

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee
Thursday 9 December 2021

Decision Report (2) Budget 2022/23

1 BUDGET 2022/2023

Recommendation

Consider and resolve to agree the recommended Environment Committee budget for 2022/23 and the probable outturn for 2021/22, for consideration by the Governance Committee.

Ward

Not ward specific.

Risk Analysis

A budget and precept must be set for the next financial year to ensure the finance available for services. Within this process each Committee considers its own budget for consideration by the Governance Committee, which will ensure Council receive a well thought out mix of services and spending for approval.

Objective

To promote good governance of the Town Council by adopting transparent practices.

Report

The details given in the table below has been prepared by officers on the basis of current areas of expenditure and this Committees considerations for inclusion within the budget for next financial year, 2022/23.

Each area of finance has been reviewed and generally inflation between 3 and 4% has been applied.

From the information below there is a reduction in spending between the Original Estimate of £550k to the Probable of £522k. The **main** variances resulting in the difference are:

Variance between Original Estimate and Probable	
Area of Expenditure	Amount £k
Partnership Underspend 2020/21	-13
Bus Shelters	-7
Litter Bins	-2
Play Areas	-11

From the information below there is an increase in spending between the 2021/22 Estimate of £550k to the proposed 2022/23 Estimate of £593k. The **main** variances resulting in the difference are:

Variance between 2021/22 Estimate and Estimate 2022/23	
Area of Expenditure	Amount £k
Partnership	22
Litter Bins	-2
Play Areas	23

Shown below is the detail of the individual budget headings which form the proposed budget for 2022/23.

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Deputy Town Clerk
2 December 2021

Details	Budget 2021/22	Probable 2021/22	Proposed Estimates 2022/23	
ENVIROMENTAL COMMITTEE				
ALLOTMENTS				
Allotments Bolam Avenue - Water Rates	2,500	4,000		
Bolam Avenue sub-total	2,500	4,000	3,000	
Allotments Twentieth Avenue - Water Rates (South Farm)	2,000	2,000		
Twentieth Avenue sub-total	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Allotments South View (Twentythird Avenue) - Water Rates	650	500		
South View sub-total	650	500	650	
Allotments Newsham Side Club - Water Rates	2,600	2,200		
Newsham Side Club sub-total	2,600	2,200	2,600	
Allotments Beatrice Avenue (old & new gardens) - Water Rates	1,500	1,200		
Allotments Beatrice Avenue - Skips	200	0		
Allotments Beatrice Avenue New Gardens - Skips	200	240		
Beatrice Avenue sub-total	1,900	1,440	1,740	
Allotments Tenth Avenue - Water Rates	350	300		
Allotments Tenth Avenue - Skips	150	150		
Tenth Avenue sub-total	500	450	500	
Allotments Delaval Gardens - Water Rates	250	120		
Allotments Delaval Gardens - Skips	150	150		
Delaval Gardens sub-total	400	270	400	
Allotments Laverock Place - Water Rates	300	50		
Allotments Laverock Place - Skips	150	150		
Laverock Place sub-total	450	200	350	
Allotments Bebside - Water Rates	900	600		
Allotments Bebside - Skips	200	240		

DETAILS	Budget 2021/22	Probable 2021/22	Proposed Estimates 2022/23	
Bebside sub-total	1,100	840	1,140	
Allotments Wensleydale - Water Rates	1,500	1,200		
Allotments Wensleydale - Skips	200	240		
Wensleydale Allotment sub-total	1,700	1,440	1,740	
Allotments Planned Maintenance Programme	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Allotments Ongoing Repairs/Maintenance	3,000	1,000	3,000	
Allotments Contingencies	2,000	1,000	1,000	
Income				
Allotment Rents	35,134	35,335	35,130	
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Workforce	296,330	296,330	318,190	Appren tice costs of £10k added in
Income				
Possible Under-spent Budget	0			
NCC & BTC Partnership - projects & maintenance				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Additional Planting				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Bus Shelters - Repairs				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Play Area Repairs/Maintenance				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Seat Repairs				
NCC & BTC Partnership - Other expenditure/projects				
Total Expenditure Code 710				
Income				
Court Payments for Vandalism	0			
NET Exp/Inc Code 710	55,000	55,000	55,000	

DETAILS	Budget 2021/22	Probable 2021/22	Proposed Estimates 2022/23	
Bus Shelters (new)	14,500	7,250	14,500	
Seats	5,200	5,200	5,000	
Litter Bins	8,000	5,000	6,000	
CCTV - Play Areas	14,600	14,600	14,600	
CCTV - Deployable and Market Place	8,500	8,500	8,500	
CCTV - General/Recovery of Footage	1,200	1,500	2,000	
Installation of seats and bins	4,000	4,000	4,120	
War Memorials	2,000	2,600	2,680	
Play Areas Renewal				
Play Areas General				
Play Areas Renewal – Annual Playground Project – Expenditure				
Total Expenditure Code 770				
Income				
Play Areas Income	0			
Total Income Code 770				
NET Exp/Inc Code 770	72,000	60,513	95,000	incl bark change etc
Defibrillators	1,000	1,000	1,250	
Environmental Enforcement Officer	44,000	44,000	45,320	
Northumbria and Blyth in Bloom	5,000	1,000	3,000	
Environmental Services - General Equipment etc	500	300	500	
Emergencies/Future Development Projects	25,000	25,000	25,000	
High Street Scheme	0	0	0	
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOTAL EXPENDITURE	585,630	557,133	628,780	
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOTAL INCOME	35,134	35,335	35,130	
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NET EXP/INC	550,496	521,798	593,650	