

WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUDGET PRESSURES

	BASE 2022/23 £	Yr 1 2023/24 £	Yr 2 2024/25 £
Waste collection, recycling and cleansing contract inflation (estimate) - assume 7.5% 2023/24 onwards (23/24 also includes some extra inflation provision from 22/23)	80,000	345,000	225,000
Waste collection, recycling and cleansing contract - Council 19 July 2022	0	400,000	0
Triennial Pension revaluation (increase in Pension Employer primary rate contributions)	0	75,000	0
Inflation on goods and services	70,000	150,000	150,000
Increase in salaries - increments and pay and grading	50,000	175,000	75,000
Salaries - 22/23 award of £1,925 per Scale point has been modelled (an extra £210,000 on top of the 2% provided for) plus provision for pay award at 3% (£150,000) from 2023/24 onwards, total pay including on-costs of £5m	90,000	360,000	150,000
Housing Delivery Team - Hub Committee 7th June 2022	0	29,800	0
Head of Revenues and Benefits - Hub Committee 12th April 2022	0	30,000	0
Increase the staffing budget for four planning specialists and two legal specialists (Planning Improvement Plan) Posts are shared with South Hams District Council, to be financed by extra planning income (Hub Committee 2 November 2021). In addition, the Planning Improvement Plan, Hub Committee 7 June 2022, noted that the cost of the restructure, £33K per annum, will be funded for the first three years from the additional planning income held in the planning earmarked reserve.	71,000	33,000	0
A Plan for West Devon - Council 28.9.21 - £122,000 cost pressure for 22/23 and £168,000 for 2023/24	122,000	46,000	(168,000)
Reduction in Housing Benefit administration subsidy	10,000	10,000	10,000
National Insurance and National Living Wage (social care levy of 1.25% and NLW increases)	60,000	100,000	100,000
IT Support contracts - increased number of users on the network, increase in remote working, Disability Access legislation and above inflationary increases on IT support contracts	30,000	0	0
Rough sleeper outreach worker (WDBC share of the cost is 40%), to be funded from Government Homelessness grant	16,000		
Reduction in treasury management income	80,000	0	0
Community composting groups	10,000	0	0
TOTAL IDENTIFIED BUDGET PRESSURES	689,000	1,753,800	542,000

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Contribution to Earmarked Reserves
(This line shows the annual contributions into the Reserve)

	BASE 2022/23 £	Yr 1 2023/24 £	Yr 2 2024/25 £
Contribution to IT Development Reserve (£50K per annum)	50,000	50,000	50,000
Contribution to Planning Reserve (£25K per annum)	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contribution to Elections Reserve (20K per annum)	20,000	20,000	20,000
Contribution from the Planning Reserve for the cost of the restructure within the planning service - Hub Committee 7 June 2022 - to be funded for the first three years from the additional planning income held in the planning earmarked reserve		(33,000)	(33,000)
Contribution from Business Rates Retention Reserve to smooth the volatility in business rates income from the baseline reset	(75,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
Contribution from the Flexible Homeless Government Grant for three housing posts (wdbc share of costs) and the rough sleeper outreach post	(48,500)	0	0

BUDGET PRESSURES AND SAVINGS - BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2023/24
(This shows the changes to the existing Base Budget)

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Contribution to Vehicles Replacement Reserve (£50K per annum) - Minute CM42	50,000	50,000	50,000
Contribution to Joint Local Plan Earmarked Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contribution to Financial Stability Earmarked Reserve (one-off in 2022-23)	162,850		
Total Contribution to Earmarked Reserves	209,350	(13,000)	(13,000)

SAVINGS AND INCOME GENERATION IDENTIFIED

	BASE 2022/23 £	Yr 1 2023/24 £	Yr 2 2024/25 £
Income from Investment properties (£300,000 is in the Base Budget for 2022/23) - periodic upwards rental reviews on investment properties	0	50,000	25,000
Management fee income from external contracts such as leisure - Council 15 February 2022	0	45,500	434,500
IT FIT Project - software savings	70,000	10,000	0
Establishment savings (salary savings) gained from IT and digital communications	20,000	50,000	0
Extra recycling income - this income has already been achieved in 2021-22	60,000	190,000	0
Extra trade waste income	0	30,000	0
Extra treasury management income - Base Rate has increased to 1.75%	0	175,000	0
Savings on staff and Member travel and expenses	0	30,000	0
Reducing homelessness costs through Springhill provision	0	0	0
Extra planning income (to fund four planning specialists and two legal specialists) - Planning Improvement plan - Hub Committee 2 November 2021	71,000	0	0
Income from three weekly trials (Hub Committee 15th September 2020)	(50,000)	0	0
Additional Employments estates income	50,000	50,000	0
Funding from Homelessness prevention government grant (this funds housing posts -funding to be reflected within the base budget)	0	175,000	0
Discretion to charge up to an extra 100% extra council tax on Second Homes (timescale is that legislation maybe introduced for 24-25 but it also could be delayed to 25-26) A Member decision would need to be taken on this as part of the future budget setting process. The figure shown is for modelling purposes only.			145,000
TOTAL SAVINGS AND INCOME GENERATION	221,000	805,500	604,500