

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BALANCING THE BUDGET 2026-27 GROWTH PROPOSALS

APPENDIX B: GF Growth Options

Ref No	Name of Service	Description of Growth Proposal	Budget 2025/26	Impact of Growth Proposal on Public/ Customers/ Staff/ Members/Partnerships etc. (include any impact on key corporate programmes/ performance indicator measures) .	GF Year 1 (2026/27)	HRA Year 1 (2026/27)	GF Year 2 (2027/28)	HRA Year 2 (2027/28)
2026/G1	Engineering & Parking	Additional Parking Management Officer Post	£436,930	Staff - creation of an additional post to provide additional resources within the Engineering and Parking Section in order to manage the increase in parking restrictions / permit zones being rolled out across the town. 2028/29 costs are reduced by £10K income for parking permits	£46,000	£0	£46,000	£0
2026/G2	Town Centre	The proposal requests funding of £47,400 per year to continue delivering free, inclusive events and maintain key infrastructure at Event Island.	£0	Continued funding will enhance public access to free, inclusive events and strengthen community partnerships through grants and shared delivery. It supports key corporate aims around town centre vibrancy, cultural engagement, and social inclusion.	£47,400	£0	£47,400	£0
2026/G3	Procurement	Staffing restructure required to deliver Procurement Act 2023, which has recently come into force (net growth after other budgets re-alignments)	£65,000	The service has 3 staff which support a shared service across East Herts, Hertsmere and SBC. The additional staff resource is supported by the Senior Leadership Team and will ensure that new regulations as a result of the new Procurement Act 2023 are delivered effectively. The remainder of the posts costs have been identified from changes in the finance team.	£1,740	£7,260	£1,740	£7,260
2026/G4	Leisure	80th Celebration of Stevenage (one-off)	£0	Stevenage is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2026. Like previous anniversary celebrations, there will be a range of events and activities across service areas led by the portfolio holder. The £50,000 one-off growth budget will enhance this programme.	£50,000	£0	£0	£0
<b>Total Growth</b>			<b>£501,930</b>		<b>£145,140</b>	<b>£7,260</b>	<b>£95,140</b>	<b>£7,260</b>