

MTFS Assumptions	Forest Heath			Source
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
General inflation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Inflation target
ICT Inflation	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	Linked to a number of the Council's ICT contracts
Utilities	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	Property services
Transport fuel	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	Fleet Management Services
Insurance premiums	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	Renegotiated contract during 2015/16, thereafter In line with contract with Insurance provider
Pay increase	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	Government announcement, however West Suffolk is part of a Nationally negotiated scheme so could deviate from 1%
Incremental progression	£84k	£84k	£84k	Share payments built into base budget and inflated by pay award (see above); incremental progression: £84k per annum built into MTFS.
Employers pension contribution	30.0%	33.0%	36.3%	Employers Pension Rates are provided by Suffolk County Council following the triennial actuarial valuation of the pension scheme. The current 2016/17 rate is 27%. At this point in time 2019/20 is an estimate based on current knowledge, and will be updated when the figures are available from the County.
Pension take up	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	Based on actual take up. Had previously assumed 100%.
Agency staff	£70k	£70k	£70k	Linked to above saving. New budget to be controlled by HR
Vacancy savings	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	Internal policy, linked to staff turnover rates
Shared service split - default	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	Approved by Council on 10/12/2014
Shared service split - Corporate	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	Approved by Council on 10/12/2014
Shared service split - Property	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%	Approved by Council on 10/12/2014
Shared service split - Trade Waste	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	Approved by Council on 10/12/2014
Fees and charges	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	Inflation target
Off street car parking income - inflation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Inflation target
Off street car park income - growth %	N/A	1.0%	1.0%	Based on review of previous 3 years and discussion with Service Manager. 2017/18 figures reset and annual growth assumption applied from 18/19 onwards.

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Off street car park income - amount	£608k	£614k	£620k	Linked to above
Trade waste income - amount	£475k	£485k	£494k	Based on review of previous 3 years and discussion with Service Manager. 2017/18 figures reset and standard fees & charges growth assumption applied from 18/19 onwards. Split 25:75 in accordance with shared service agreement.
Building control (building regulations) income - amount	£138k	£145k	£149k	Based on review of previous 3 years and discussion with Service Manager. Figures reset and standard fees & charges growth assumption also applied. Split 35:65 in accordance with shared service agreement.
Development control (planning application fees) income - amount	£590k	£590k	£590k	Based on review of previous 3 years and discussion with Service Manager. 2017/18 base reset.
Investment interest	1.25%	1.50%	1.50%	Treasury management advisors - current projections
Housing Benefits - caseload	4,357	4,357	4,357	ARP. Will reduce due to Universal Credit but difficult to predict.
Housing Benefits - amount	£16,416k	£16,416k	£16,416k	ARP. Reflects 2016/17 budget assumption. 2017/18 to be worked through. Impact of Universal Credit makes this difficult to predict.
Housing Benefits Subsidy - %	98.7%	98.7%	98.7%	ARP. Expected level of subsidy as percentage of payments based on previous years.
Housing Benefits Subsidy - amount	£16,206k	£16,206k	£16,206k	Linked to above
HB Overpayments recovered	£360k	£360k	£360k	ARP. Based on previous years. Can vary year on year. Managed through HB Equalisation Reserve.
HB Administration Subsidy	£173k	£164k	£154k	ARP. Assumes 5%/10%/15% reduction on 2016/17 subsidy grant to reflect anticipated impact of Universal Credit.
Business Rates - Inflation	2.0%	3.0%	3.2%	RPI increases assumed in 4 year settlement
Business Rates - Growth	NNDR1	0.0%	0.0%	Year of budget set at NNDR1 level which includes growth to date.
Business Rates - Suffolk Pool Income	£190k	£196k	£202k	SCC. Based on participating councils' 2016/17 NNDR1 returns.
Business Rates - Suffolk Pool Income transfer to reserve	£98k	£102k	£106k	Transfer a proportion of the above to reserve to bring back to level currently in MTFS. Final level is unpredictable as dependant upon other councils.

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Total RSG	£661k	£441k	£196k	4 year finance settlement
RSG Reduction	£343k	£220k	£245k	Linked to above
RSG Reduction % year on year	-34.1%	-33.3%	-55.6%	Linked to above
Council tax increase	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Current assumption. To be set at February 2016 Council meetings.