BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting:- Thursday 28th January, 2016 at 2.00 p.m. (Committee Room No. 4)

AGENDA

PART ONE

- 1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
- 2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

3. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

- 5. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.
- 6. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December, 2015 (copy attached).
- (D) 7. Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group.
- (D) 8. Localised Flooding.
- (D) 9. Street Cleansing Report.
- **(R)** 10. Budget Proposals 2016-2017.

NOTE (D) – Delegated (R) – Referred

Membership of Committee

Councillors Heath (Chairman) Cassidy (Vice-Chairman) Gill Husband McLeavy Opie Preston Proffitt C. Thomson M. A. Thomson Wall Williams

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BOROUGH OF BARROW IN FURNESS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting, Thursday, 3rd December, 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Gill (Minute No's 26 – 29 only), Husband, McLeavy, Opie, M. A. Thomson, Wall and Williams.

Officers Present:- John Penfold (Corporate Support Manager), Brooke Parsons (Corporate Support Officer) and Paula Westwood (Democratic Services Officer - Member Support).

23 – Appointment of Chairman for this Meeting Only

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Democratic Services Officer requested nominations for a Chairman for this meeting only.

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Husband that Councillor M. A. Thomson be appointed as Chairman for this meeting only.

There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED:- That Councillor M. A. Thomson be appointed Chairman for this meeting only.

COUNCILLOR M. A. THOMSON IN THE CHAIR

24 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Heath (Chairman), Cassidy (Vice-Chairman), Preston and C. Thomson.

25 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October, 2015 were taken as read and confirmed.

26 – Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group

The Corporate Support Manager provided Members with an update on the progress being made to establish a 'Friends of the Cemetery' Group.

He reported that he had received the starter book called 'Saving Cemeteries' from the Federation of Cemetery Friends and had passed this on to Councillor Wall. He advised that the Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group had now been enrolled as associate members of the Federation of Cemetery Friends and that they would need to go through the process of becoming fully constituted in order to become full members of the Federation. The next steps would be to look at the 'Saving Cemeteries' book and agree how the Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group should be established. He added that it was important to have a clear divide between the Friends of the Cemetery Group and this Committee as to ensure no conflict of interest as the Council ran the Cemetery.

He reported that the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager was in the process of carrying out trial with QR Codes on the trees in the Cemetery.

In respect of the Gatehouse which was a Listed Building in a bad state of repair, the Committee instructed the Corporate Support Manager to write to the Assistant Director - Community Services to establish what was going to happen with the building.

RESOLVED:- (i) To note the information; and

(ii) To request the Corporate Support Manager to write to the Assistant Director -Community Services to establish what was going happen with the Gatehouse at the Cemetery.

27 – Localised Flooding

The Corporate Support Manager had reported that Members had requested that the arrangements for localised flooding be reviewed as part of the scrutiny work programme. He advised that Cumbria County Council was the lead partner for flood management and had established Making Space for Water Groups (MSfWG) for each of the six districts.

The role of the MSfWG was to:-

- Provide accurate assessments of the risk, nature and scale of local flooding;
- Identify and bring forward solutions to reduce the risk of flooding from local sources;
- Record, investigate and mitigate the effects of flooding incidents (hotspots);
- Seek and create opportunities for more effective integrated water management, as directed by the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) Working Group, in line with the national and local flood risk management strategies prepared by the Environment Agency and LLFA respectively;
- Ensure good communication, knowledge sharing, problem solving and operational working between partners;
- Create a common understanding of the roles, responsibilities and limitations of organisations; and
- Review and respond appropriately to the UK MSfWG strategy.

The Corporate Support Manager advised that an Environmental Protection Officer was the Council's Lead Officer on the Making Space for Water Group and had been invited to today's meeting to provide an update of the current arrangements to the Committee. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances he had offered his apologies on this occasion.

RESOLVED:- To agree that the Corporate Support Manager would request the Environmental Protection Officer to attend the next meeting to provide an update of the current arrangements for localised flooding.

28 – Street Cleansing Report

The Corporate Support Manager provided Members with an update on the recycling performance as follows:-

	April-October 2015/16 (tonnes)	April-October 2014/15 (tonnes)
Green waste	2845.42	2866.34
Kerbside co-mingled	1941.53	1980.06
Kerbside paper	448.28	544.02
Bring site co-mingled	431.86	412.08

Table recycling tonnages:

He reported that all recycling tonnages had fallen with the exception of bring site co-mingled. He advised that kerbside segregated materials were of a higher value than co-mingled materials and Members of the Committee had visited Kendal to observe SLDC's Recycling Recovery Vehicles (RRV) in operation so that they could assess their performance against our Recycling Compaction Vehicles (RCV). He also advised that the Council was progressing tenders for new Contractors for street cleansing, waste and recycling.

RESOLVED:- That the report be noted.

29 – Performance Management Quarter 2 2015-2016

The Corporate Support Manager presented Members with the Quarter 2 performance report which had been presented to the Executive Committee on 2nd December, 2015.

The Council had a performance management framework to help deliver its priorities. The priorities for 2015 - 2019 were as follows:-:

- Housing The Council was committed to continuing to provide a greater choice of good quality housing and regenerate the oldest and poorest housing in the Borough;
- Regeneration and Public Realm The Council was committed to working with partners and service providers to enhance the built environment and public realm;
- 3. **Local Economy** The Council was committed to work on mitigating the effects of cuts in public spending, their impact on the local economy and working to secure a long term economic recovery for the community; and
- 4. **Service Delivery** The Council strived to provide good quality, efficient and effective services whilst reducing overall expenditure.

Progress against the objectives for delivering the Council's priorities had been reviewed and the Council was on target against most of the objectives. Revised targets have been set for the following and where necessary target dates had been revised (generally into 2016/17):

- **Priority 2.1** "enhanced heritage offer at the Dock Museum" with BAE Systems. This was a significant piece of work and the original target date had been ambitious.
- **Priority 4.2** "redesign of the website" the design consultant had been preparing options based on staff feedback.

In respect of Priority 3.6 which was to review the use of Capital Assets to assist the development of a third sector in the Borough; it was noted that No's. 1-5 Lawson Street had been offered to 'The Well' (a drug rehabilitation organisation) however Members of the Committee advised that planning permission had recently been granted for the Probation Centre on Lawson Street to become a Hotel and requested the Corporate Support Manager to determine which end of Lawson Street No's. 1-5 concerned to ensure that it was not the same building.

Progress against all objectives had been appended to the report.

A number of performance indicators would be monitored on a regular basis and reported quarterly to Management Board and to the Executive Committee.

Targets had been identified based on the data from 2014/15 and they may need to be adjusted as more data was collected.

The outputs are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Council Indicators fo	r Quarters 1 & 2 2015/16
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Indicator	Q1&2 2014/15	July	August	September Q1&2 2015/16
Average time to process new housing benefit claims	17.7 days	16.8 days	16.4 days	16.4 days
(Local) Target		18	18	18
Average time to process new council tax support claims	17.1 days	16.4 days	16.0 days	16.2 days
(Local) Target		18	18	18
Average time to process changes of circumstances for housing benefit claims	5.8 days	5.5 days	5.4 days	5.8 days
(Local) Target		6	6	6
Average time to process changes of circumstances for council tax support claims	5.1 days	5.3 days	5.3 days	5.2 days
(Local) Target		6	6	6
Park Leisure centre activity numbers	127,914 visits	99,463 visits	120,519 visits	144,668 visits
Target		85,517 visits	106,633 visits	127,914 visits

Dock museum visitor numbers	29,307	18,353 visits	24,236 visits	29,007 visits
Target		19,484 visits	26,050 visits	29,307 visits
The Forum ticket sales	20,780	15,992	16,035	19,404
Target		16,781	17,335	20,780
Income from Pay and display ticket sales	£296,000	£200,588	£249,920	£307,205
Target		£190,600	£243,200	£295,800
Percentage of local land charges searches completed in 5 working days	87%	97%	97%	92%
Target		98%	98%	98%
Percentage of council tax collected	56.92%	38.27%	47.32%	56.6%
Target		38.5%	47.5%	56.9%
Percentage of NNDR collected	57.49%	42.05%	48.62%	57.39%
Target		40%	47.2%	57.2%
NNDR liability on void commercial properties	£136,666		£97,700	
Target		£136,000		
Average days of sickness per employee	N/A	4		
Target		6		
Right to buy sales	10 sales	8 sales		
Target			10 sales	

Indicator	Q2 2014/15	July	August	September
High risk premises due for inspection completed for food safety			N/A	
Target			70	
Average household recycling percentage		37.4%	37.3%	37.1%
Target	37.2%	37.10%	36.55%	36.58%
Number of disabled facilities grants		23 grants	25 grants	35 grants
Target	30 grants	22 grants	25 grants	30 grants
Percentage of Planning applications processed; major applications in 13 weeks and others in 8 weeks				
Major	67%	90%	83%	77%
Target		50%	50%	50%
Minor	61%	33%	41%	40%
Target		50%	50%	50%
Other	65%	66%	68%	68%
Target		50%	50%	50%

Supply of ready to develop housing sites - the number of dwellings that can be built on as deliverable housing sites as percentage of housing supply requirement	129%
Target	100%

The performance against the target was on track for most indicators at the end of the first two quarters. The right hand column showed the cumulative figure for the first two quarters of 2015/16. This could be compared to the left hand column which showed the figure for the same period in 2014/15.

There had been a significant increase in users at the Park Leisure Centre which had been attributable to the introduction of the family membership, the Pirate Cove and Splash Zone.

There had been a significant reduction in the NNDR liability on void commercial properties which had been mainly attributable to BAE systems occupying part of two floors in Craven House.

There was one indicator where the output had been more than 5% below target which was Forum ticket sales. Sales had been 6.6% lower than target at this point in the year. It was noted that the Forum did not have any shows in August hence the reduction in ticket sales.

There had been delays in receiving local land charge highways information from Cumbria County Council in September. Service delivery discussions were ongoing in order to speed up the highways information process.

The Love Recycling Incentive Scheme launched in October 2015 and the benefits of that would be reflected in the percentage of household recycling in the coming quarters.

RESOLVED:- That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

Part One OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (D) Agenda Agenda Date of Meeting: 28th January, 2016 Item Reporting Officer: Corporate Support Manager 7

Title: Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group

Summary and Conclusions:

To provide Members with an update from the Friends of Barrow Cemetery Group.

Recommendation:

Members are invited to consider the information and agree how to progress this.

<u>Report</u>

The Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager is carrying out trial using a variety of methods of identifying trees using Quick Response (QR) codes in a small area. The Property Information Manager has provided the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager with QR codes and different media for attaching the codes to the trees. The trial is on-going and I will provide updates to this committee when I receive feedback.

The refurbishment of the crematorium public and office areas is progressing well and is due to be completed in March. It is intended that cemetery and crematorium staff will vacate the gatehouse and move into the new office area when completed. The Council will then carry out an assessment of the building.

Background Papers

Nil.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 28th January, 2016

<u>Part One</u> (D) Agenda Item 8

Reporting Officer: Corporate Support Manager

Title: Localised Flooding

Summary and Conclusions:

Members requested that we reviewed arrangements for localised flooding as part of the scrutiny work programme.

Recommendation:

Members are invited to consider the information and agree how to progress this.

<u>Report</u>

Members requested that we reviewed arrangements for localised flooding as part of the scrutiny work programme. Cumbria County Council is the lead partner for flood management and has established Making Space for Water Groups (MSfWG) for each of the six districts.

The role of the MSfWG is to:

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- Identify and bring forward solutions to reduce the risk of flooding from local sources.
- Record, investigate and mitigate the effects of flooding incidents (hotspots).
- Seek and create opportunities for more effective integrated water management, as directed by the LLFA Working Group, in line with the national and local flood risk management strategies prepared by the EA and LLFA s respectively.
- Ensure good communication, knowledge sharing, problem solving and operational working between partners.
- Create a common understanding of the roles, responsibilities and limitations of organisations.
- Review and respond appropriately to the UK MSfWG strategy.

An Environmental Protection Officer is our lead officer on MSfWG and I have invited him to this meeting to provide an update of current arrangements.

Background Papers

Nil.

Part OneOVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE(D)Date of Meeting:28th January, 2016Reporting Officer:Corporate Support Assistant

Title: Street Cleansing Report

Summary and Conclusions:

To provide Members with an update of the recycling performance.

Recommendation:

Members are invited to consider the information and take note of the report.

<u>Report</u>

Within quarters 1 and 2 of 2015/16 the Borough received a total of 14,483 tonnes of waste, compared to 14,260 tonnes in 2014/15. The tonnage of recycling was 5,264 in 2014/15 and 5,013 in 2015/16, the reward value for this was £324,365 in 2015/16 whereas it was £330,439 in the previous year. A breakdown of the both 2015/16 and 2014/15 is shown in the table below.

Table recycling tonnages:

	Q1 & Q2	Q1 & Q2
	2015/16 (tonnes)	2014/15 (tonnes)
Green waste	2564.04	2752.32
Kerbside co-mingled	1685.11	1692.62
Kerbside paper	389.34	462.7
Bring site co-mingled	374.64	356.24

During the recent flooding in Cumbria, Biffa vehicles were deployed to other Districts to assist with the recovery operation. This resulted in a small reduction in service which mainly affected special collections.

Background Papers

Nil.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 28th January, 2016

<u>Part One</u> (R) Agenda Item 10

Reporting Officer: Director of Resources

Title: Budget Proposals 2016-2017

Summary and Conclusions:

The purpose of this report is to consider any items in the Council's Budget report for comment or scrutiny.

Recommendations:

Members are recommended to raise any concerns and provide any comments relating to the budget proposals for 2016-2017.

<u>Report</u>

The Executive Committee considered the budget proposals for 2016-2017 on the 20th January, 2016, and their recommendations will be before Council on the 1st March, 2016.

Members of this Committee have the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals and raise any concerns or comments to full Council at the meeting on the 1st March 2016.

For Members' information the Executive Committee report with the related appendices is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Background

Nil

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 20th January, 2016

<u>Part One</u> (R) Agenda Item 8

Reporting Officer: Director of Resources

Title: Budget Proposals 2016-2017

Summary and Conclusions:

This report presents the budget proposals for 2016-2017. The General Fund proposed revenue budget is based on the continuation of the assumptions used in setting the 2015-2016 budget, updated where appropriate. The report also includes the proposed Capital Programme for 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 and the estimated position on reserves.

Recommendations:

To recommend the Council:

- 1. To set the 2016-2017 General Fund revenue budget as £10,212,510 including £95,950 for parish precepts;
- 2. To agree that the Borough Council Tax is not increased for 2016-2017;
- 3. To approve the Council Tax base for 2016-2017 at 18,555.44;
- To approve the allowance for budget variations of £30,000 funded from reserves;
- 5. To approve an increase in the staff car parking subsidy by £120 per permit per annum, for direct employees;
- 6. To approve the income increases referred to in paragraph 7.4;
- To approve the recruitment of two further apprentices for a fixed period of three years from September 2016;
- To approve the use of £334,570 of the Medium Term Financial Plan support reserve to balance the 2016-2017 budget;
- To approve the movements in reserves set out in paragraphs 8.2 to 8.9; £1,122,650 being used and £151,600 being added; and
- 10. To approve the Capital Programme for 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 as referred to in paragraph 9.

<u>Report</u>

1. Budget Strategy 2012-2013 to 2015-2016

The Budget Strategy was designed to reduce the Council's core budget to the levels that were expected to be supported by the 2016-2017 financial settlement together with income from Council Tax and Business Rates; with the long term aim of having a sustainable budget.

If no action had been taken and the Budget Strategy was not implemented, then by 2015-2016 the shortfall on the revenue budget was estimated to be £5m. The Budget Strategy policies were implemented at the start of the period to allow their sustainability to be established over the strategy period. This allowed the early savings to release funds into reserves to control any variance in the assumptions and pace of change and to deal with any items outside of the sensitivity analysis in the Medium Term Financial Plan. The Budget Strategy produced a balanced budget for 2015-2016.

2. Budget Strategy 2016-2017 to 2019-2020

The next Budget Strategy will be prepared and approved during 2016. A new strategy is required as the financial settlement arrangements for local government have changed and further reductions in Government support immediately impact the Council.

The Revenue Support Grant is scheduled to end by 2020, Business Rate retention is changing and the Council's Core Spending Power will reduce by 15.1% by 2019-2020.

3. Projected outturn for 2015-2016

The projected outturn for 2015-2016 does not call on reserves or the fund balance; reserves are funding specific one-off items of expenditure as previously approved and as per the Reserves and Balances Policy. The impact on reserves from 2015-2016 is incorporated into the projected reserves figures in paragraph 8 of this report.

4. Local Government Financial Settlement 2016-2017

4.1 Revenue Support Grant

The settlement has been modified to include other grant streams into the Revenue Support Grant; Efficiency Support Grant, Council Tax Freeze Grant and Carbon Monoxide Grant, totalling £188,872. After these are included the adjusted Revenue Support Grant for 2015-2016 was £3,480,589.

The provisional Revenue Support Grant for 2016-2017 is £2,703,584; a reduction of £777,005 or 22.3%.

4.2 Baseline (Business Rates)

The amount to be retained in Business Rates has increased year on year by the increase in the Small Business Rate multiplier 0.83%.

The provisional Baseline for 2016-2017 is £2,864,043.

4.3 Settlement Funding Assessment

In total the adjusted 2015-2016 settlement was £6,320,962 and is provisionally £5,567,627 for 2016-2017; a reduction of £753,335 or 11.9%.

4.4 <u>Core Funding 2016-2017</u>

Core Funding is the Settlement Funding Assessment plus the Council Tax income for 2015-2016 and is used to calculate the Revenue Support Grant.

The Core Funding for 2016-2017 is calculated as a reduction of the previous years' total; $\pounds 10,239,217 - 7.357\%$, or $\pounds 753,335 = \pounds 9,485,882$.

The same reduction is applied to all authorities within particular tiers – this Council is a lower-tier authority and the reduction (or scaling factor) from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017 is 7.357%. This is the difference between all the Core Funding resources available to the tier from one year to the next, with Council Tax income set at the 2015-2016 level.

Deducting the Council Tax income and the Baseline (for Business Rates), as these have their own calculations, leaves $\pounds 2,703,584$ as the Revenue Support Grant.

This calculation repeats each year, with the reduction in Core Funding for the tier producing an annual scaling factor, or reduction, to be applied.

4.5 Core Funding 2017-2018 to 2019-2020

The Core Funding for three further years has been indicated with the provisional settlement. The same methodology as 2016-2017 applies, resulting in the following figures:

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Council Tax	£3,918,255	£3,918,255	£3,918,255
Baseline	£2,920,374	£3,006,527	£3,102,621
Revenue Support Grant	£2,079,200	£1,688,395	£1,251,869
Total	£8,917,829	£8,613,177	£8,272,745

4.6 Core Spending Power 2016-2017

Core Spending Power replaces the Revenue Spending Power of recent years.

The Core Spending Power is different to the Core Funding as it reflects the resources available to spend each year, rather than a basis for calculation.

The Core Spending Power consists of the settlement (Revenue Support Grant and Baseline), Council Tax income for the year and any New Homes Bonus.

For 2016-2017, these elements compare to the adjusted 2015-2016 figures as follows:

	2015-2016	2016-2017	Change
Settlement	£6,320,962	£5,567,627	-£753,335
Council Tax	£3,918,255	£4,028,416	+£110,161
New Homes Bonus	£476,143	£473,759	-£2,384
Total	£10,715,360	£10,069,802	-£645,558
			-6.0%

The headline reduction for 2016-2017 is 2.8%. The highest reduction is 6.0%, which is Barrow Borough Council alone; the next highest reduction is 5.4%. A number of authorities have an increase, with the highest being 7.6%.

4.7 Core Spending Power 2017-2018 to 2019-2020

The Core Spending Power for three further years has been indicated with the provisional settlement. The same methodology as 2016-2017 applies, resulting in the following figures:

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Settlement	£4,999,574	£4,694,922	£4,354,490
Council Tax	£4,162,110	£4,304,465	£4,456,058
New Homes Bonus	£476,311	£299,250	£287,128
Total	£9,637,995	£9,298,637	£9,097,676
	-4.3%	-3.5%	-2.2%
Headline	-1.3%	+1.1%	+2.6%
Highest reduction	-4.3%	-13.1%	-2.5%
Highest increase	+1.9%	+3.6%	+4.1%

The figures for Council Tax and New Homes Bonus are projected by the Government for the purposes of this indication. There is assumed growth in Council Tax income of £427,642 and this will need to be adjusted each year.

The consultation of the settlement including this indication of three year funding, mentions that adjustments to Business Rate tariffs and top-ups may be used to compensate for adjustments in the Council Tax, but this will not be clear until the consultation is concluded.

The Governments' Council Tax assumptions are that the Tax Base increases by the average annual growth experienced between 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 and that the band D Council Tax is increased in line with the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecast for the Consumer Price Index each year (an annual average of 1.75%). The years selected for the future projections seem unusual as they are the years that brought Council Tax Support into the Tax Base. A reduction in the take-up of Council Tax Base. Since 2013-2014, the Tax Base and an increase in take-up reduces the Tax Base. Since 2013-2014, the Tax Base has increased each year due to a reduction in Council Tax Support take-up which is unlikely to recur and only slightly increased from new dwellings within the Borough.

4.8 Core Spending Power over the Spending Review

The total reduction in Core Spending Power over the Spending Review period, 2016-2017 to 2019-2020, is £10,715,360 to £9,097,676 - £1,617,684 or 15.1%.

The total comes from a reduction in Revenue Support Grant of $\pounds 2,228,720$ and a reduction in New Homes Bonus of $\pounds 189,015$, offset by an increase in the Baseline (Business Rates) of $\pounds 262,248$ and assumed Council Tax income of $\pounds 537,803$; this is the difference between 2015-2016 and 2019-2020.

The headline reduction over the Spending Review period is 0.5%. The highest reduction is 17.1%. Barrow Borough Council is the tenth highest in terms of percentage reduction at 15.1%. A number of authorities have an increase, with the highest being 9.8%.

4.9 Impact on Medium Term Financial Plan

The current Medium Term Financial Plan was last reported in December 2015 and will be updated in February 2016, for presentation at the next Executive Committee meeting. Based on the current figures, the 2019-2020 deficit would be around £1.5m beyond the savings already estimated within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Medium Term Financial Plan forecast will take into account any impacts from the 2016-2017 budget setting exercise and will refine future estimates and projections. The total savings target will provide the starting point for the next Budget Strategy.

4.10 Impact of 2016-2017 Settlement

The Medium Term Financial Plan for 2016-2017 anticipated a Revenue Support Grant of £3,009,720; the settlement is £306,136 less.

4.11 Settlement Consultation

The 2016-2017 Settlement is issued under consultation that ends on 15th January, 2016. A final settlement notice is anticipated in mid-February and any significant changes will be included in the papers for the budget setting Full Council meeting.

5. Proposed budget for 2016-2017

The proposed General Fund revenue budget for 2016-2017 is £10,212,510 including £95,950 for parish precepts and a contribution of £334,570 from reserves.

The budget is set out at **Appendix 1** and includes the 2014-2015 actual outturn and 2015-2016 original budget for comparison.

As previously reported, with the budget assumptions, to the Executive Committee of 9th September, 2015, no Council Tax increase is included in the proposed budget as the next Budget Strategy has yet to be established.

The proposed budget has been compared to the Medium Term Financial Plan projection; the Medium Term Financial Plan estimated a deficit of £128,570. The main items of variance are as follows:

- Staff pay has a negative variance of £47,780; £21,500 from implementing the National Living Wage and £26,280 from establishment changes; this is the net of additions, including a new post in IT, voluntary reductions in working hours and changes to national insurance and pension scheme membership.
- The Medium Term Financial Plan included the use of the Weekly Collection Support Scheme to protect the General Fund from the loss of recycling credits from previous years, this has not been drawn into the budget as other items have resulted in savings to mitigate this and allow the grant to be carried into 2017-2018; the contract renewal year. This net of savings on contract inflation during 2015-2016 rolling forward creates a negative variance of £226,320 for contracts against the Medium Term Financial Plan estimate.
- Aside from a small increase in the net cost of housing benefits, all other direct headings are below the level projected in the Medium Term Financial Plan. Cost reductions in other staff costs, transport, property, supplies and services, pension funding and external income create a favourable variance of £93,840.
- Internal recharges to the Housing Revenue Account in the Medium Term Financial Plan were estimated before the full costs of occupancy in the Town Hall were known. During 2015-2016 there was a post created within the IT Team to support the Housing Department; this is recharged to the Housing Revenue Account. These items, in addition to the increased interest on working balance due from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund, and a small amount of external funding drawn into support services, create a favourable variance of £106,430.
- The treasury activities produce a favourable variance of £47,800.

- The variance of the total revenue financing items is negative overall at £179,970, the individual items are:
 - Revenue Support Grant down £306,130
 - Retained Business Rates down £12,940
 - New Homes Bonus down £9,210
 - Council Tax income up £148,310

The proposed budget is balanced as £334,570 of the Medium Term Financial Plan support reserve has been used. The projected deficit of £128,570 for 2016-2017 having been improved upon from cost savings and additional income, to a deficit of £28,440. The Revenue Support Grant reduction of £306,130 has increased the deficit to £334,570.

6. Items within the proposed budget for noting

6.1 Borrowing costs

No new borrowing for capital purposes has been included in the proposed budget. Projections for 2016-2017 show that existing resources and cash flow can sustain the under-borrowing position.

6.2 Inflationary pressures

The cost of inflation included in the proposed budget is £254,340 and includes:

- 1% for staff pay award £46,370
- 5% for utilities £33,700
- 3.2% for NNDR £19,100
- 3.2% for contracted grounds maintenance £28,210
- 1.8% for contracted refuse, recycling and street cleansing £45,660
- 2.5% for building cleaning £3,070
- 2.6% for contracted revenues, benefits and customer services £72,250
- Other small items £5,980

6.3 Car parking income

No increase is proposed for car parking pay and display tickets or contract parking permits.

6.4 Leisure income

Pricing for income in relation to the Park Leisure Centre and The Forum are delegated to the venue managers in accordance with the agreed policy.

7. <u>Items within the proposed budget for approval</u>

7.1 Council Tax base

The Council Tax requirement for 2016-2017 is based on the Council Tax base and current band D tax. The tax base for 2016-2017 has been set at:

- The Whole Borough area 18,555.44
 - Barrow unparished 14,984.27
 - o Dalton with Newton Town Council 2,265.95
 - Askam and Ireleth Town Council 1,047.85
 - Lindal and Marton Parish Council 257.37

7.2 Budget variations

The Council does not allocate contingent amounts within the revenue budget. In order to deal with small alterations to the budget and one-off items, £30,000 has been allocated from the Budget Contingency reserve. This will be used in accordance with the Reserves and Balances Policy.

7.3 Roof top car parking

It is proposed that the staff car parking subsidy for the Roof Top car park be increased by £120, leaving a monthly charge of £10 for direct employees. Management Board have tasked the Business Improvement Team with a review of car parks and the Roof Top car park has very low usage. There will be options to increase the use of the car park following the Business Improvement Team review, but an early proposal is to increase this subsidy to maximise the staff usage so that we can determine what level of under occupancy there is to mitigate.

7.4 Other income

The fees and charges set out in **Appendix 2** have been increased by approximately 2.5% or have been assessed by the Service Manager and increased as specified. The Building Regulation Scheme of Charges will be increased by 2% for Building Control income.

7.5 Apprentices

Members will be pleased to know that three of the five apprentices recruited in September 2014 have secured permanent positions with the Council; these are all career-graded professional positions. The apprentices are funded from a reserve so that there is no permanent impact on the General Fund or the establishment; the permanent positions are part of the General Fund. As the number of apprentices has reduced, the reserve has almost enough remaining to allow the Council to take on two further apprentices, again on three year fixed term contracts, from September 2016. The reserve would need approximately £20,000 adding and this is detailed in the next section of the report.

8. <u>Reserves</u>

	31/3/2016	31/3/2017
General Fund Balance	£2,300,000	£2,300,000
MTFP Support	£2,870,000	£2,535,430
Service Transformation	£638,365	£570,865
Renewals Reserve	£473,187	£384,787
Insurance Reserve	£63,970	£43,970
Losses Reserve	£630,883	£630,883
Budget Contingency	£1,281,965	£625,133
Other Reserves	£329,657	£158,949
Total	£8,588,027	£7,250,017

The projected balances of reserves at 31st March are:

The projected balances of ring-fenced reserves at 31st March are:

	31/3/2016	31/3/2017
Woodbridge Haven	£40,900	£36,570
James Freel Close	£665,256	£816,856
Earmarked revenue grants	£497,541	£382,661
Total	£1,203,697	£1,236,087

The revised Medium Term Financial Plan will include the projection of reserves for the period 2017-2018 out to 2019-2020.

8.1 Medium Term Financial Plan support

£334,570 of this reserve is used in balancing the 2016-2017 budget.

8.2 <u>Service Transformation</u>

£67,500 of this reserve is used in funding the support for the Business Improvement District process and associated town centre initiatives as approved at the Executive Committee of 29th July, 2015.

This item was originally approved with the Capital Programme; however, the expenditure will be on revenue items and has been transferred.

8.3 <u>Renewals Reserve</u>

£88,400 of this reserve is used in funding operational public building major works.

8.4 Insurance Reserve

£20,000 of this reserve is used in funding the estimated excesses on settled claims during 2016-2017.

8.5 Budget Contingency

£656,832 of this reserve is used in funding one-off items included within the 2016-2017 budget, these are itemised below:

- £128,580 to fund the Local Plan process;
- £490,000 to fund the 2015-2016 Business Rate Retention Scheme projected deficit;
- £50,000 to fund the second year of the Furness Economic Development supply chain project;
- £5,000 to fund the final year of support for the Keep Our Future Afloat Campaign;
- £7,000 to fund work-in-default;
- £31,750 to fund additional staff training and conference bids for 2016-2017;
- £2,000 to fund the contribution towards the Royal Navy visit in 2016;
- £1,000 to fund the contribution towards the visit of the cruise ship Saga Pearl in July 2016;
- £1,000 to fund the visit of the cruise ship Braemar in August 2016; and
- £59,498 added from the transfer with other reserves set out in paragraph 8.6.

8.6 Other Reserves

The other reserves are for welfare support, apprenticeships and CCTV.

The CCTV reserve will no longer be held separately as the system is no longer the responsibility of the Council. As previously discussed at the Executive Committee, should a contribution towards cameras in Dalton be required, this will still be from the use of reserves, the Budget Contingency reserve.

The CCTV reserve is £79,498 and it is proposed that £20,000 is transferred to topup the apprenticeships reserve and that the balance is transferred to the Budget Contingency reserve; £59,498.

£56,970 of the welfare support reserve is included in the budget to fund the transitional costs of support to Barrow Citizens' Advice Bureau and Barrow and District Disability Association.

 \pounds 54,240 of the apprenticeships reserve is included in the budget to fund the staff pay costs estimated for 2016-2017; this is for the two current apprentices and for two new recruits in September 2016.

8.7 <u>Woodbridge Haven</u>

£4,330 of the reserve is used to fund the estimated costs in 2016-2017.

8.8 James Freel Close

£151,600 is added to the reserve as the estimated net result for 2016-2017 in accordance with the ring-fence conditions.

8.9 Earmarked Revenue Grants

£114,880 of the reserve is used to fund the estimated costs in 2016-2017; these are for specific projects and items of expenditure in accordance with the grant sources.

9. <u>Capital Programme</u>

The Capital Programme was last presented to this Committee on 9th September, 2015. The variations made to the programme and the proposed Capital Programme for the period 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 are attached at **Appendix 3**.

The programme totals are:

- 2015-2016 £4,904,017
- 2016-2017 £4,781,022
- 2017-2018 £3,436,000
- 2018-2019 £3,117,000
- 2019-2020 £3,142,000

The programme financing includes an element of borrowing which will be incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Plan, grants received and receivable in future years, contributions from reserves and usable capital receipts.

The programme requires £825,000 of usable capital receipts to be fully funded. The projects in future years will not be commissioned until sufficient funding is in place.

10. Level of reserves and balances

In accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, I confirm that I am satisfied that the budget assumptions and estimates are robust, and that I consider the level of reserves held by the Council to be adequate. This includes the Housing Revenue Account budget presented at the Housing Management Forum meeting of 14th January, 2016, included earlier on this agenda.

11. Budget consultation

Once the budget proposals are agreed by this Committee, public consultation will commence immediately and run until 18th February, 2016. This report will be made available via a link on the website with the prompt:

"Do you have any comments in relation to the recommendations contained in the budget report?"

A page in the February edition of the Local Choice magazine is carrying a request for feedback to the budget consultation.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet to discuss the budget proposals on 28th January, 2016. The Council will meet on 1st March, 2016, to consider the results of the consultation process and recommend any amendments as necessary. At this meeting, Full Council will approve the budgets and set the Council Tax for 2016-2017.

(i) Legal Implications

It is a statutory requirement to set the budgets and the Council Tax.

(ii) <u>Risk Assessment</u>

The recommendation has no significant implications. The latest available information and available trends have been used in setting the budget.

(iii) Financial Implications

The financial implications are included in the report.

(iv) Health and Safety Implications

The recommendation has no significant implications.

(v) Equality and Diversity

The recommendation has no detrimental impact on service users showing any of the protected characteristics under current Equalities legislation.

(vi) Health and Well-being Implications

The recommendation has no adverse effect on the Health and Wellbeing of users of this service.

Background Papers

Nil

APPENDIX No.

<u>General Fund</u> Budget 2016-2017

	Actual Outturn 2014-2015	Original Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017
Staff pay	4,610,235	4,745,120	4,847,850
Pension accounting	350,325	0	0
Staff other costs	123,091	101,490	99,860
Transport	88,757	102,730	95,620
Property	2,446,543	1,966,960	2,078,850
Supplies and services	3,669,749	2,593,820	2,974,900
Contracts	6,598,614	6,747,390	6,767,920
Benefits	20,217,323	21,745,670	21,360,190
Benefits grants	(20,319,342)	(21,638,380)	(21,241,030)
External income	(7,850,836)	(6,581,810)	(6,827,750)
Direct Costs	9,934,459	9,782,990	10,156,410
Internal income from HRA and Capital	(980,295)	(745,090)	(844,530)
Capital charges	1,455,052	1,375,170	1,605,870
Indirect Costs	474,757	630,080	761,340
Net Expenditure	10,409,216	10,413,070	10,917,750
External interest earned	(104,271)	(50,000)	(80,000)
External interest paid	584,643	584,640	584,640
Minimum Revenue Provision	926,501	896,830	868,340
Capital expenditure financed from revenue resources	1,630,540	460,630	0
Items excluded from Council Tax	(1,735,668)	(1,375,170)	(1,972,350)
Items included in Council Tax	1,132,335	1,186,740	1,199,750
Movements in reserves	(376,024)	(675,700)	(1,335,620)
Budget variances	0	30,000	30,000
Net Revenue Budget	12,467,272	11,471,040	10,212,510
Budget Funded by:			
Revenue Support Grant	(3,114,427)	(3,291,720)	(2,703,590)
Retained Business Rates	(9,384,539)	(9,434,510)	(9,600,650)
Retained Business Rates Tariff	6,162,614	6,280,380	6,332,710
Retained Business Rates Levy	349,874	354,260	346,880
Business Rates Pool	(202,438)	(99,200)	(159,570)
Business Rates - prior year surplus	0	(137,110)	0
Business Rates - prior year deficit	169,061	0	856,480
New Homes Bonus	(382,165)	(476,150)	(466,940)
New burdens	(108,275)	(22,690)	0
Weekly Collection Support Scheme	(250,000)	0	0
Council Tax freeze grant	0	(47,170)	0
Other Government grants	(1,715,380)	(436,180)	(580,860)
Council Tax - Barrow Borough Council precept	(3,971,879)	(4,012,370)	(4,121,370)
Council Tax - prior year surplus	(19,718)	(148,580)	(115,600)
Total Revenue Financing	(12,467,272)	(11,471,040)	(10,212,510)

Fees & Charges				
		Charges 2015-2016	Charges 2016-2017	% increase
Cemetery & Crematorium				
Sale of Grave		£472.00		
Interment for 1		£453.00	£464.00	
Interment for 2		£453.00	£464.00	2.43%
Interment for 3		£486.00	£499.00	2.67%
Headstone		£86.00	£88.00	2.33%
Full Kerb		£86.00	£88.00	2.33%
Headstone & Kerb		£109.00	£112.00	2.75%
Small Headstone		£28.00	£29.00	3.57%
Vase		£28.00	£29.00	3.57%
Crem kerbs		£28.00	£29.00	3.57%
Small Headstone & Crem Kerbs		£38.00	£39.00	2.63%
Standard Tablet		£28.00	£29.00	
Small Tablet	6" x 10" by tree	£12.00	£12.50	
Additional Inscription		£28.00	£29.00	
Grave Maintenance	Planting twice yearly	£269.00	£275.00	
Grave Maintenance	2nd year heather	£162.00	£166.00	
Grave Maintenance	Rate 1	£268.00	£275.00	
Grave Maintenance	Rate 2	£162.00	£166.00	
Book of Remembrance	2 lines	£132.00	£100.00 £34.44	
		£51.60	£52.89	
Book of Remembrance	5 lines			
Book of Remembrance	5 lines & emblem	£91.20	£93.48	
Book of Remembrance	8 lines	£79.20	£82.00	
Book of Remembrance	8 lines & emblem	£117.60	£120.54	
White Memorial Card		£27.60	£28.29	
Coloured Memorial Card		£51.60	£52.89	
Leather Bound Booklet		£79.20	£81.18	
Additional Fee for Emblem (cards	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£51.60	£52.89	
Cremation	Resident	£668.00	£685.00	
Cremation	Non Resident	£668.00	£685.00	
Cremation	Environmental surcharge	£53.00		
Cremation	Memorial service	£109.00		
Cremation	Body parts	£17.00	£17.50	2.94%
Cremation Grave		£163.00	£167.00	2.45%
Interment of Ashes	Resident	£174.00	£178.00	2.30%
Interment of Ashes	Non-resident	£174.00	£178.00	2.30%
Plastic urn		£22.00	£22.50	2.27%
Wooden casket		£43.00	£44.00	2.33%
Scattering of ashes		£22.00	£22.50	2.27%
Memorial Plaques	Green slate tablet & plaque	£172.00	£176.00	2.33%
Memorial Plaques	Bronze plaque	£109.00	£112.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Memorial Plaques	Renewal fee - 10 years	£33.00	£34.00	· ·
Memorial Plaques	Rose & plaque	£154.80		2.50%
Memorial Plaques	Memorial tree	£103.20		
Memorial Plaques	Perspex plaque	£45.60	£46.74	
Memorial Plaques	Memorial seat	£474.00	£520.00	
Memorial Plaques	Seat plaque	£86.00	£88.00	
Miscellaneous	Records search fee	£17.00	£17.50	
Miscellaneous	Plastic urn	£22.00	£22.50	
Miscellaneous	Wooden casket	£43.00	£44.00	
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		Charges 2015-2016	Charges 2016-2017	% Increase
Allotments				
Allotment Small Plot	40 to 200 sq. yards	£46.15	£47.30	2.49%
Allotment Standard Plot	201-400 sq. yards	£92.75	£94.92	2.34%
Allotment Large Plot	401-600 sq. yards	£138.90	£142.37	2.50%
Allotments Very Large Plot	601-800 sq. yards	£185.25	£189.88	2.50%
Garage Plots		£92.60	£94.92	2.51%
Outsize Plot		£225.91	£231.56	2.50%
Indoor Market	Rent increases applicable from 1	st September :	2016	
Stall	Single	£42.80	£43.85	2.45%
Stall	Double	£81.50	£83.50	2.45%
Miscellaneous	Charity table	£5.00	£5.50	10.00%
Miscellaneous	Promotional space	£10.00	£10.50	5.00%
Miscellaneous	Stockroom	£17.75	£18.15	2.25%
Outdoor Market	1			
Small stall	Day	£11.00	er of	_
Small stall	3 days - paid in advance	£27.90	£1.10 per linear foot per day or £0.95 per	per day paid in
Medium stall	Day	£13.70	1ea 0.9	aid
Medium stall	3 days - paid in advance	£34.50	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0.0
Corner stall	Day	£15.80	pel V c	ar root j 3 days j /ance
Corner stall	3 days - paid in advance	£39.50	10 da	inear roc for 3 day advance
Small /medium/corner	Non-market day per day	£5.75	E1.	adv
Small /medium/corner	Charity	50% re	duction	
Land Charges		•		
<u>Domestic</u>				
The second s		£99.00	£96.00	-3.03%
<u>Domestic</u>		£99.00 £41.00	£96.00 £36.00	
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Fees & Charges	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
		Charges 2015-2016	Charges 2016-2017	% Increase
Town Hall				
Banqueting Hall/ Drawing Room/	Subsidised rate - Hourly	£39.70	£40.70	2.52%
Council Chamber	Subsidised rate - Half Day	£95.00	£97.40	2.53%
	Subsidised rate - Full Day	£118.70	£121.70	2.53%
Bengusting Holl/ Drowing Boom	Non-profit Making Bodies - Hourly	£79.20	£81.20	2.53%
Banqueting Hall/ Drawing Room/ Council Chamber	Non-profit Making Bodies - Half Day	£118.70	£121.70	2.53%
	Non-profit Making Bodies - Full Day	£205.00	£210.10	2.49%
Dependence Hall (Drewing Depend	Commercial Rate - Hourly	£158.50	£162.50	2.52%
Banqueting Hall/ Drawing Room/ Council Chamber	Commercial Rate - Half Day	£237.70	£243.60	2.48%
	Commercial Rate - Full Day	£396.20	£406.10	2.50%
	Subsidised rate - Hourly	£12.75	£13.10	2.75%
Committee Room No 4/	Subsidised rate - Half Day	£59.50	£61.00	2.52%
Law Library	Subsidised rate - Full Day	£87.00	£89.20	2.53%
Committee Deers No. 4/	Non-profit Making Bodies - Hourly	£25.40	£26.00	2.36%
Committee Room No 4/	Non-profit Making Bodies - Half Day	£59.50	£61.00	2.52%
Law Library	Non-profit Making Bodies - Full Day	£87.20	£89.40	2.52%
Charges apply Monday - Friday 9.	00am till 4.00 pm			
Sundays and Bank Holidays - All o	charges double			
30% discount for multiple room hir	Ĩ Ĉ		a mar ar an san 2000 di dalam kaka Karila di Karila	

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Capital Programme 2015/2016 to 2019/2020

	2015/2016 £	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £
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Capitalised planned maintenance	2,184,700	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000
Total Investment in public housing	2,184,700	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000
Disabled facilities grants	771,285	560,000	600,000	625,000	650,000
Total Investment in private housing	771,285	560,000	600,000	625,000	650,000
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Group Repair - Central Area A & E	40,000				
Rawlinson Street Corridor	284,115				
Group Repair - Greengate Street			200,000		
Group Repiar - Rawlinson Street		350,000			
Rawlinson Street South		50,000	350,000		
Barrow Island Environmental Improvements	98,671	1,330,000			
Barrow Island Private Sector Housing				250,000	250,000
Investment in Housing Market Renewal	422,786	1,730,000	550,000	250,000	250,000
Total Investment in housing	3,378,771	4,162,000	3,022,000	2,747,000	2,772,000
Cemetery	6,548				
Crematorium	499,800				
Dock Museum	19,000				
Forum	67,140				
Leisure Centre	30,163				
	30,995				
Market Hall Public Conveniences	21,971				
Roof Top Car Park	32,630				
Town Hall	24,500				
Public Buildings Investment Fund	30,370	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total Investment in Public Buildings	763,117	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total investment in Fabric Bananige					
Craven House	62,673				
James Freel Close Business Units	47,418				
Marina Village	22,719				
Industrial & Commercial Property Investment Fund	25,000	100,000			
Total Industrial & Commercial Properties	157,810	100,000	-	-	-
Farm Street Pay Area (The Rec)	5,450				
Town Centre Shop Front Grants	45,000	45,000			
IT Equipment & Development	159,014	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Housing Management System	104,000	92,433	44,000		
Other Public Assets Investment Fund	124,555				
Total Investment in other public assets	438,019	197,433	104,000	60,000	60,000
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Coastal Defence Work West Shore Park	195				
Rural Regeneration - Roa Island Jetty	19,540	00 504			
Rural Regeneration - Coastal Protection		20,504			
Total Investment in Community Initiatives	19,735	20,504	-	-	
Petentione	3,452	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Retentions	143,113	141,085	150,000	150,000	150,000
Asset Investment Fund	1401110	141,000	. 30,000		
Total	4,904,017	4,781,022	3,436,000	3,117,000	3,142,000
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Capital Programme 2015/2016 to 2019/2020

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Funding of Capital Programme					
Borrowing Requirement Non Housing		285,850	720,000	170,000	170,000
DCLG Grant	771,285	560,000	600,000	625,000	650,000
Cluster Empty Homes	98,671	930,000			
Lottery & WREN	5,450				
DEFRA & Environment Agency	195				
Private Contributions	19,000				
HRA MRR	2,184,700	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000	1,872,000
Contributions from HRA	104,000	92,433	44,000		
Cluster of Empty Homes Loan Repayments		362,650		250,000	250,000
Contributions from Earmarked Reserves	1,581,731				
Usable Capital Receipts	138,985	678,089	200,000	200,000	200,000
Total	4,904,017	4,781,022	3,436,000	3,117,000	3,142,000

Capital Programme Variations

Project	Adjustments	2015/2016 £	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £
O	tomber 2015	0.007.076	3,762,085	4,429,600		_
Capital Programme as at 9th Sep	Stember 2015	6,097,076	3,782,005	4,429,000		
Forum	Lighting for toilets project - ESG funding	2,140				
Coastal Defence Work West Shore Park	DEFRA funding	195				
Capitalised Planned Maintenance	Revised programme	367,700	55,000	55,000	1,872,000	1,872,000
Disabled Facilities Grant	Revised			40,000	625,000	650,000
Group Repair Greengate Street	Revised cost & profile	(100,000)	(500,000)	200,000		
Group Repair Rawlinson Street	Revised cost & profile		200,000	(500,000)		
Rawlinson Street South			400,000			
Barrow Island Private Sector Housing	Revised cost & profile			(502,600)	250,000	250,000
Barrow Island Environmental Improvements	Re-profile	(1,271,000)	1,271,000	:		
Public Buildings Investment Fund					150,000	150,000
Dock Museum		(11,000)				
Roof Top Car Park		(56,500)				
Craven House		30,000				
Industrial & Commercial Property Investment Fund		(75,000)	(100,000)	(200,000)		
Farm Street Play Area (The Rec)	Additional Lottery funding	500				
Town Centre Shop Front Grants		(30,000)				
CCTV Equipment		(38,890)				
Marina Village		5,300				
IT Equipment & Development					60,000	60,000
Housing Management System		104,000	92,433	44,000		
Rural Regeneration - Coastal Protection	Re-profile	(20,504)	20,504			
Retentions					10,000	10,000
Asset Investment Fund					150,000	150,000
Rawlinson Street South	Re-profile		(350,000)	350,000		
Asset Investment Fund	Projected UCR reduced	(100,000)				
Asset Investment Fund	Borrowing & projected UCR reduced			(480,000)		
Forum	BMS revised budget	(5,500)				
Public Buildings Investment Fund	Transfer from cc553	5,500				
Dock Museum	Revised budget	(2,870)				
Public Buildings Investment Fund	Transfer from cc553	2,870				
Town Centre Initiatives	Transfer to revenue		(70,000)			
Capital Programme		4,904,017	4,781,022	3,436,000	3,117,000	3,142,000