

**Summary of major budget changes**

The following table details the major changes, as reported in Performance and Audit Scrutiny Reports **PAS/SE/14/010** and **PAS/SE/15/005**, from the current budget process between the original 2015/16 forecast budget and the final proposed 2015/16 budget.

<b>Description</b>	<b>2015/16 £'000 Pressure/ (Saving)</b>
<b>Budget gap</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b><i>Budget saving proposals</i></b>	
Budget challenge days – including supplies and service efficiencies identified through shared services	(128)
Change recycling bin collection days	(135)
Contract efficiencies through new banking arrangements	(16)
Contract efficiencies through waste tipping arrangements	(78)
Further shared service staffing structural savings, includes increase in planning and enforcement staff linked to report F123	(60)
Grants and contributions review	(54)
Income generation - Apex sales (net income)	(50)
Income generation – CCTV expansion business case	(40)
Income generation - Tree services	(10)
Income generation - Vehicle workshop	(26)
Income generation - Waste and street cleansing services	(50)
Income – Additional planning fee income linked to report F123.	(208)
Income through Business Rate Retention Scheme – S31 grants compensating for the central Government’s imposed inflation cap on business rates (announced December 2013) and retention of renewable energy business rates growth under the new scheme.	(621)
Reduction in bed and breakfast accommodation costs	(15)
Further reduction in business mileage	(10)
Reduction in Mayoralty budget	(5)
Reduction in printing costs for officer committee papers	(16)
Office space partnership –more efficient use of existing sites	(25)
West Suffolk Letting Partnership income generation	(8)
Removal of Discretionary Rate Relief budget (now part of Business Rates Retention Scheme)	(118)
Reduction in external audit fees	(31)
Waste management back office support and in-cab technology efficiency savings	(26)
Remaining community centre transfers as identified in previous Cabinet report E154 – part year saving	(25)
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<b>Description</b>	<b>£'000 Pressure/ (Saving)</b>
Income through being an investing authority as per Cabinet report CAB/SE/14/009	(19)
Net reduction in Abbeycroft management fee following final negotiations (includes allowance for increased sports development role and management of major sporting events)*	(28)
Reduction in Housing Benefit Payment assumptions and subsidy arrangements	(66)
Additional council tax income following approved tax base increase for council tax setting purposes, cabinet report CAB/SE/14/008	(33)
Changes to Formula Grant – provisional settlement	(25)
Remaining leisure income target	(66)
Other minor budget changes	(4)
<b><i>Additional budget pressures</i></b>	
Reduction in interest income assumption to 0.9% following external advice from Sector our Treasury Advisors	210
Reduction in leisure income budgets to bring in line with last three years average level, predominately linked to Moyses Hall	65
Reduction in market toll income budget to bring in line with current year forecasts	40
Contractual increases – inflation linked	25
Increase in bad debt provision	30
Increase in utilities and business rates – inflation linked	65
Net effect of council tax freeze for 2015/16 – budget assumption only – Subject to Full Council at its meeting of 24 February 2015	61
<b>Final Budget Gap</b>	<b>0</b>

\*While still a net reduction overall, the 2015/16 management fee includes provision not only for the trust taking on an increased strategic sports development role (to complement the Councils' recent management restructuring) but also for a £15,000 fund to allow the Council (working with Abbeycroft) to continue to support the staging of major sporting events in the Borough when opportunities arise to do so, given the success (and return on investment) of cycle races and athletics events in recent years. The management fee will also be subject to a complete review in 2015/16 to reflect the proposed merger of Abbeycroft and ACL, and the opportunity this offers to develop a new long-term partnership agreement.