

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES



**Newark
TOWN COUNCIL**

Quarterly Budget Analysis Report

Financial Year : 23/24

Quarter : 3 and 4

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Recommendation: That the report is noted albeit questions can be raised at the meeting or in advance directly to the RFO.

Introduction and Background

The attached Appendix 1 is a direct print out from the Council's finance software. Appendix 1 is an income/expenditure-based report which is influenced by invoices raised and received. It is not a reflection of physical cash receipts.

General Overview

At the time of writing this report the year end is days away and so can now gain quite an accurate picture of where we will stand at year end.

At the time of producing the 2 Appendices attached the following total figures are shown.

Total Income £1,981,548

Total Expenditure £2,091,621

At first glance this may appear to be an overspend of **£110,074.00**. As presented, that is the case however there are factors within the figures that need to be taken into account that heavily impact on the final income / expenditure revenue totals for the 23/24 financial year which are further explained below.

1. Newark Heart

The expenditure figure includes Newark Heart Towns Fund project costs of £106,059.00. This is not part of the Council's general revenue costs as it is separately funded but does have to be recorded in the accounts. The mis year, year-end projections shown in the budget report do not

take account of these costs. The Newark Heart funding was explained in a previous budget report.

2. Boardwalk

The Boardwalk costs of £46,522 should be disregarded for 23/24 revenue costs. The cost was agreed to be met from reserves and not annual revenue costs.

3. Town Hall Maintenance

There is £44,902.00 of expenditure in the Town Hall maintenance budget which is also a reserve funded cost and should be disregarded for the annual revenue costs.

The total value of the 3 items of expenditure mentioned above is £197,483.00.

4. Community Infrastructure Levy

There is £21,855.00 of Community Infrastructure Levy funding income which is accounted for through reserves and should be disregarded for income purposes.

Taking account of 1-4 above the revised revenue totals are:

Income £1,959,693

Expenditure £1,894,138

This is a revenue surplus of **£65,555.00** albeit there are small amounts of further income and expenditure to be accounted for before the year end although greater income than expenditure is likely so the final year end surplus is expected to be slightly higher than the figure above.

The mid-year projections shown in the budget report which also disregard items 1 to 4 above generated a forecast surplus of **£48,571.00**. The current position is therefore slightly better than the mid year forecast. This is welcome however should be treated with caution.

The Council has many areas that require investment. This was evident from the recent FGP report regarding estate maintenance and repairs. The reserve position has weakened significantly during the course of the financial year and generally the financial outlook both now and in the medium term remains as one of serious concern. The wider financial challenges have been fully documented as part of the 24/25 budget reports.

The starting budgets for the 23/24 financial year were :

Income £1,831,930

Expenditure £1,831,930

Additional income of £127,763.00 has therefore been achieved.

Additional unbudgeted expenditure of £62,208 has been incurred. Much of this will stem from additional salary costs and a higher than budgeted Grounds Maintenance SLA (Service Level Agreement) cost.

General Items of Note

1. In the 23/24 financial year there have been some specific HR challenges. The detail is confidential and cannot be part of this public report. Some of the costs however can be seen from the much higher costs than had been budgeted for in the Occupational Health budget. Overall additional costs in excess of £13,000 have been incurred.
2. Salary costs overall are more than was forecast at the beginning of the financial year. This has been documented and referred to previously and arose from a higher than anticipated national pay agreement increases. Many Councils in the sector also failed to budget for the higher than anticipated increases.
3. Inflation and Consumer Price Index rises had a big impact on the Councils grounds maintenance contract whereby the annual cost is dictated by rises in the Consumer Price Index. This again has been previously documented in an earlier budget report.
4. Delays in securing a museum curator and the Admin Support Officer only starting their role at beginning of the 3rd quarter did save some salary costs during the year.
5. Election costs for the May 2023 elections were more than budgeted for. Overall, the costs of the election were over £6,000 more than the 2019 elections.

Overall Summary

As expected some areas have performed better than forecast in so far as income is concerned. Some areas of expenditure have been less than forecast but other areas have been more. As previously reported the RFO anticipates slowly improving the accuracy of budgets as he continues develop a better understanding of all areas of the Councils financial undertakings and embeds alongside the Councils new accountants different and improved accounting processes into the structure of the Council.

The revenue surplus identified represents around 3.4% of the total turnover. This is a very small margin. Subtle variances in income and expenditure across all services could easily have resulted in an overspend.

Annual Budget - By Centre (Actual YTD Month 12)

Note: DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

101	Central Establishment	Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024			Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
		95,000	107,833	95,000	0	85,000	0
Total Income							
1870	Income-Interest Received	95,000	107,833	95,000	0	85,000	0
4000	Mayor's Allowance 2023/2024	0	0	0	0	0	0
4001	Mayor's Allowance 2022/2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
4002	Mayor Making	0	0	0	0	0	0
4004	Civic Functions	0	0	0	0	0	0
4007	Operation London Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4010	Mayoral Car	0	0	0	0	0	0
4011	Badges Shields Insignia	0	0	0	0	0	0
4019	Subsistence,Travel/Vehicles	1,000	372	600	0	750	0
4020	Honoraria Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0
4021	Uniforms and PPE	4,000	3,926	3,850	25	4,000	0
4022	Staff Training inc H & S	5,000	3,416	4,750	0	6,000	0
4023	Appointments & Advertising	1,500	419	750	0	1,000	0
4024	Protective Clothing & Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
4025	Printing & Stationery	5,000	4,814	4,250	0	4,500	0
4026	NCP Car Park	668	668	668	0	750	0
4027	Postage	3,000	3,029	2,900	0	2,800	0
4028	Telephones	7,940	6,078	6,950	0	6,500	0
4029	Computers	17,000	18,733	15,500	0	19,000	0
4031	External Audit Fees	2,500	2,520	2,520	0	2,750	0
4032	Office Equipment	2,000	827	1,750	0	6,000	0

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	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>						<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward		
4033 Economic Development	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4034 Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4036 Conferences and Seminars	0	495	750	0	800	0	0	0	0
4037 Website & Social Media	1,000	0	299	0	500	0	0	0	0
4038 Internal Audit Fee	2,450	2,100	2,100	0	3,880	0	0	0	0
4039 Bank Charges	4,000	3,587	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	0	0
4041 Subscriptions	800	590	800	0	800	0	0	0	0
4042 Defibrillator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4044 Grants to Voluntary Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4045 Grant - St Mary's Parish Chur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4048 Grant - Citizens Advice Bureau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4049 Grant - Nwk Twinning Assoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4059 Occupational Health	1,500	4,583	4,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
4061 Election Costs	29,500	33,384	29,500	0	6,000	0	0	0	0
4129 Insurance	4,230	3,143	3,143	0	3,500	0	0	0	0
4137 Consultancy/Professional	19,900	15,562	17,500	2,000	20,000	0	0	0	0
4765 Mayoral Robes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4898 Pension Strain	0	3,287	4,376	0	4,376	0	0	0	0
4900 Payroll Gross	219,985	218,396	211,668	0	298,121	0	0	0	0
4901 Employers NI	18,280	23,907	23,416	0	61,704	0	0	0	0
4902 Employer Pension	45,037	49,009	48,000	0	58,061	0	0	0	0
4915 Staff Overtime	0	13,195	12,000	0	10,000	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure						2,025	527,792	0	0
401,290						416,039	406,040	2,025	

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Annual Budget - By Centre (Actual YTD Month 12)

Note: DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024				Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
		(306,290)	(308,206)	(311,040)		(442,792)		
102	Mayoral/Civic							
1018	Sikorski Statue	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0
1770	Income-Museum	0	34	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	3,034	3,000	0	0	0	0
4000	Mayor's Allowance 2023/2024	2,000	1,690	2,000	0	2,000	0	0
4002	Mayor Making	600	293	293	0	400	0	0
4008	Mayors Sunday	500	559	559	0	550	0	0
4009	Plough Sunday	200	525	200	0	250	0	0
4010	Mayoral Car	2,800	4,323	4,373	0	4,029	0	0
4011	Badges Shields Insignia	2,600	2,636	2,636	1,021	1,500	0	0
4012	Mayoral Car Fuel	1,000	524	800	0	800	0	0
4013	Remembrance Sunday	1,900	2,027	1,900	0	1,900	0	0
4014	Hercules Clay	200	537	200	0	250	0	0
4015	Airbridge	900	674	646	0	750	0	0
4016	All Souls	250	348	225	0	250	0	0
4017	Battle of Britain	1,400	1,807	1,435	0	1,500	0	0
4018	Sikorski Statue	5,000	8,073	8,073	0	0	0	0
4020	Honoraria Payment	800	780	800	0	960	0	0
4137	Consultancy/Professional	2,940	2,563	2,940	0	2,940	0	0
4750	Twinning	0	1,540	0	0	750	0	0
4765	Mayoral Robes	300	15	0	0	300	0	0
4900	Payroll Gross	28,382	33,040	30,722	0	32,258	0	0

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		<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>			<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
4901	Employers NI	1,529	1,800	1,840	0	1,932	0
4902	Employer Pension	2,040	1,931	2,205	0	2,142	0
4915	Staff Overtime	0	642	800	0	750	0
	Overhead Expenditure	55,341	66,329	62,647	1,021	56,211	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(55,341)	(63,296)	(59,647)		(56,211)	
103	Grants						
4044	Grants to Voluntary Bodies	1,500	1,458	1,500	0	7,400	0
4045	Grant - St Mary's Parish Chur	1,850	1,850	1,850	0	0	0
4048	Grant - Citizens Advice Bureau	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
4049	Grant - Nwk Twinning Assoc	550	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	8,900	8,308	8,350	0	7,400	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(8,900)	(8,308)	(8,350)		(7,400)	
104	Public Realm						
1341	Newark in Bloom Hanging Basket	8,303	8,401	8,401	0	5,000	0
	Total Income	8,303	8,401	8,401	0	5,000	0
4042	Defibrillator	1,000	0	500	0	1,000	0
4052	Town Centre Bunting	3,510	6,660	3,510	0	5,000	0
4053	Boardwalk	0	46,522	0	0	1,000	0
4340	Floral Displays	40,000	30,466	30,425	0	40,000	0
	Overhead Expenditure	44,510	83,647	34,435	0	47,000	0

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	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024			Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
		(36,207)	(75,246)	(26,034)		(42,000)	
201	Town Hall						
1035	Refreshments	50	213	300	0	50	0
1160	Deposits 2025/2026	0	125	0	0	0	0
1162	Deposits 2024/2025	0	625	0	0	0	0
1163	TH Hire Fees	8,000	13,637	12,000	0	40,000	0
1168	Income-TH Bar Apr-June	2,000	3,898	3,898	0	5,000	0
1169	Income-TH Bar July-Sept	3,000	3,679	3,648	0	3,500	0
1170	Income-TH Bar Oct-Dec	1,000	3,521	1,603	0	2,000	0
1171	Income-TH Bar Jan-March	1,041	243	1,041	0	2,000	0
	Total Income	15,091	25,942	22,490	0	52,550	0
4035	Refreshments	1,000	1,189	1,300	0	1,500	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	15,000	60,293	15,000	828	15,000	0
4103	Electricity	11,000	8,864	10,000	0	16,875	0
4104	Gas	18,500	15,948	18,500	0	18,500	0
4105	Rates	22,716	22,705	22,716	0	23,200	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	2,500	2,698	2,500	0	2,500	0
4107	Rents	0	85	0	0	0	0
4122	Contractual Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
4125	Marketing and Promotions	0	0	0	0	5,000	0
4129	Insurance	7,810	7,337	7,337	0	7,703	0
4131	Subscriptions/Licences	750	778	750	0	750	0
4163	Booking Cost (Security)	0	2,459	2,500	0	5,000	0

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	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4168 Bar Costs April-June	1,000	5,442	5,442	0	5,000	0	0
4169 Bar Costs July-Sept	5,000	1,709	1,709	0	3,500	0	0
4170 Bar Costs Oct-Dec	500	1,418	902	0	2,000	0	0
4171 Bar Costs Jan-March	1,000	616	1,000	0	2,000	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4860 R and R Fund Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4900 Payroll Gross	13,688	37,248	38,336	0	80,730	0	0
4901 Employers NI	1,261	4,276	4,097	0	6,924	0	0
4902 Employer Pension	2,916	8,477	8,165	0	14,462	0	0
4915 Staff Overtime	20,000	5,038	6,000	0	3,000	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	124,641	186,579	146,254	828	213,644	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(109,550)	(160,637)	(123,764)	(161,094)			
202 Buttermarket							
1107 Rental Income	9,000	8,440	9,000	0	9,000	0	0
Total Income	9,000	8,440	9,000	0	9,000	0	0
4101 Maintenance and Equipment	0	64	0	0	0	0	0
4103 Electricity	4,000	3,274	4,000	0	4,000	0	0
4122 Contractual Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4861 Contingency	0	-20,512	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	4,000	-17,174	4,000	0	4,000	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	5,000	25,614	5,000	5,000			

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		Current Yr. up to 21/03/2024			Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
<u>203</u>	<u>Events/Christmas Lighting</u>						
1720	Sunday Band Concerts	1,800	745	745	0	500	0
1726	Income-Christmas Lights	0	1,100	1,100	0	1,500	0
1907	Armed Forces Day	0	4,285	2,069	0	2,500	0
	Total Income	1,800	6,130	3,914	0	4,500	0
4720	Sunday Band Concerts	1,800	3,689	3,689	0	4,000	0
4721	Brass Explosion	10,000	10,876	10,876	0	10,000	0
4723	Music Festival	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	25,000	0
4725	Christmas Lights Display	65,000	90,433	68,507	0	65,000	0
4726	Christmas Lights Switch On	13,000	18,463	16,000	0	15,000	0
4907	Armed Forces Day	0	2,772	2,772	0	3,000	0
	Overhead Expenditure	139,800	176,233	151,844	0	122,000	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(138,000)	(170,103)	(147,930)	(117,500)		
<u>301</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>						
1350	Income-Allotment Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0
1360	Income-Cemetery General Fees	70,000	96,782	90,000	0	95,000	0
1362	Income-Plinths/Memorial Tablet	15,000	32,546	27,000	0	20,000	0
1363	Deceased Online	0	76	76	0	0	0
	Total Income	85,000	129,403	117,076	0	115,000	0
4028	Telephones	3,750	5,169	3,750	0	3,750	0
4103	Electricity	1,360	1,630	1,360	0	1,350	0

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		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
4104	Gas	1,500	734	1,500	0	1,500	0
4105	Rates	8,923	8,907	7,127	0	8,923	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	2,000	828	1,200	0	1,800	0
4116	Green Flag	350	369	369	0	380	0
4129	Insurance	10,900	8,588	8,588	0	9,017	0
4310	Vehicle Running Costs	5,050	6,302	5,200	0	6,000	0
4311	Mowers & Equip Maintenance	6,500	4,189	3,000	0	5,000	0
4313	Fuel & Oils Mowers	0	37	0	0	0	0
4314	New Cemetery Machinery	12,000	0	12,000	0	6,000	0
4320	Equipment Tools & Materials	10,500	3,091	3,500	0	5,000	0
4322	Cemetery Upkeep of Grounds	30,000	35,418	28,500	-17	30,000	0
4360	General Cemetery Fees	0	1,194	2,500	0	1,500	0
4362	Plinths/Memorial Tablets	0	7,252	4,500	553	6,000	0
4363	Deceased Online	0	279	279	0	300	0
4830	R&R Fund Cemetery	0	0	0	0	0	0
4834	R&R Fund Tablets/Plinths	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4900	Payroll Gross	84,561	91,894	92,399	0	97,018	0
4901	Employers NI	6,485	6,511	6,519	0	6,844	0
4902	Employer Pension	15,216	11,509	11,460	0	12,033	0
4915	Staff Overtime	0	770	1,000	0	1,000	0
5020	Assets Capitalised	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve						
		199,095	194,672	194,751	536	203,415	0
		(114,095)	(65,269)	(77,675)		(88,415)	

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		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
302	Allotments							
1350	Income-Allotment Rents	8,000	9,590	8,238	0	10,208	0	0
	Total Income	8,000	9,590	8,238	0	10,208	0	0
4028	Telephones	0	38	38	0	50	0	0
4102	Maintenance - Allotments	10,000	9,179	8,500	138	10,000	0	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	9,000	636	4,000	0	5,000	0	0
4126	Security	4,800	1,074	1,074	0	0	0	0
4132	Gate Maintenance & Repairs	2,500	1,785	1,785	0	1,500	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	26,300	12,711	15,397	138	16,550	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(18,300)	(3,121)	(7,159)		(6,342)		
303	Environment & Climate Change							
1341	Newark in Bloom Hanging Basket	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1342	Community Infrastructure Levy	0	21,855	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	21,855	0	0	0	0	0
4050	Town Centre Sweeping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4116	Green Flag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4324	Emptying Dog Litter Bins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4325	Street Furniture	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0
4327	Tree Planting and Maintenance	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0
4328	Climate Change Projects	45,000	0	10,000	0			

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4340	Floral Displays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	45,000	0	10,000	0	25,000	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(45,000)	21,855	(10,000)	(25,000)			
401	Public Conveniences							
1619	Income Tolney Lane PCs	2,275	570	1,000	0	2,000	0	0
1620	Income St Marks PCs	4,000	2,408	3,000	0	4,000	0	0
1621	Income - Tolney Lane Kiosk	3,725	3,675	3,675	0	3,725	0	0
1622	Income - London Rd Kiosk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1650	PCs Agency Fees	35,700	35,700	35,700	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	45,700	42,353	43,375	0	9,725	0	0
4028	Telephones	715	407	600	0	715	0	0
4103	Electricity	9,000	7,065	7,500	0	8,000	0	0
4104	Gas	600	638	600	0	600	0	0
4105	Rates	0	2,847	0	0	0	0	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	2,500	3,714	5,000	0	4,500	0	0
4129	Insurance	1,475	1,371	1,371	0	1,450	0	0
4601	Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	14,600	10,000	235	5,000	0	0
4602	Material-Inc Cleaning	2,310	2,908	3,000	0	3,000	0	0
4603	Payment System Upgrade	10,000	0	10,000	0	0	0	0
4622	Contractual Services NSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>				<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>			
	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward	
4860 R and R Fund Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4900 Payroll Gross	100,366	100,195	102,279	0	88,652	0	0	0
4901 Employers NI	8,957	8,284	8,898	0	8,863	0	0	0
4902 Employer Pension	23,316	22,454	22,000	0	20,360	0	0	0
4915 Staff Overtime	0	15,141	14,000	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	164,239	179,624	185,248	235	141,140	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(118,539)	(137,271)	(141,873)	(131,415)				
410 Devolved Services								
1400 NSDC Grant	369,980	369,980	369,980	0	416,632	0	0	0
Total Income	369,980	369,980	369,980	0	416,632	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	369,980	369,980	369,980	416,632				
420 Market Place								
1103 Income Market Electricity	3,000	775	1,500	0	1,000	0	0	0
1125 Marketing & Promotion	0	250	250	0	0	0	0	0
1500 Market Income - Monday	7,500	5,881	6,500	0	6,500	0	0	0
1501 Market Income - Wednesday	31,000	33,994	31,000	0	27,500	0	0	0
1502 Market Income - Thursday	6,000	7,690	7,000	0	5,500	0	0	0
1503 Market Income - Friday	22,000	20,320	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0
1504 Market Income - Saturday	45,000	47,226	45,000	0	38,000	0	0	0
1505 Market Income - Special	6,000	6,599	6,000	0	5,000	0	0	0
1507 Income Caterer/Butcher	5,000	13,032	14,000	0	4,000	0	0	0
1509 Newark Book Festival	0	80	80	0	0	0	0	0

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	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>					<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward	
1510 Spring Food Fayre	0	225	225	0	0	0	0	
1511 Festival Fun Market	0	105	70	0	0	0	0	
1512 Armed Forces Day Market	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1513 Newark Traditions Festival	0	40	40	0	0	0	0	
1514 Xmas Lights	1,500	1,615	1,500	0	1,200	0	0	
1515 Xmas Markets	5,000	5,944	5,000	0	4,000	0	0	
1516 Craft & Artisan Sunday Mkt	1,000	458	800	0	500	0	0	
1518 Steampunk Market	0	1,673	1,601	0	500	0	0	
1535 Towns Fund Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1540 Scrap Yard Receipts	0	1,142	44	0	0	0	0	
Total Income	133,000	147,048	140,610	0	113,700	0	0	
4025 Printing & Stationery	900	956	900	0	900	0	0	
4029 Computers	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	
4065 Refuse Disposal	28,500	17,270	18,500	0	20,000	0	0	
4101 Maintenance and Equipment	2,000	4,422	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	
4103 Electricity	8,000	8,847	8,000	0	8,000	0	0	
4105 Rates	30,208	30,208	30,208	0	32,000	0	0	
4110 Contribution Repairs & Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4111 Equipment & Tools	3,500	4,841	4,000	0	3,500	0	0	
4112 Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4124 Security - Market Place	850	0	850	0	850	0	0	
4125 Marketing and Promotions	30,000	30,677	30,000	0	30,000	0	0	
4129 Insurance	850	712	712	0	750	0	0	
4131 Subscriptions/Licences	800	704	704	0	750	0	0	

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	Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024						Next Year Agreed Budget		
	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward		
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4900 Payroll Gross	129,792	133,039	118,428	0	124,349	0	0	0	0
4901 Employers NI	13,104	12,511	11,998	0	8,994	0	0	0	0
4902 Employer Pension	27,644	29,761	25,227	0	21,384	0	0	0	0
4915 Staff Overtime	0	12,251	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
5020 Assets Capitalised	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure									
420 Net Income over Expenditure	-143,148	-139,167	-123,917	0	-147,777	0	0	0	0
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve									
421 Newark Heart									
1421 CHN Grant	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1723 Music Festival	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income									
4022 Staff Training inc H & S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4023 Appointments & Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4025 Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4027 Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4028 Telephones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4029 Computers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4032 Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4036 Conferences and Seminars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024			Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
4041	Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
4125	Marketing and Promotions	0	6,231	0	0	0	0
4421	Newark Heart 23/24	200,000	0	0	0	0	0
4723	Music Festival	0	41,319	0	0	0	0
4726	Christmas Lights Switch On	0	0	0	0	0	0
4730	Newark on Sea Event	0	33,664	0	0	0	0
4731	Scarefest	0	0	0	0	0	0
4732	Jubilee	0	0	0	0	0	0
4733	Traditions Festival	0	0	0	0	0	0
4734	Town Centre Cycle Race	0	0	0	0	0	0
4735	Xmas Markets Enhancement	0	0	0	0	0	0
4736	Nwk Market Entertainment Enh	0	0	0	0	0	0
4737	Business Engagement Meetings	0	778	0	0	0	0
4738	Kings Coronation	0	2,681	0	0	0	0
4739	Food & Drink Festival	0	7,575	0	0	0	0
4741	Umbrella Project	0	10,000	0	0	0	0
4742	Newark Book Festival	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
4900	Payroll Gross	0	3,760	0	0	0	0
4901	Employers NI	0	350	0	0	0	0
4902	Employer Pension	0	701	0	0	0	0
		Overhead Expenditure					
		200,000	109,059	0	0	0	0
		0	(106,059)	0	0	0	0
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		Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024						Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total		Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107	Rental Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1109	Income - Collis Close	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	0
	Total Income	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	0
4080	Riverside Park Maintenance	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0
4081	Shwd Ave East Maintenance	5,000	3,288	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0
4082	Shwd Ave West Maintenance	5,000	1,030	4,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0
4083	Tennis Court Re-Lining	1,500	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4084	Beaumont Gdns Maintenance	500	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0
4099	Bowling Greens Maintenance	18,500	18,637	18,500	0	0	20,000	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	15,000	19,631	13,000	12,908	0	15,000	0	0	0
4103	Electricity	0	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	0	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4109	Collis Close	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4110	Contribution Repairs & Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4113	Safety Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4115	Annual Play Equip Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4117	SLA Parks	186,000	228,639	228,638	0	0	232,000	0	0	0
4126	Security	8,500	7,957	8,500	0	0	8,500	0	0	0
4129	Insurance	1,490	1,257	1,257	0	0	1,350	0	0	0
4130	Shwd Ave Insurance	610	551	0	0	0	575	0	0	0
4131	Subscriptions/Licences	1,070	1,070	1,070	0	0	1,200	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	248,170	282,401	286,465	12,908	0	294,125	0	0	0

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		<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>						<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward		
		(244,170)	(278,401)	(282,465)			(290,125)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve										
430	P & O S - Riverside									
1107	Rental Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
431	P & O S - T Lane Play Area									
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5020	Assets Capitalised	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
433	P & O S - Beaumont Gdns/BP									
4065	Refuse Disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4126	Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>						<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward		
		Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve								
434	P & O S - Friary Gardens									
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
435	P & O S - Fountain Gardens									
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
436	P & O S - Sherwood Ave Pk East									
1440	Tennis Court Income	250	1,528	1,400	0	750	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	250	1,528	1,400	0	750	0	0	0	0
4065	Refuse Disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4099	Bowling Greens Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4103	Electricity	0	1,555	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4106	Sewerage/Water Charges	0	2,904	3,000	0	3,500	0	0	0	0
4110	Contribution Repairs & Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4113	Safety Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4114	CCTV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>						<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward		
4115 Annual Play Equip Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4116 Green Flag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4126 Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4129 Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4131 Subscriptions/Licences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	0	4,491	4,500	0	3,500	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	250	(2,963)	(3,100)	(2,750)					
437 P & O S . Sherwood Ave Park We									
4101 Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4126 Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
439 Pte Estates - College Close									
1106 Section 106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101 Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4110 Contribution Repairs & Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4115 Annual Play Equip Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4116 Green Flag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024			Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
							Carried Forward
4126	Security	0	0	0	0	0	0
4127	Meadow Cutting	0	0	0	0	0	0
4129	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>440</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Farndon Rd Thel</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>441</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Farndon Rd De Ha</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>442</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Newbury Rd Estat</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>443</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Autumn Croft Rd</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>			<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>			
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	
Overhead Expenditure								
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve								
<u>448</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Wheatsheaf Ave</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Overhead Expenditure								
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve								
<u>450</u>	<u>Pte Estates - Barnby Rd Comm P</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4126	Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5020	Assets Capitalised	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Overhead Expenditure								
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve								
<u>451</u>	<u>Environmental Improvement Sch</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4101	Maintenance and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4126	Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Overhead Expenditure								
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve								
<u>453</u>	<u>Beastmarket Hill</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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	Budget	Actual	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>			<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
			Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
4101 Maintenance and Equipment	0	1,650	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840 Depreciation	0	676	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	0	2,326	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(2,326)	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 Museum								
1770 Income-Museum	0	0	0	0	391	320	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	391	320	0	0	0
4125 Marketing and Promotions	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	0
4129 Insurance	0	0	6,225	5,528	5,528	0	5,900	0
4770 Museum Collection Repairs	0	0	0	841	0	0	0	0
4776 Payroll Gross	0	0	5,000	40	2,000	0	4,000	0
4900 Employers NI	0	0	24,000	7,777	7,500	0	24,000	0
4901 Employer Pension	0	0	2,385	0	0	0	2,000	0
Overhead Expenditure	0	0	3,966	102	180	0	4,500	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	43,576	14,289	15,208	0	42,400	0
501 Leisure								
1720 Sunday Band Concerts	1,000	1,476	0	0	0	0	0	0
1726 Income-Christmas Lights	1,000	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	0
1770 Income-Museum	250	238	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	2,250	2,815	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>			<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
4051	Grant - Newark Half Marathon	0	0	0	0	0	0
4129	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0
4720	Sunday Band Concerts	0	0	0	0	0	0
4722	Violin School Event	0	0	0	0	0	0
4723	Music Festival	0	0	0	0	0	0
4725	Christmas Lights Display	0	0	0	0	0	0
4726	Christmas Lights Switch On	0	0	0	0	0	0
4745	General	0	0	0	0	0	0
4750	Twinning	0	0	0	0	0	0
4760	Friends Support Group	0	0	0	0	0	0
4770	Museum Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
4840	Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
4861	Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure							
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve							
Capital Charges							
901	Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
921	Vehicles & Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
941	Infrastructure Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
961	Community Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
5040	Depreciation Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0
5041	Capital Charges Income	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024				Next Year Agreed Budget		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
	Overhead Expenditure							
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve							
01	Central Costs-Staff Contingen							
900	Precept Received							
		Total Income						
1801	PWLB - Interest	1,093,358	1,093,359	1,093,359	0	1,227,058	0	0
1802	PWLB - Premium	1,093,358	1,093,359	1,093,359	0	1,227,058	0	0
4900	Payroll Gross	33,000	33,166	33,166	0	33,166	0	0
4901	Employers NI	33,000	33,116	33,116	0	33,116	0	0
4902	Employer Pension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4903	Pension Top Up	9,352	0	0	0	0	0	0
4904	Overtime/Casual Staff	14,860	5,530	5,530	0	0	0	0
4905	Additional Staff Resource	0	11,400	11,400	0	11,400	0	0
4906	Recharges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	90,212	88,167	83,212	0	77,682	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,003,146</u>	<u>1,005,192</u>	<u>1,010,147</u>		<u>1,149,376</u>		
801	Doris Bainbridge I & E							
1870	Income-Interest Received	0	2,190	1,286	0	500	0	0
	Total Income	0	2,190	1,286	0	500	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>1,286</u>		<u>500</u>		

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Newark Town Council**Annual Budget - By Centre (Actual YTD Month 12)****Note: DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR**

	901 Mayors Charity	<u>Current Yr. up to 21.03.2024</u>			<u>Next Year Agreed Budget</u>		
		Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR
1000	Mayors Charity	0	-2,929	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	-2,929	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(2,929)	0	0	0	0
902	Dump Code Exp from Reserves						
5020	Assets Capitalised	0	0	0	0	0	0
5100	Dump Code Exp From Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Budget Income	2,068,482	1,981,548	1,921,449	0	2,053,623	0
	Expenditure	2,071,222	2,091,621	1,872,878	17,692	2,043,336	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	-2,740	-110,074	48,571	-17,692	10,287	0
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,740)	(110,074)	48,571		10,287	

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

SUBJECT:	Sherwood Avenue Project Funding
REPORT BY:	Matthew Gleadell

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That members determine if they are willing to authorise release of funds from reserves to support the furtherance of the project.

2. Background

- 2.1 A copy of the FGP report from the meeting held on the 13th March is attached to this report for ease of reference – Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members will also note the pink paper report appearing on the same agenda as this report which has a direct bearing on the debate and decisions arising from this report.
- 2.3 The commercial negotiations in relation to the public toilets must remain confidential at this stage.

3.0 Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

- 3.1 Please refer to previous FGP report.

Financial – If funds are released from the toilet block sale in time to meet the project needs then use of reserves will not be required.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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Agenda Item No: 7

Meeting Date: Wednesday 13th March 2024**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

SUBJECT:	Sherwood Avenue Park Project Funding
REPORT BY:	Matthew Gleadell

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members determine if they are willing to utilise reserve funds to pay for elements of the project ahead of any sale of the London Road toilet block.

2. Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the sale proceeds from the London Road toilet block are earmarked for the Sherwood Avenue project. A sum of £100,000 has notionally been earmarked for the project from the sale proceeds.

At the time of writing this report there is as yet a firm purchase offer for the toilet block. A buyer is however very keen but is reliant on selling their own premises first.

There have been multiple viewings and lots of interest but that has not yet turned into a firm transaction.

- 2.2 The lack of the funds from the toilet block sale potentially compromises some elements of the Sherwood Avenue project.

- 2.3 Members are asked if they wish to use reserve funds for the Sherwood Avenue project and to then pay back some or all of those funds if and when the toilet block sells. Of course, there are no guarantees of a sale and even if there is the value of the sale cannot be guaranteed. During a difficult financial period, this is a considerable risk. They are funds that generate a small revenue income by virtue of their investment.

- 2.4 In the absence of funding from the Town Council ahead of any sale some elements of the Sherwood Project would need to be abandoned or delayed. Until tenders are received which confirms the pricing of the various project elements it is hard to be clear at this stage which elements could be compromised. The water play as a new feature not currently on the site would be an obvious first choice and could be added at a later stage as a stand-alone element. It is expected however that the cost of this element will be less than £100,000 and so other compromises on other elements may also be necessary.

- 2.5 Specifications for all elements could be lowered to also account for the lack of the funding awaited from the toilet block sale.

3.0 Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

- 3.1 Financial – Removing £100,000 from reserves will result in a loss of income on investment returns of between £4000 and £5000 per annum.

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