938	1,769	2,594	2,594
Movement to/(from) Reserves	(3,945)	(7,302)	(340)	(340)
Other Corporate Budgets	(13,172)	1,143	3,484	5,866
<b>Corporate Budgets</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>25,101</b>	<b>28,700</b>
<b>Net Budget Requirement</b>	<b>178,109</b>	<b>199,664</b>	<b>220,402</b>	<b>228,575</b>
<b>Financed By:</b>				
Council Tax Income	(126,134)	(134,178)	(142,282)	(150,876)
Business Rates Local Share	(34,330)	(34,808)	(35,606)	(36,324)
Section 31 Grant (Business Rates Retention Scheme)	(13,514)	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus	(812)	0	0	0
Revenue Support Grant*	(2,771)	(36,740)	(40,519)	(41,169)
One-off Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Council Tax	(408)	1,781	0	0
One-off Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Business Rates	(140)	4,281	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>(178,109)</b>	<b>(199,664)</b>	<b>(218,407)</b>	<b>(228,369)</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>206</b>

\*During 2027/28 £3.322m of Local Authority Better Care Grant will be incorporated into the RSG funding.