

## Appendix 15 - General Balances Risk Assessment

Risk	Mitigation	Likelihood	Probability Weighted potential impact
Business Rates Appeals being 1% Greater than current assumptions	Provision has been made for a prudent level of appeals.	15%	0.360
Business Rates Growth Forecasts optimistic	Business rates forecast based on latest intelligence of businesses included on the ratings list.	25%	0.125
Council Tax growth forecasts optimistic	Council tax forecasts are based on planning approvals the Council has given.	25%	0.050
Council Tax Support Claimants greater than budgeted	The taxbase projections have assumed the current level of CTS claimants continues.	25%	0.004
Outcome of the Government Fair Funding Review	The outcome may not be in line with current financial planning assumptions of neutral in real terms. There is potential for both improvements and deterioration. But not expected to take place until 2025/26 at the earliest.	30%	0.000
Inflation runs at higher than rate assumed in MTFS	Budget assumes inflationary impacts.	25%	0.020
Pay Inflation runs at 1% higher than rate assumed	Budget assumes inflationary impact of pay award.	25%	0.075
1% unbudgeted rise in short-term and long-term interest rates	The Council has factored in to the budget prudent assumptions about interest rates at which it will borrow in 2024/25	50%	0.200
Delivering the savings programme and identifying future savings.	The Council has scrutinised the savings proposals included within the budget, but anticipate having to identify significant savings in the medium term.	25%	1.875
Reductions in car park income	The Council is reviewing its car parking charges as part of the 2023/24 budget with a view to maximising the amount of income it can generate. A reduction in the base income assumptions has also been factored into the budget.	25%	0.100
Commercial Risk	Regular reviews take place of the Council's commercial interests and the latest estimates have been used when setting the budget.	25%	2.250
Loans, Guarantees and Bonds	Regular reviews take place with the companies that loans and guarantess are given to in order to ensure that they are on a stable financial footing.	1%	1.030
Exceeding the 5% Partial Exemption VAT limit	VAT Returns are carried out monthly to HMRC and the VAT position monitored appropriately.	10%	0.040
<b>Total</b>			<b>6.129</b>