

Appendix 1 - Proposed Budget Pressures

Chief Executive					
Reference	Service Activity	Title	Description	2023/24 £m	Total MTFS £m
PCUST231	CE-Corporate Customer Services	Telephony costs	The cost of our telephony licences has increased	0.005	0.005
PLAND231	CE-Land Charges	Land Charges LLC1 income	The national project to migrate Land Charges services to HM Land Registry will result in a loss of income for the Council	0.065	0.065
PPERF231	CE-Performance	Licenses for Performance Management System	We have had to purchase more licenses for our performance management system, following the decoupling from Oxfordshire County Council	0.009	0.009
PAFFH231	COM-Housing Assets	Repairs and Maintenance	High inflation costs mean we need a further £75k for essential repairs and maintenance	0.060	0.075
PAFFH232	COM-Housing Assets	Town Centre House pressures	Loss of income due to the building being vacant whilst roof is repaired	0.266	-
PLEIS232	CE-Leisure Facilities	Utility Costs	We are predicting higher costs due to utility prices increasing	0.320	0.320
			Total	0.725	0.474

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Communities					
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PCARP231	COM-Car Parking	Adjusting the Car Parks income budget from 2023/24	Car Parking income dropped significantly during the covid pandemic and has not returned to pre pandemic levels due to changes in work patterns, reduced retail offers in town centres and the current cost of living crisis. It is not anticipated that car parking income will return to previous levels and therefore the income target must be adjusted.	0.800	0.845
PPCON231	COM-Public Conveniences	Increased costs for cleaning and maintenance contract for public conveniences	The cleaning and maintenance of our public conveniences is contracted out and expected to rise in line with inflation and resourcing pressures for the new contract in 23/24 and onwards	0.010	0.010
PWAST231	COM-Waste & Recycling	Additional crew and vehicle for growth of the district	Housing growth in the district is rising rapidly, which means a new waste crew is required approximately every 3 years. As this is entirely dependent on the level of housing growth we cannot predict exactly when this need will arise. We anticipate needing an additional crew in 2026/27 and we have identified an additional vehicle through the vehicle replacement programme.	-	0.170
PWAST233	COM-Waste & Recycling	Food Waste Transfer station fees	Operationally to move the food waste collected in Banbury to the processing plant in Cassington we use a transfer station. We are hoping to share the transfer costs with OCC but in the meantime are incurring the full £80,000 transfer costs.	0.080	0.080
PWAST234	COM-Waste & Recycling	Dry Recycling, Glass and Residual Costs	Increase in recycling costs	0.050	0.050
PEMPL231	COM-Emergency Planning	Inflationary costs in relation to the Council's Emergency Planning responsibilities	Cherwell District Council is supported by Oxfordshire County Council to prepare for and respond to emergency incidents that may arise in the district. Cherwell District Council pays for this support through a service level agreement with the County Council which includes provision for the rise in staffing costs	0.001	0.005
PLICE231	COM-Licensing	Reduction in licensing income	Levels of income for the Council's licensing function have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. We expect this trend to continue, which leaves a shortfall in the Council's licensing budget	0.040	0.040
PCSAF231	COM-Community Safety	Reduced contributions for public space CCTV	The Council provides public space CCTV in Cherwell. A small proportion of the cost of this CCTV network is met from partner contributions. Partners have reduced their contributions to this cost and therefore the council is now required to meet a greater proportion if the monitoring is to continue at the same level of service.	0.008	0.008
Total				0.989	1.208

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Resources					
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PITBS231	RES-IT - Business Systems, Support & Infrastructure	Increased Data Centre Costs	We are predicting the costs from running the cloud data centre environment to be greater than currently budgeted	0.050	0.050
PITBS232	RES-IT - Business Systems, Support & Infrastructure	Spatial Mapping and Local Land Property Gazetteer (LLPG) Address system support & maintenance	Additional support & maintenance costs for Spatial mapping and LLPG address systems, which are not currently included in the base budget	0.019	0.019
PITBS234	RES-IT - Business Systems, Support & Infrastructure	Reduction in income	Cost recovery from Oxfordshire County Council for sharing of IT services ceased following decoupling	0.033	0.033
PFOS231	RES-Finance - Corporate Costs	Electronic Bank Transfer/Card Processing costs.	Additional costs from an increase in electronic transactions by card and bank transfers	0.070	0.070
PFOS232	RES-Finance - Corporate Costs	Insurance premium increase	We are expecting an increase of 15%-20% when we renew our insurance contracts	0.063	0.063
PFREV231	RES-Finance - Revs & Bens	Additional mandatory Department for Work and Pension reporting requirements	Additional work is required from a new DWP project including Housing Benefit Full Case Reviews (FCRs), Housing Benefit Matching Service (HBMS) referrals and Self-employed Earnings Reviews (SERs)	0.031	0.031
PFREV232	RES-Finance - Revs & Bens	Computer software and licencing	Additional costs of computer licences and a new cloud based product	0.040	0.040
PDEMO233	RES-Democratic/Legal	New Legal Team structure	Cost of establishing our own legal team following the decoupling with Oxfordshire County Council	0.149	0.118
PINVP232	RES-Investment Properties	Reduced income	Removing unachievable income target	0.012	0.012
PPREV231	RES-Property - Corporate (Revenue)	Bodicote House Utilities	Increase in energy and utility pricing	0.020	0.020
			Total	0.487	0.456
			Total Pressures	2.201	2.138