

Finance and IT

Budget 2023/24

Appendix 11 Director of Finance and IT Budget Proposals

Purpose and Priorities

Information Technology underpins and supports the strategic objectives of the organisation and has a fundamental role to play in improving efficiency, streamlining business processes, enabling new delivery mechanisms and underpinning transformation change programmes. The service aims to provide pro-active advice and guidance, consistently high quality support and training, fit for purpose equipment and solutions, high speed, resilient connectivity, robust and secure infrastructure, full disaster recovery facilities for on-premise hosted systems, high quality accessible websites and effective Cyber Security.

Financial Management is responsible for making arrangements for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. Responsibilities include:

- To prepare the annual revenue budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan
- To prepare the Capital Programme
- Monthly Budget Monitoring and Forecasting
- To produce the statutory Annual Accounts
- Cash, banking and Treasury Management activities
- To contribute to sound governance controls including Internal Audit, Fraud, Risk, Insurance and Information Governance.
- To provide consistently high quality financial advice to allow good decision-making and ensure value for money is achieved
- To embed a culture of pro-active good governance to protect the Council's resources
- To actively contribute to securing additional funds for the local authority such as lobbying, identifying and supporting bids for additional income and delivering income generation proposals

The objective of the internal audit service is to provide Council management and the Audit Panel/Greater Manchester Pension Fund Local Board with an independent assessment of the quality of their internal controls and administrative processes, and provide recommendations for continuous improvement.

The Council's risk management and business continuity strategies promote good risk mitigation practice across all Services. The Council's insurance programme ensures adequate cover is placed for the organisation's insurable assets and liabilities, and progresses insurance claims alongside our external claims handlers. The IG Team helps ensure staff compliance with the Information Governance framework, provides advice and training to Service colleagues on IG risks and UK GDPR regulations, and investigates data breach incidents to check whether to notify the regulator or consider data process improvements.

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Spend Analysis	Revenue Budget £
Expenditure	
Employees	6,722,107
Premises Related Expenditure	350,370
Transport Related Expenditure	197,865
Supplies and Services	5,394,520
Recharge Expenses	17,005
Capital Items & Reserve Movements	(845,655)
Third Party Payments	234,005
Expenditure Total	12,070,217
Income	
Recharge Income	(1,423,615)
Customer and Client Receipts	(525,735)
Government Grant Income	(143,370)
Other Income	(47,243)
Income Total	(2,139,963)
Grand Total	9,930,254

Service Area	Revenue Budget £
Digital Tameside	4,738,360
Financial Management	3,488,920
Risk Management & Audit Services	1,702,974
Grand Total	9,930,254

Digital Tameside Investment Programme	22/23 Forecast £000s	2023/24 Budget £000s	2024/25 Estimate £000s
Systems	920	978	1,047
AOB Data Centre	200	252	250
Networks & Telephony	122	150	153
Cyber Security	145	145	127
ICT replacements & investments	303	941	856
AOL Data Centre	70	102	102
Device replacement	448	797	390
GRAND TOTAL	2,207	3,364	2,926