

Appendix A

Blackburn with Darwen Core Spending Power 2022/23

	Final Settlement 2022/23 £000
Core Spending Power 2021/22	133,327
Business Rates Retained (IABR *1)	20,291
Business Rates Top Up	24,275
Baseline Funding Assessment	44,566
Revenue Support Grant	14,016
Settlement Funding Assessment	58,582
Under-indexing Business Rates	4,555
Improved Better Care Fund	8,349
Social Care Grant	8,813
Market Sustainability and Fair Funding	516
New Homes Bonus	1,006
Lower Tier Services Grant	341
Services Grant	3,072
Council Tax (excl Parish Precepts) *2	59,770
Core Spending Power 2022/23	145,004
Change from 2021/22	11,677
	8.8%

*1 This is Individual Authority Business Rates (IABR) and is Government's assessment of the Council's share of business rates.

*2 This is based on the Government's assumptions of Council Taxbase and Council Tax Levels and is not reflective of the Council's decision on Council Tax.

Appendix B

Blackburn with Darwen Budget Efficiency Proposals 2022/23

	Base Budget 2022/23	Base Budget 2023/24	Base Budget 2024/25
Adult Social Care			
Review of high cost packages funded through DP or CHC/Complex Cases.	200	200	200
Review of Supported Living and Extra Care contracts to review Core/Background commissioning arrangements and void payments	150	150	150
Extend existing demand management strategies eg review of low level support needs or packages with lower hours to deliver in an alternative way through VCFS/Volunteers	50	50	50
Income – review all areas of charging to consider increased charging or implementation of charging where this doesn't currently exist.	50	50	50
Review of Supporting People Budget	300	300	300
Total Adult Social Care	750	750	750
Children's Service			
Review of Early Help Service	320	320	320
Total Children's Service	320	320	320
Environment Services			
Review of management and staffing across the portfolio	205	205	205
Total Environmental Services	205	205	205
Digital Services			
Review of business support/customer services following the identification of working efficiencies from the implementation of the DCP	100	100	100
Total Digital Services	100	100	100
Finance and Governance			
Review of Empty Homes Discount (currently 100% for 6 months), reduce to 3 months. Approx £255k saving for each month of reduction - Phase in over 3 years	255	510	765
Review of corporate building running costs to identify efficiencies in working practice and possible procurement savings	100	100	100
Additional Income from Mall Car Park	85	85	85
Delete provision for Insurance Cover in Highways (no longer necessary)	250	250	250
Total Finance and Governance	690	945	1,200
Total Budget Efficiency Proposals	2,065	2,320	2,575

Appendix C

Blackburn with Darwen Analysis of Balances and Reserves

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Proposed Change in 2021/22	Forecast Balance at 31st March 2022	Proposed Change in 2022/23	Forecast Balance at 31st March 2023
	£000	£000	£000	Total Use £000	£000
Minimum Working Balance (GF Balance)	8,373	604	8,977	-	8,977
Budget Support Reserve	-	5,000	5,000	(1,120)	3,880
Invest to Save Reserves	-	4,950	4,950	(614)	4,336
Specific (Discretionary) Reserves - Committed					
- Welfare, Council Tax and Business Rate Reforms	10,031	313	10,344	(5,507)	4,837
- Investment in Assets and Infrastructure	1,543	(236)	1,307	-	1,307
- Support for Other Resources and Transformation Projects	375	-	375	-	375
- Support for People Services	4,484	(902)	3,582	-	3,582
- Support for Place Services	920	(308)	612	-	612
- Contingent Sums	14,310	(7,086)	7,224	(581)	6,643
- Slippage from Previous Years	11,557	178	11,735	-	11,735
- Amounts unspent from Grants and Contributions		947	947	(650)	297
- Amounts committed to Future Years Budgets	426	(5)	421	-	421
- Reserves held for Specific Purposes	4,019	614	4,633	(4,674)	(41)
Total Specific (Discretionary) Reserves	47,665	(6,485)	41,180	(11,412)	29,768
Other Earmarked Reserves	418		418	-	418
School Related Reserves	12,660		12,660	-	12,660
Total Reserves	69,116	4,069	73,185	(13,146)	60,039

Budget Summary 2022/23

The table below identifies the changes between the Budget 2021/22 presented in the Medium Term Financial Plan to Finance Council in March 2021 and the current position presented to Finance Council on 28th February 2022.

	2021/22 Base Budget £000	2021/22 Revised Budget £000	2022/23 Base Budget £000	Variation £000
	A	B	C	D=(C-A)
Portfolio Budgets				
Adult and Prevention Services	53,747	55,456	57,311	3,564
Public Health and Wellbeing	2,239	2,239	2,900	661
Children, Young People and Education	32,194	31,795	34,211	2,017
Environmental Services	9,173	9,302	10,519	1,346
Growth and Development	8,075	8,075	9,016	941
Digital and Customer Services	5,771	6,170	6,562	791
Finance and Governance	9,691	9,691	10,419	728
Total Portfolio Budgets	120,890	122,728	130,938	10,048
Corporate Income and Expenditure				
Contingencies	8,251	6,542	8,447	196
RCCO	3,381	3,381	6,351	2,970
Debt Charges	18,287	17,782	18,987	700
Recharges to Schools	(1,357)	(1,357)	(1,274)	83
Benefit Admin Grants	(700)	(747)	(650)	50
New Homes Bonus	(825)	(825)	(1,006)	(181)
Covid-19 Grant	(5,125)	(5,125)	-	5,125
Lower Tier Services Grant	(317)	(317)	(341)	(24)
Services Grant	-	-	(3,072)	(3,072)
Business Rates s31 Grant	(5,240)	(5,240)	(8,568)	(3,328)
Council Tax Support Grant	(2,126)	(2,127)	-	2,126
Other Grants	(31)	-	-	31
Town and Parish Precepts (incl Grants)	190	190	191	1
Net Expenditure	135,278	134,885	150,003	14,725
Business Rates	(20,545)	(20,545)	(18,185)	2,360
Business Rates - Top Up	(24,275)	(24,275)	(24,275)	-
Revenue Support Grant	(13,597)	(13,597)	(14,016)	(419)
Improved Better Care Fund Grant	(8,103)	(8,103)	(8,349)	(246)
Social Care Grant	(6,551)	(6,551)	(8,813)	(2,262)
Market Sustainability and Fair Funding	-	-	(516)	(516)
BSF PFI Grant	(8,472)	(8,472)	(8,472)	-
Council Tax Income	(57,044)	(57,044)	(60,171)	(3,127)
Council Tax Income - Town and Parish Precepts	(163)	(163)	(164)	(1)
Transfer from/to Collection Fund - Council Tax	538	538	(755)	(1,293)
Transfer from/to Collection Fund - NNDR	7,345	7,345	6,859	(486)
Total Estimated Funding	(130,867)	(130,867)	(136,857)	(5,990)
(Use of)/Contribution to Specific Reserves	(4,463)	(4,463)	(13,146)	(8,683)
(Use of)/Contribution to General Fund Balance	52	445	-	(52)
Funding Gap Remaining	-	-	-	-

Balancing the 2022/23 Budget

The table below summarises the way in which the Budget Gap for 2022/23 (as presented in the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Finance Council on 1st March 2021) has changed over the past 12 months to produce a balanced budget as required by statute

	£000	£000
Budget Deficit for 2022/23 (as reported to the Finance Council on 1st March 2021)		(5,630)
Change in Resources		
Core Grant Funding		
Reduction in estimate of Business Rates income due to freeze of Multiplier	(2,552)	
Additional Revenue Support Grant	283	
		(2,269)
Other Grant Funding		
New Homes Bonus	821	
Improved Better Care Fund	246	
Social Care Grant	3,888	
Market Sustainability and Fair Funding	516	
Lower Tier Services Grant	341	
Services Grants	3,072	
Business Rates S31 grant	3,368	
Extended Rights to Free Travel	(31)	
Total Other Government Resources		12,221
Change in Council Tax Income (including Collection Fund Surplus)	2,087	
Change in NNDR Collection Fund Deficit	(6,514)	
Total Council Resources		(4,427)
Inflationary uplifts in costs (incl National Living Wage, Pension Contributions, Contract Costs)	(3,157)	
Revenue implications of Digital Strategy	(285)	
Dealing with Ash Dieback	(165)	
Increase in National Insurance costs due to Health and Social Care Levy	(411)	
Special Guardianship Orders	(1,000)	
Provision for dealing with Climate Change	(300)	
Budget Investment Proposals (see Main Report)	(993)	
Budget Efficiency Proposals (see Main Report and Appendix C)	2,065	
Portfolio controllable budgets		(4,246)
Contingencies for inflation etc.		(2,765)
Change in Revenue Contribution to Capital		(6,351)
Interest paid / received and MRP		333
Change in Revenue Contribution to Capital		(92)
Change in the use of Reserves and Balances		13,226
Budget Deficit for 2022/23 (as reported to the Finance Council on 28th February 2022)		-