

Summary of Council budget as at 31/03/25

Human Resources Committee

	Budget 24/25	Actual 24/25	Variance	Over/Under
Expenditure	£179,022	£155,817	-£23,205	Underspent
Income	£0	£0	£0	
Net exp over Income	£179,022	£155,817	-£23,205	Underspent

Finance & Administration

Expenditure	£47,399	£39,098	-£8,301	Underspent
Income	-£442,228	-£444,661	-£2,433	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	-£394,829	-£405,563	-£10,734	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	£155	£155	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£7,414	£0	
	-£394,829	-£398,304	-£10,889	Underspent

Market & Town Hall

Expenditure	£144,194	£137,905	-£6,289	Underspent
Income	-£80,668	-£85,416	-£4,748	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	£63,526	£52,489	-£11,037	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	£0	£0	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£2,407	£2,407	
	£63,526	£54,896	£8,630	Underspent

Community & Environment Committee

Expenditure	£127,490	£101,325	-£26,165	Underspent
Income	-£1,309	-£2,139	-£830	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	£126,181	£99,186	-£26,995	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	£7,572	£7,572	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£33,870	£33,870	

INCOME-EXPENDITURE

Expenditure	£498,105	£434,145	-£63,960	Underspent
Income	-£524,205	-£532,216	-£8,011	Overachieved
Summary Net exp over Income	-£26,100	-£98,071	-£71,971	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR		£7,727		
Less transfer to EMR		£43,691		
Movement from General Reserve	-£26,100	-£62,107	-£36,007	Underspent

Variances of interests

Human Resources Committee

4000 Salaries	£173,590	£151,421	-£22,169	Underspent
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Finance & Administration

1233 CIL	0	-£4,532	-£4,532	Underspent
4055 IT/Computer Maint	£18,000	£16,414	-£1,586	Underspent
4099 Contingency Fund	£5,000	£0	-£5,000	Underspent

Market & Town Hall

4131 Asset & Event Management	£1,000	£0	£1,000	Underspent
1400 Room Hire Town Hall	-£15,000	-£18,642	£3,642	Overachieved
1405 Market Income	-£30,000	-£32,817	£2,817	Overachieved
1435 Service Charge Income	-£20,619	-£18,010	-£2,609	Underachieved
4417 Responsive Maint	£6,500	£4,093	£2,407	Underspent
4425 Business rates	£19,100	£20,928	-£1,828	Overspent
4437 CWAC - Cleaning	£17,000	£18,678	-£1,678	Overspent
4438 Gas	£8,600	£6,230	£2,370	Underspent

Full Council Meeting 21st October 2025

Item FC4/56(ii)



From EMR 340 £155 Mayor's Allowance 23/24 used for donations.

To EMR 337 CIL 24/25 £4532, EMR 320 IT £1366, EMR 320 £1000 Contingency & EMR 340 £516 Mayor's Allowance 24/25.

To EMR 327 TH/MKT Repairs as approved by M&TH committee.

From EMR 329 £2,799 Deposit for phoneboxes 4360, EMR 332 £877 for Allotment water 4180, EMR 333 £2,256 deposit for phoneboxes 4360, EMR 337 £1,640 for deposit for phoneboxes.

£1,183 to Website, £6,875 to Mosquito Mon, £3,748 to Floral, £6,306 to Grants, £283 to Noticeboards, £3,237 to Donations, £1,200 Environmental Improvement, £10,012 to Christmas lights, £516 to Remembrance Day, £510 to Youth Engagement to EMR 320, 321, 322, 328, 329, 335, 338, 339 & 341.

See above under each individual committee

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Comments

The underspend relates to a third of the pension stain costs £56k & savings with Locum Chief Officer only working 30 hours per week.

From CWAC for 1/2 year 24/25.

This underspend was better than expected due to keeping costs down as much as possible, £1,366 was transferred to EMR 320. £1K was transferred to EMR 320.

The underspend was planned & expected.

Over achievement on room hire income & this has increased by £4,563 from 23/24.

Over achievement on market stall income & this has increased by £3,863 from 23/24.

This underachievement of income relates to Little Actors moving out of the Town Hall.

This underspend was managed & moved to EMR 327 because of additional costs we are expecting from CWAC.

This overspend was higher than forecasted & relates to extra charges from CWAC as part of the Asset Man contract.

This overspend was expected, relates to a 12.66% increase in costs as part of the Asset Management Contract in 23/24. Budget was increased by £500.

Last year's spend was £9,014. This underspend was not expected.

Community & Environment Committee

4211	Floral Maint.	£28,900	£25,152	£3,748	Underspent	This underspend was planned & expected; £3,748 was transferred to EMR 322.
4230	Marshes/Mosquito monitoring	£7,900	£1,025	£6,875	Underspent	This underspend was planned & expected; £6,875, was transferred to EMR 321.
4301	Community engagement	£1,200	£0	£1,200	Underspent	This underspend was planned & expected; £1,200, was transferred to EMR 335.
4306	Website	£1,500	£317	£1,183	Underspent	This underspend was planned & expected; £1,183, was transferred to EMR 320.
4330	Christmas lights/decorations	£35,000	£24,988	£10,012	Underspent	This underspend was better than expected & transferred to EMR 338 for future lights replacement.
4360	Community Grants	£17,000	£17,389	-£389	Overspent	This overspend was an underspend because EMRs totalling £6,695 were used to fund expenditure; £6,306 was transferred to EMR 329.
4363	Community Event Donations	£18,000	£15,149	£2,851	Underspent	This underspend was planned & expected; £3,271 was transferred to EMR 329, this figure was made up of £2,851 + £923 - £537.

	Opening Bal b/f 1/4/24	Closing bal c/f 31/03/25	Change		
Earmarked Reserves					
320 Website/IT	500.00	£4,049.00	£3,549.00	Increased	To fund new server/email accounts & any changes/additions for website/IT.
321 Mosquito Monitoring	4,009.00	£10,884.00	£6,875.00	Increased	For maintenance/replacement of traps should they fail in 25/26 or 26/27, some are unreliable & getting old.
322 Floral Maint	5,596.00	£9,344.00	£3,748.00	Increased	To replace Bushell fountain planters & wooden planters in parish church grounds.
323 Thall - Maint	1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	No change	Emergency call work on the lift in the TH. Does Council want to add this amount to EMR 327?
325 De-silting	4,752.08	£4,752.08	£0.00	No change	Will be needed for any drainage work planned in 25/26.
327 Town Hall/Market	8,835.60	£11,242.60	£2,407.00	Increased	For any unexpected maintenance work in Town Hall or Market once the budget is used.
328 Noticeboards	224.00	£507.00	£283.00	Increased	To be used to fund Noticeboard replacement expenditure with 4315.
329 Donations/Grants	13,926.00	£20,670.00	£6,744.00	Increased	To help fund restoration of the 2 BT telephone boxes & future projects.
331 Market & Promotion s106	252.82	£252.82	£0.00	No change	Conditions relate to this money, planned expenditure for signage.
332 Allotments	877.00	£0.00	-£877.00	Decreased	Contribution to water installation.
333 Unsp New Homes Bonus	2,256.00	£0.00	-£2,256.00	Decreased	Used as a contribution for restoration of the telephone boxes.
334 Town Hall/Market Income	14,338.79	£14,338.79	£0.00	No change	To cover loss of income from the Market & Town Hall, this needs to be increased back to at least £15K.
335 Environmental Improvements	3,313.50	£4,513.50	£1,200.00	Increased	This is likely to be used to top up allotment expenditure in 25/26 & future projects.
337 CIL	6,640.71	£9,532.33	£2,891.62	Increased	£5K committed for Ness speed bumps.
338 Christmas lights	27,150.00	£37,162.00	£10,012.00	Increased	To fund future replacement Christmas lights, etc.
339 Remembrance	760.00	£1,276.00	£516.00	Increased	For Civic commemorations.
340 Mayor's Allowance	155.00	£516.00	£361.00	Increased	Carried forward to cover expenditure & donations which has now been spent; the remaining balance to be used for donations.
341 Youth Engagement	592.00	£1,102.00	£510.00	Increased	For future Junior Council & increased support for youth projects.
	95,178.50	£131,142.12	£35,963.62	Increased	

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