

Corporate Services

Executive Lead: Councillor Mills
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Budgets held Centrally

There are a number of budgets which are held centrally these include:

- Pension deficit which is the annual cash payment Council is required to make to the Local Government Pension Scheme pension fund in relation to past employees, and
- Pension enhancements which are the ongoing costs of historic awards of discretionary pensions including the Council's contribution to Devon County Council's pre 1998 awards

Corporate Management includes subscriptions such as the Local Government Association.

Corporate Support, Communications and Directors (JOT)

Corporate support combines a range of services which support the operation of the Council's services and includes support to the Overview and Scrutiny function within the Council. Policy, Performance and Review Team sets a framework for consultation and equalities and they also support the development of Corporate Policy and complete statutory data returns along with analysing of a wide range of data. The Information Governance, Data Protection and Records Management services also forms part of this service, dealing with customer feedback and Freedom of Information Act requests.

Financial Services and Internal Audit

Financial Services is responsible for the co-ordination and planning of the Council's budget, financial statements, financial advice, creditor payments and cashiers. Services include – Closure of Accounts including production of statement of accounts; Budget and Resource Planning and Preparation; Budget Monitoring for Services; Treasury Management; Capital Planning- resourcing and monitoring; Technical Advice and Major Project work; submission of Statutory Returns and Grant Claims; Provision of brought back service to Schools and Academies and Financial Systems. The Council's internal audit function is provided by the Devon Audit Partnership, a joint service with Devon County and Plymouth City Councils.

Governance Support

This section of the budget reflects the expenditure incurred in relation to supporting the Council's decision making process and the political processes. It is a multi-skilled team who also undertake Election work including registration of electors. Members allowances are also held in the budget.

Grant Income and Contingencies

This area of the budget contains a number of cross cutting Council budgets including contingencies for service pressures and social care, a number of grants and any gain from the Devon-wide National Non Domestic Rates pool.

Human Resources

Human Resources provide a service to the Council, schools and external organisations such as Torbay Development Agency and Academies. The service provides professional advice on a wide range of employment related issues, disciplinary and grievance and a range of services such as Payroll, Pensions, Occupational Health, Learning and Development, Counselling, Coaching, Mediation, Policy Development and Recruitment Services. This budget also includes the cost of the Council wide apprentice scheme now funded corporately and (from April 2017) the apprentice levy.

Legal Services

Legal Services are provided to the Council, its Officers, Members and Committees. The division consist of the following Legal teams:- Property & Environment, Adult and Children's safeguarding, Litigation and Legal support including Records.

Legal Services also incorporates insurance and the Coroner.

Registration of Births, Death and Marriages

This service is responsible for the registration of birth and deaths and the officiation of marriages in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Treasury Management

This area of the budget reflects the costs of borrowing to support capital expenditure, both interest paid and repayment of principal (Minimum Revenue Provision), interest earned on cash balances, principal and interest costs of PFI projects offset by PFI Credits from government, treasury charges including bank charges and other income from services for supported borrowing, depreciation and bank charges.