

General Fund Summary APPENDIX I

Notes: *Gross expenditure includes internal recharges/gross income includes recharge income	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budget 2025/26 £	Working Budget 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure* 2026/27 £	Gross Income * 2026/27 £	Original Budget 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
Portfolio:						
Community Services	2,720,584	3,496,950	3,535,190	4,998,890	(1,302,580)	3,696,300
Housing Services	1,869,041	2,844,570	2,857,800	21,031,750	(17,060,390)	3,971,370
Environmental Services	12,800,058	8,881,990	8,708,440	25,260,850	(16,863,440)	8,397,410
Local Community Budgets	60,170	60,500	60,500	80,500	0	80,500
Resources	(5,964,272)	(4,915,590)	(5,107,900)	16,479,880	(19,542,170)	(3,062,290)
Resources - Support	306,360	389,920	541,460	24,591,200	(24,147,880)	443,320
Trading Accounts - Direct Services *	0	(4,800)	(10,000)	4,153,340	(4,092,620)	60,720
Net General Fund Expenditure	11,791,941	10,753,540	10,585,490	96,596,410	(83,009,080)	13,587,330
Government Baseline Funding						
Government Support - Retained Business Rates (NDR)	(2,014,081)	(2,408,413)	(2,684,669)		(3,609,322)	(3,609,322)
S31 Grants	(2,548,754)	(2,210,192)	(2,185,159)	0	0	0
Levy Surplus	(21,574)	0	0	0	0	0
Compensation grant for business rates exemption for green plant and machinery	(26,105)	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to/from Collection Fund reserve (NDR previous years)	(838,057)	1,232,757	1,232,757	720,354	0	720,354
Transfer to/(from) Collection Fund (Council Tax previous years)	(162,403)	196,632	196,632	0	(234,991)	(234,991)
Backstop Grant			(60,044)	0	0	0
Redmond Review	(27,906)	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Support Grant	(108,811)	(149,048)	(149,048)	0	(2,849,486)	(2,849,486)
Recovery Grant		(283,819)	(283,819)	(283,819)	0	(283,819)
Service Grant	(17,960)	0	0	0	0	0
3%/4% guarantee increase in core spending	(390,740)	0	0	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus	0	(97,000)	(97,000)	0	0	0
District Precept	(6,837,929)	(7,040,510)	(7,040,510)	0	(7,330,308)	(7,330,308)
Use of (Contributions to) General Fund Balances	(1,202,380)	(6,053)	(485,370)	97,032,945	(97,033,186)	(241)
General Fund Balance:						
Balance 1 April	(5,303,224)	(5,900,168)	(6,505,604)			(6,990,974)
Use of Balances in Year	(1,202,380)	(6,053)	(485,370)			(241)
General Fund Balance 31 March	(6,505,604)	(5,906,221)	(6,990,974)	0	0	(6,991,215)
Allocated Revenue Reserves:						
Balance 1 April	(8,758,063)	(8,206,682)	(10,954,759)			(10,012,482)
Use of Balances in Year	(2,196,697)	(100,000)	942,277			857,799
Allocated Revenue Reserves	(10,954,759)	(8,306,682)	(10,012,482)	0	0	(9,154,683)
Balance 31 March						
Total Revenue Reserves	(17,460,363)	(14,212,903)	(17,003,456)	0	0	(16,145,897)
Council Tax Bands for 2026/27		2025/26				2026/27
2.99% Increase on Band D Property:						
BAND A		164.27				169.18
BAND B		191.65				197.38
BAND C		219.03				225.58
BAND D		246.41				253.78
BAND E		301.17				310.18
BAND F		355.93				366.57
BAND G		410.68				422.97
BAND H		492.82				507.56

Community Services

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budaet 2025/26 £	Working Budaet 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budaet 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
7 Safeguarding Services	330	530	(6,590)	90,450	(87,650)	2,800
10 Sports & Recreational Facilities	294,664	911,650	889,690	872,770	(20,000)	852,770
11 Sports Development	135,780	124,180	136,370	153,390	(11,540)	141,850
12 Leisure Management and Leisure Promotions	336,272	247,750	392,030	1,242,300	(831,800)	410,500
14 Community Services General	575,727	640,970	571,640	730,960	(124,390)	606,570
14a Neighbourhood Wardens	188,357	203,400	172,050	220,780	(66,210)	154,570
15 Community Associations	147,633	308,420	308,420	430,080	0	430,080
16 Community Safety	202,895	250,000	250,000	257,790	0	257,790
16a Domestic Abuse Service	17,607	20,790	20,790	152,780	(130,430)	22,350
16b No More Service	74,556	74,140	74,140	94,680	(23,880)	70,800
17 Museums	372,339	349,530	361,040	364,030	(6,680)	357,350
18 Grants to Voluntary Bodies	374,424	365,590	365,590	388,870	0	388,870
Total Cost of Portfolio	2,720,584	3,496,950	3,535,170	4,998,880	(1,302,580)	3,696,300

Housing Services

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budaet 2025/26 £	Working Budaet 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budaet 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
20 Homelessness	722,760	1,138,240	1,027,397	3,221,330	(1,302,370)	1,918,960
20a Ex-Offenders & Refugees	(219,136)	0	225,257	190,970	(46,000)	144,970
21 Housing Advice	251,789	284,700	241,576	392,290	(75,220)	317,070
23 Wholly Owned Company	6,870	(52,400)	(38,290)	49,320	(55,550)	(6,230)
24 Private Houses Rent Allowance	376,931	683,320	504,000	7,534,130	(6,902,750)	631,380
25 Rent Rebates Administration	94,759	203,750	299,430	9,097,050	(8,638,300)	458,750
26 Health & Safety and Food Safety	635,067	586,960	598,430	546,660	(40,200)	506,460
Total Cost of Portfolio	1,869,041	2,844,570	2,857,800	21,031,750	(17,060,390)	3,971,360

Environmental Services

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budget 2025/26 £	Working Budget 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budget 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
28 Abandoned Vehicles	1,129	3,180	3,180	2,000	(1,000)	1,000
29 Allotments	(244,089)	2,120	14,760	93,940	(88,490)	5,450
30 Cemeteries	257,715	268,450	296,720	619,400	(291,120)	328,280
31 Pavilions	376,181	283,130	284,750	306,110	(3,500)	302,610
31a Parks Playing Fields & Open Spaces	359,087	388,860	400,340	661,450	(214,440)	447,010
31b Verge Maint	609,536	665,920	613,930	1,445,410	(722,710)	722,700
31c Landscape Maint	540,677	742,120	849,470	1,261,530	(508,700)	752,830
31d Fairlands Park	128,545	222,210	222,210	201,790	(11,730)	190,060
31e Play spaces	281,800	299,920	315,820	289,640	0	289,640
31f Amenity Woodland	435,750	526,920	546,310	675,300	(143,920)	531,380
32 Drainage	7,198	11,520	11,710	10,470	0	10,470
33 Town Centre	642,109	757,550	761,540	821,410	(21,880)	799,530
33a Town Centre Conveniences	33,881	52,110	55,540	52,850	0	52,850
33b Street Cleansing/Graffiti	474,234	370,920	544,220	1,509,660	(1,262,840)	246,820
33c Environmental Development	78,276	164,480	90,510	98,210	(19,810)	78,400
33d Neighbourhood Centres	311,426	328,600	328,600	349,050	0	349,050
35 Local Highway Services	485,248	545,280	523,520	580,200	(14,770)	565,430
36 Christmas Illuminations	30,894	25,490	25,560	28,940	0	28,940
37 Recycled Waste	992,645	(131,980)	85,030	2,206,930	(1,976,540)	230,390
38 Refuse Services	1,826,053	1,993,060	2,117,030	1,958,360	(48,750)	1,909,610
39 Animal Control & Environmental Health Management	190,750	195,670	200,590	244,000	(67,740)	176,260
40 E-car Club and Travel Plan	11,996	15,010	15,190	16,720	0	16,720
41 Parking Facilities - Off Street	1,556,820	(2,299,170)	(2,978,630)	2,170,000	(4,967,970)	(2,797,970)
42 Parking Facilities (On Street)	(326,371)	(280,940)	(256,260)	963,930	(1,201,390)	(237,460)
43 CCTV	345,788	367,760	374,130	400,210	0	400,210
44 Planning Policy	1,478,388	1,382,360	1,425,700	1,256,990	0	1,256,990
44a Climate Change	162,933	104,030	209,020	222,300	(111,150)	111,150
44b CIL	(15,162)	(3,080)	(2,130)	24,580	(28,930)	(4,350)
44c Town Centre Management	726,106	431,280	426,290	617,990	(316,300)	301,690
46 Regeneration	912,833	1,393,170	1,338,310	1,497,590	(240,000)	1,257,590
47 Development Control	82,478	(11,750)	(5,000)	597,330	(572,130)	25,200
48 Building Control	44,070	53,520	42,520	63,780	(15,280)	48,500
49 Engineers and on-street parking	0	(1,040)	910	585,940	(585,940)	0
50 Property & Design	941	(1,230)	(52,450)	749,890	(749,460)	430
51 Environmental Health	195	(1,750)	(23,350)	1,006,730	(1,006,730)	0
52 DSO Admin & Management	0	18,290	(97,150)	1,670,220	(1,670,220)	0
Total Cost of Portfolio	12,800,058	8,881,990	8,708,440	25,260,850	(16,863,440)	8,397,410

Local Community Budgets

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budget 2025/26 £	Working Budget 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budget 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
54 Local Community Budgets	60,170	60,500	60,500	80,500	0	80,500
Total Cost of Portfolio	60,170	60,500	60,500	80,500	0	80,500

Resources

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budaet 2025/26 £	Working Budaet 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budaet 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
56 Commercial Properties	(9,153,416)	(2,001,820)	(1,805,200)	3,608,400	(5,468,170)	(1,859,770)
56a Bus Interchange	181,063	86,600	24,020	252,980	(205,940)	47,040
57 Garages	(1,576,536)	(2,791,180)	(2,660,580)	1,498,000	(4,510,630)	(3,012,630)
58 Council Tax	703,575	785,600	775,600	1,128,010	(268,750)	859,260
59 Non Domestic Rate (NDR)	139,759	135,360	141,890	277,270	(116,230)	161,040
60 Elections	215,593	227,930	191,530	452,320	(220,840)	231,480
61 Electoral Registration	171,077	137,950	137,950	336,890	(198,590)	138,300
62 Indoor Market	200,902	88,170	91,510	342,540	(287,870)	54,670
63 NHC St George	0	(44,110)	74,000	114,100	(88,580)	25,520
64 Hackney Carriages	15,516	0	(5,440)	97,600	(158,240)	(60,640)
65 Local Licensing	37,424	56,830	60,290	93,370	(94,010)	(640)
66 Local Land Charges	12,114	(4,140)	(4,140)	79,870	(88,390)	(8,520)
67 Miscellaneous Services	(31,324)	130,000	130,000	130,000	0	130,000
68 Corporate Projects	73,614	41,250	84,560	545,920	(49,500)	496,420
68a Transformation	354,343	230,890	250,010	557,300	(501,510)	55,790
69 Investment Income and Expenditure	(2,352,727)	(1,380,480)	(2,361,350)	1,316,090	(2,397,170)	(1,081,080)
70 Movement on General Fund Balance	3,324,059	(3,238,490)	(2,846,590)	1,869,740	(3,635,700)	(1,765,960)
71 Corporate & Democratic Core	1,577,977	2,471,580	2,461,570	3,613,670	(1,252,050)	2,361,620
71a Emergency Planning	61,659	88,810	88,810	87,820	0	87,820
71b Civic Links	81,056	63,660	63,660	77,990	0	77,990
Total Cost of Portfolio	(5,964,272)	(4,915,590)	(5,107,900)	16,479,880	(19,542,170)	(3,062,290)

Resources - Support Services

	Actual 2024/25 £	Original Budaet 2025/26 £	Working Budaet 2025/26 £	Gross Expenditure 2026/27 £	Gross Income 2026/27 £	Original Budaet 2026/27 £
Summary of Expenditure						
72 Daneshill House	51,250	42,240	53,400	1,603,740	(1,589,890)	13,850
74 Facilities Management	4,918	31,070	141,830	1,253,700	(1,191,100)	62,600
75 Corporate Management	0	40,240	50,090	892,300	(881,850)	10,450
76 Democratic Services	0	20	20	580,210	(579,880)	330
76a Members Expenses	0	15,240	35,240	694,060	(686,770)	7,290
77 Legal Services	(9,537)	0	0	546,910	(546,910)	0
78 Policy	0	44,770	44,170	597,530	(597,230)	300
78a Communications	0	(9,600)	6,100	442,790	(443,800)	(1,010)
79 ICT	184,301	(17,530)	(17,530)	6,740,160	(6,718,550)	21,610
79a GDPR	0	(310)	(310)	155,770	(155,670)	100
79c Digital	239	(146,110)	(163,370)	835,360	(829,550)	5,810
80 Human Resources & Organisational Development	79,034	278,760	278,760	330,530	0	330,530
80a Corp Health&Safety	(4)	(270)	(270)	188,700	(188,810)	(110)
80b Human Resources and Training	(1,098)	440	(160)	1,154,160	(1,139,990)	14,170
81 Creditors	0	(900)	(1,050)	421,990	(421,040)	950
81a Payroll	0	(9,370)	(9,370)	58,870	(59,460)	(590)
82 Financial Services	(4,493)	10,580	18,760	2,251,240	(2,257,670)	(6,430)
82a Financial Services - Procurement	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	265,660	(265,930)	(270)
82b Financial Services - Paralegal	0	(4,350)	(4,850)	105,950	(105,240)	710
82c Insurance, Audit, Anti Fraud & Corp Banking Charges	1,751	1,210	10,650	412,190	(413,870)	(1,680)
82d Estates	0	94,110	93,500	913,640	(845,400)	68,240
82e Financial Services - Commercial	0	(270)	(4,870)	286,630	(283,830)	2,800
83 Revenues, Benefits & Local Taxation	0	25,000	8,370	2,301,700	(2,386,160)	(84,460)
84 Customer Services	0	(3,550)	3,850	1,557,410	(1,559,280)	(1,870)
Total Cost of Portfolio	306,360	389,920	541,460	24,591,200	(24,147,880)	443,320

Stevenage Direct Services (SDS)

Street Scene (Graffiti); Refuse (Trade Waste; Skips; Junks); Vehicle Repairs; CCTV Partnership

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01	Actual	Original Budget	Working Budget	Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Original Budget
	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2026/27	2026/27
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure						
Employee Costs:						
Direct Employee Expenses	846,046	933,050	923,740	906,820	0	906,820
Indirect Employee Expenses	12,011	8,500	8,500	6,790	0	6,790
Premises Related:						
Repairs & Maintenance Of Buildings	115,062	86,060	106,020	93,140	0	93,140
Grounds Maintenance	98,791	63,110	63,110	63,110	0	63,110
Energy Costs	88,904	100,520	100,240	121,910	0	121,910
Rents, Rates & Water Services	222,443	226,910	226,910	235,480	0	235,480
Fixtures & Fittings	3,642	3,410	2,910	3,410	0	3,410
Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	1,057	1,010	550	1,010	0	1,010
Apportionment Of Operational Buildings	159,016	155,570	157,850	164,520	0	164,520
Premises Insurance	5,150	5,640	5,640	5,630	0	5,630
Transport Related:						
Fleet Vehicle Recharges	190,423	237,300	232,840	93,090	0	93,090
Hire Of Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travelling Expenses	3,111	1,840	1,840	1,900	0	1,900
Supplies & Services:						
Equipment, Tools & Materials	881,863	458,700	403,400	488,160	0	488,160
Catering	2,342	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	1,800
Clothing, Uniforms & Laundry	4,702	2,770	2,770	2,770	0	2,770
Printing, Stationery & General	1,148	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	1,300
Communications & Computing	43,444	34,220	55,220	54,100	0	54,100
Grants & Subscriptions	11,811	6,430	7,760	6,430	0	6,430
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,223	11,680	14,110	12,280	0	12,280
Third Party Payments:						
Bank Charges	35	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Services	102,791	74,030	61,400	71,770	0	71,770
Private Contractors	470,368	465,600	479,350	489,990	0	489,990
Consultancy & Agency Fees	433,952	384,900	498,900	448,010	0	448,010
Recharges:						
Support Services	393,327	438,440	438,440	397,460	0	397,460
Contract Services Recharge	365,790	374,810	394,430	389,250	0	389,250
Capital Charges:						
Capital Charges	65,855	65,860	65,860	93,210	0	93,210
Total Expenditure	4,064,749	4,143,460	4,254,890	4,153,340	0	4,153,340
Income:						
Other Contributions & Donations	(340,811)	(338,370)	(330,800)	0	(349,640)	(349,640)
Fees & Charges	(1,167,114)	(1,207,780)	(1,289,340)	0	(1,179,060)	(1,179,060)
Recharge Income	(2,556,825)	(2,602,110)	(2,644,750)	0	(2,563,920)	(2,563,920)
	(4,064,749)	(4,148,260)	(4,264,890)	0	(4,092,620)	(4,092,620)
Net Cost of Service	0	(4,800)	(10,000)	4,153,340	(4,092,620)	60,720