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MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	SKELETON BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	Notes
Staff Salaries	£199,744	£199,744	As Personnel Committee
NI Contributions	£20,475	£20,475	As Personnel Committee
Pension Contributions	£36,154	£36,154	As Personnel Committee
Staff Expenses (Phone, Mileage, Clothing)	£3,000	£3,000	Small increase
Staff Training	£3,500	£3,500	Small increase
Office Rental	£6,500	£6,500	Increase has never been applied so would expect significant notice if there was expected increase, none received
Office Service Charges	£0	£0	No charge therefore no commitment
Meeting Hire	£1,000	£1,000	23 scheduled meetings + 5 ad hoc, currently £30 but factored in increase
ATC Vehicle Costs	£6,402	£6,402	Actual costs for lease
Storage Unit (Green Lane)	£6,702	£6,702	Actual cost for rent + EST energy which includes electric charging
Tools & Equipment	£6,000	£6,000	Spent £5k in 22/23 so expect an increase
Office, Stationery & Sundries	£4,500	£4,500	Spent almost £4k in 22/23, but this is a budget decrease due to efficiencies
Telecoms & IT	£6,000	£6,000	Maintained similar budget but seeking updated system
Professional Expenses	£2,000	£2,000	Spent £1,860 in 22/23 suggested rounding increase
Publicity & Comms	£2,300	£2,300	Spent £1,372 in 22/23. £2,300 represents last years' figure and would allow promotional videos and attendance at others events
Audit Fee	£2,750	£2,750	Maintained at same
Insurance	£6,750	£6,750	Slight increase to allow for increase in assets value.
Subscriptions	£5,300	£5,300	Maintained at same
Civic Head Expenses	£500	£500	
Member Training	£4,500	£4,500	As per Personnel rec'd
Sub Total		£324,078	

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RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES	SKELETON BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
Events, Community & Engagement		£63,000	New sub-heading. The £23k provided in the events headings has been increased by £40k, with specific allocations to be agreed at a later date.
Community Fair Day	£8,000		This was previously £8k
Northumberland Miners	£10,000		Historic Contribution of £10k
Christmas Lights Switch-On Event	£2,500		Sufficient for event as planned in 2022/indoor element
Town Twinning	£500		No spending in 22/23, consider invite to Remscheid
Commemorative & Civic Events	£2,000		Spent almost £2k in 22/23, consider Coronation
Gardens Competition	£650	£0	Spent almost £650 in 22/23, significant time factor, not supported
Play Areas (Capital)	£0	£0	Asset Reserve and Funding expected for 1 play area
Play Areas (General)	£7,000	£7,000	Cost of repairs based on previous years
Hirst Park (MOU)	£23,680	£23,680	Cost of maintenance support, not development.
Christmas Lights Displays	£25,000	£27,500	Contract Hire Cost plus contingency. No cost for additional lights, this would need to be increased if additional lights planned. 10% added for new features
Allotments (Capital)	£77,000	£77,000	Costs for alkathene piping at Woodhorn, Nursery Park, Seaton Hirst and Green Lane. Roadways at Woodhorn
Allotments (General)	£10,000	£10,000	Lease Costs (GL £174, SH £2,400, HEE £1,110, NSC £320), Water WH £5,200, Water NP £500. Other costs associated with skips and clearances could be capped at allotment rental income. £7.50/plot x 800 plots
Sub Total		£208,180	

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	SKELETON BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
ATC Neighbourhood Partnership Agreement	£236,700	£236,700	Actual cost with inflationary increase
Environmental Enforcement Officer (SLA)	£22,721	£0	Considered at FGS in January 2023. Increase from £22,030 in 22/23 based on 5% increase in salary costs and 24% increase in fuel. REMOVED
Environmental Enhancements	£27,727	£48,727	Regular Town Planting (not sustainable) is circa £25k. £2,727 for JC Statue and Football Environs. Costs being sought for ideas from Stephen and NSO team. £3,500 additional allocated per ward.
Climate Change Projects & Initiatives	£40,000	£40,000	£40k is the previous commitment; this requires plans to support
Bus Shelters (Capital)	£28,000	£28,000	EST for x4 Bus Shelters
Bus Shelters (General)	£6,000	£6,000	Cost of repairs based on previous years
Seats	£1,500	£1,500	Most money is spent from NSO tools and equipment. Seats are well kept. If more seats are planned this needs to be increased.
Litter Bins	£8,000	£8,000	x24 new litter bins
Memorials	£1,000	£1,000	Notional amount to cover any works. Consideration from Stephen for Memorial Garden to be added
Subtotal		£369,927	
GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	SKELETON BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
Community Support		£100,000	New sub-heading. The £82,970 that was previously in grants, sponsorship and subsidies has been increased to £100k, with specific allocations to be agreed at a later date.
Youth Support		£20,000	New allocation for development of plans
Grant Aid	£64,250		Spent £64,250 in 22/23 (+£5,250 moved in)
Small Grants	£17,470		Budget started at £8k, but was increased to £17,470 later in the year

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Subsidies & Sponsorship	£1,250		Spent £1k Hirst Running Club, £250 MVC
Subtotal		£120,000	
OTHER SERVICES	SKELETON BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	
Election Expenses (Full Council)	£0	£0	Held in reserve fund with annual increase to cover 2025 costs
Election Expenses (Casual Vacancies)	£8,500	£8,400	By-Election in 22/23 cost £8,200
CCTV Provision (Town Centre)	£6,000	£10,000	Current system costs £5,724. An improved system would require more investment. Increased by £4k.
CCTV Provision (Play/Other)	£10,000	£10,000	Approx, £10k for systems at Paddock Wood, Alexandra Rd and People's Park. Additional CCTV was added at woods and People's Park Car Park but not contracted in 2023/24 (additional £5,292k)
Interactive Cameras	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500 budget?
Town-wide Survey			This budget started at £35k but money was moved out. No allocation.
Subtotal		£30,900	
Total	£972,026	£1,053,085	
PROPOSED BUDGET	£1,053,085		
Earmarked Reserves	£97,000.00		
General Reserves & Contingency	£175,000		

25% of expenditure budget (excluding Partnership and Capital)

Contingency figures are not set in stone but suggested that they should be maintained at 3 months Net Revenue Expenditure (NRE). The figures in purple are not included.

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ACTUAL AND PROJECTED FIGURES

Cashbook Balance (December)	£754,600
VAT due back (+)	£60,349
Income received, not reconciled (+)	£6,000
Income Expected (+) s106 Windfarm Funding	£26,229
Income Expected (+) s106 Play Area Funding	£7,308
Income Expected Cllr Ball Defib (+)	£2,470
Other Income Expected (+)	£4,472
Committed Spending to the year end (-)	-£373,204
EOY Expected Balances	£488,224
Earmarked Reserves	-£97,000
General Reserves and Contingency	-£175,000
Use of Balances	£216,224
Proposed Budget 2023/24	£1,053,085
Precept	£836,861

1	Precept 2023/24	836,861	=	106.94	Band D Equivalent				
2	Band D 2023/24 Indicative Tax Base	7,825.55							
3	Valuation Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
4	Qoutient -	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	2
5		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
6	ATC - Council Tax 2023/24	71.29	83.18	95.06	106.94	130.70	154.47	178.23	213.88
7	Monthly Instalment 2023/24	5.94	6.93	7.92	8.91	10.89	12.87	14.85	17.82
8	(12 payable instalments)								
9	ATC Council Tax 2023/24	71.29	83.18	95.06	106.94	130.70	154.47	178.23	213.88
10	2023/24 Proposed Increase %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
11	20223/24 Proposed Annual Increase £	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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