APPENDIX 2a

FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2024/25 – 25/26

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE – REVENUE BUDGETS

Cost Centre	Revised Estimate 2023/24 £	Base Budget 2024/25 £
Environmental Improvements	188,450	204,900
Head of Asset Management*	-	-
Environment Services – Management*	-	-
NCC Highway Maintenance	35,600	53,100
Capital Works	221,300	485,700
Vehicles Costs* – Refuse Collection, Grounds Maintenance, Street Cleansing, Housing Repairs, Gas Repairs, Courier Service, Car Parks, Neighbourhood Wardens, Estate Caretakers, Mechanics Vans, JCB, Public Buildings and Electrical Repairs	-	-
Estates*	-	-
Refuse Collection	2,058,300	2,168,120
Recycling	168,100	186,300
Climate Change	159,050	75,250
Public Conveniences	148,400	156,580
Grounds Maintenance - Kimberley	30,000	-
Kimberley Admin Building*	-	-
Stapleford - Old Civic Amenity Site	(1,350)	5,610
Highways Sweeping	875,900	1,000,900
Abandoned Vehicles	750	1,650
Neighbourhood Wardens	142,250	152,340
Highways - Borough Services	139,300	144,220
Sign Shop	49,750	49,470
Hall Park	80,150	-
Cemeteries	142,950	149,090
Open Space	258,480	260,350
Tree Management	446,350	495,790
Nottingham Canal	121,900	131,600
Parks and Recreation Grounds Management	139,350	-
Allotments Management*	-	-

Cost Centre	Revised Estimate 2023/24 £	Base Budget 2024/25 £
Beeston Allotments	-	-
Beeston Parks	246,650	299,890
Stapleford Parks	155,950	196,600
Eastwood Parks	60,650	222,600
Kimberley Depot*	-	-
Kimberley Stores*	-	-
Mechanics - Kimberley Depot*	-	-
Decarbonisation Plans	15,600	-
Housing Decarbonisation	41,650	-
Total	5,925,480	6,444,060

* These costs are fully recharged to the appropriate service/area cost centres.

Classification	Revised Estimate 2023/24 £	Base Budget 2024/25 £
Employees	5,498,800	6,014,310
Premises	621,200	600,590
Transport	1,342,350	1,408,200
Supplies & Services	1,581,250	1,584,850
Transfer Payments	0	0
Third Party Payments	1,288,500	1,374,720
Corporate Recharges	444,850	766,990
Capital Charges	616,550	657,400
Income	(5,468,020)	(5,967,000)
Total	5,925,480	6,444,060

The changes in the 2024/25 base budget for total net expenditure when compared with the 2023/24 revised estimate is primarily a consequence of the following items:

Service Area	Change (£)
Environmental Improvements – An increases in the cost of recharges from other services, such as	16,450
Legal Services, Communications) and an increase in depreciation charges due to new fleet vehicles purchased in 2022/23.	
Highway Maintenance (NCC) -	17,500
The increase in budget relates to Grounds Maintenance recharges, which is linked to pay and price inflation and an increase in the contract price for weed killing.	
Capital Works –	264,400
The 2024/25 base budget for employees is £107,000 higher than the estimate for 2023/24 due to an additional post, the pay award in 2023/24 and an assumed 4% pay award in 2024/25.	
Additional interim/agency workers are also anticipated in 2024/25 which has resulted in a further £146,000 cost.	
There is also an extra £29,000 cost on software maintenance, which has been offset by reduced central support recharges, most notably from Asset Management.	
Refuse Collection –	109,820
The increase in net costs was mainly due to employee costs with the pay awards and an increase in agency fees due to rate rises and the potential for additional agency requirements when the new food waste bins are introduced. There has also been an increase in vehicle maintenance costs.	
The rise in net spend was partially offset by a forecasted increase in garden waste subscription (£113,000) and recycling credits from glass collections (£100,000).	
Recycling –	18,200
Recharges from other services have risen due to additional pay costs in those services and adjustments to the recharge allocations.	
Climate Change –	(83,800)
The Scope 3 and Local Area Plan budgets included in 2023/24 were 'one-off budgets so fall out of the 2024/25 budget (any remaining budget can be requested for carry forward).	
This reduction is partially offset by an increase in employee costs due to the pay awards.	

Service Area	Change (£)
Grounds Maintenance (Kimberley) – All grounds maintenance costs are recharged in full to the relevant services.	(30,000)
Highways Sweeping -	125,000
The increase in net costs was partially due to rising employee costs with the pay awards. There was also an uplift in other supplies and services costs, plus an increase in the central support recharges, with the revisions to the apportionment of increasing support services costs. There is also an increase in capital charges (depreciation costs) for the new fleet vehicles purchased in the previous financial year.	
Neighbourhood Wardens -	10,090
The agreed and estimated pay awards have resulted in an uplift in employee costs from the previous year.	
Tree Management –	49,440
Expected contractor costs have increased by £25,000 due to an increase in the number of tree surveys required and price inflation on supplier costs. Pay increases across the Council have also led to an increase in staff costs an increase in recharges from Grounds Maintenance and Insurance.	
Parks and Recreation Grounds Management –	(139,350)
This cost centre was previously just used for the purpose of allocating management charges. These recharges have now been consolidated into other services within the Environment division and, as such, this budget is no longer required.	
Beeston Parks –	53,240
This increase is largely due to an uplift in cost allocated from other services within Environment (£58k) due to increased pay costs and utility bills. These increases are partially offset by a decrease in capital charges due to a number of vehicles becoming fully depreciated in 2023/24.	
Stapleford Parks –	40,650
As with Beeston Parks, the increase is primarily due to an increase in recharges from other Environment service areas (£51k), partially offset by a decrease in depreciation charges (£11k).	

Service Area	Change (£)
Eastwood Parks –	161,950
The Hall Park cost centre has been consolidated into the Eastwood Parks budget for 2024/25. There is no requirement for budgets to be separate and this will improve efficiency in budget monitoring.	
There has also been an increase in recharges and a small increase in energy costs.	
Decarbonisation Plans –	(15,600)
This was a one-off programme maintenance budget in 2023/24 for specific projects. Any budget underspend may be carried forward into 2024/25 if required.	
Housing Decarbonisation –	(41,650)
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