

Technical Changes

Directorate	Proposal Title	Proposal Description and service impact	Category	2021/22 £k	2022/23 £k	2023/24 £k	2024/25 £k
Corporate Services	Transformation Team	The transformation team will be fundamental to the delivery of the savings built into the draft budget. Funding will be from the Transformation Reserves brought forward or Flexible Use of Capital Receipts as appropriate.	Technical changes	2,900		(2,900)	
Corporate Services	Transformation Investment Fund	To fund investment that makes processes more efficient and can also be used as 'seed funding' for projects that will go on to deliver savings greater than the initial funding requirement. Funded from Reserves.	Technical changes	500	(500)		
Place and Economy	Place Rebaselining	Adjustment to the base budget to recognise the impact of financial and COVID related issues and the on-going changes in service demand identified in 2020/21	Technical changes	748	0	0	0
Technical	Interest Budget -reduced investment income	Adjustment to the base budget to reflect the loss of income due to very low interest rates and reducing cash balances	Technical changes	657	290	324	(69)
Children's Services	Central Schools Services Block DSG funding reduction	The Government have announced a 20% annual reduction in the historical funding element of the Central Schools Services Block. This funding supports expenditure on statutory education services which the authority are unable to reduce in line with the reduction in Central Government funding. This proposal therefore replaces DSG funding of these services with Council general fund from 22/23 onwards.	Technical changes	0	538	430	344
Technical	PFI Rebaselining	Correction of the base budget to reflect the PFI inflationary costs still required in 21-22 for FM elements of the contract only. Previously inflation wrongly removed in full.	Technical changes	560	0	0	0
Corporate Services	Election May 2021	One off budget to cover estimated costs of Unitary Council elections in May 2021. To be funded by Elections Reserves already in existence. Therefore, net impact on the base budget is zero.	Technical changes	560	(560)	0	0
Technical	Technical Rebaselining	Correction of the base budget to more closely reflect some unachievable income that was factored into the base.	Technical changes	516	0	0	0
Children's Trust	Pension contributions	The passporting of revised pension contribution rates for the Children's Trust calculated by actuary, which is matched by a reduction in contributions from the Council	Technical changes	509	0	0	0
Technical	Highways Contract	Base budget adjustment to reflect a re-alignment of the Highways Contract overheads between Capital and Revenue	Technical changes	500	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Highways Contract Renewal	Additional budget required to cover the estimated cost of Highways contract re-procurement, (excluding demobilisation).	Technical changes	250	0	0	0
Technical	NCC Pensions Deficit Disaggregation	Additional provision to cover potential additional cost following actuarial review.	Technical changes	255	0	0	0

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Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Direct Payment High balance review	One-off savings proposal from 2020/21 which now needs to be removed from the base budget for 2021/22 in line with Council approval in Feb 2019.	Technical changes	253	0	0	0
Children's Services	Schools capitalisation	Reversal of prior year refinancing of schools revenue contributions to capital through prudential borrowing.	Technical changes	231	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Asset Management	Base budget correction to reflect the increased costs of managing and maintaining the commercial property portfolio within the NBC area	Technical changes	200	0	0	0
Children's Trust	Family Group Conferencing	Removal of one off funding in respect of DfE grant funding for the Supporting Families: investing in practice programme. The DfE are working with a number of local authorities, including NCC, to test a model of Family Group Conferencing to gather robust and usable evidence on the effectiveness in keeping children and parents together.	Technical changes	167	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Single Handed & Assistive Technology Project Equipment	Proposal to change the way Single Handed & Assistive Technology Equipment is funded from capital borrowing after successful pilot programme. Now proposed to be funded through revenue as part of business as usual as ongoing service	Technical changes	162	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Place-based Public Health Offer	End of alternative funding of projects with outcomes aligned with the Public Health Business Plan and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	Technical changes	134	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Shaw PFI Programme - Funded Nursing Care	Base budget correction reflecting reduced nursing placements utilisation and corresponding FNC income originally forecasted.	Technical changes	119	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	New Learning Disability Service provision	Correction of the base budget to reflect the COVID related delay in the build project with Northampton Partnership Homes to build of eight specialist bungalows for clients to live more independently creating savings from less use of residential care. The build is funded from Homes England and contributions from the Health Service.	Technical changes	95	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Additional Legal Service Costs	Additional base budget growth for legal services demand based on existing and forecast requirement over the next 4 years.	Technical changes	88	0	0	0

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Corporate Services	Eclipse	Rollout of the Eclipse social care case management system across Childrens and Adults Social Care, to replace the Carefirst system.	Technical changes	68	41		
Corporate Services	Coroner Service	Reversal of one-off saving for 2020-21 only, due to cost sharing agreement for staff with Northamptonshire Police.	Technical changes	54	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Waste	Budget for advance procurement work on new Waste contracts	Technical changes	50	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Management of Closed Landfills	Risk based approach to the management and reduced inspection of historic closed landfill sites during 2020-21 based on industry practice.	Technical changes	49	0	0	0
Finance	Insurance Premium Adjustment	Insurance Split adjustment - provisional and subject to final premiums	Technical changes	47	0	0	0
Children's Services	Investment in community resilience	Reversal of one off Public Health Reinvestment Fund contribution.	Technical changes	30	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Enterprise Zone Admin Budget Changes	Adjustments to budgets, funded from increased Business Rates income via the Enterprise Zone reserve.	Technical changes	28	(167)	(70)	(59)
Corporate Services	Emergency Planning	Base budget correction to realign historic income target	Technical changes	15	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Service provision following one-off funding reduction	Budget growth to fund the ongoing cost of permanent staff from 2022-23 of the rapid response service following the cessation of the pilots and end of the one-off transformation investments funding from Business Rates Retention.	Technical changes	0	431	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Capitalisation of equipment (Adult Social Care)	Proposal to change the way Community Equipment is funded from capital borrowing (previous years), now proposed to be funded through revenue from 2022/23 reflecting the asset life.	Technical changes	0	1,078	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Capitalisation of equipment (For whole Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP))	Proposal to change the way Community Equipment is funded from capital borrowing to revenue from 2022/23.	Technical changes	0	1,078	0	0
Technical	MRP Increase	Annual increase in MRP to bring it in line with MRP Policy once over-provision is exhausted	Technical changes	0	1,250	1,250	1,250
Technical	Standardise vacancy factor at 2%	Vacancy factors are included in different budgets at different rates, this is the saving from standardising at 2% consistently in line with actual workforce and relevant adjustments	Technical changes	(117)	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Adjustment to client contribution reallocation to adjust for PFI income	Adjustment to client contribution reallocation to adjust for PFI income	Technical changes	(133)			
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Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	One-off items removed from budget - Refurbishment of Towcester Centre for Leisure	Revenue costs in relation to the refurbishment of Towcester Centre for Leisure in 2020/21, not required in 2021/22	Technical changes	(200)	0	0	0
Place and Economy	Recycling & Trade Waste - Harmonise Income & Expenditure	Removal of differences between NCC expenditure and District & Borough Income in 2020/21 Baseline	Technical changes	(262)	0	0	0
Technical	Removal of legacy Daventry District Council contingency from the Budget	Existing contingencies removed and replaced by a single centrally held contingency	Technical changes	(321)	0	0	0
Children's Trust	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	Changes to the Council subsidy required due to changes in Home Office funding.	Technical changes	(367)	122	11	0
Technical	One-off items removed from budget - Interim Resources	Additional one-off costs of interim resources not required going forward (SNC)	Technical changes	(385)	0	0	0
Technical	Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy alignment	Future repayments of debt inherited from NBC can be reduced when MRP policy is revised.	Technical changes	(391)	74	91	81
Place and Economy	One-off items removed from budget - Towcester Co-op Demolition	One off costs in 2020/21 not required in 2021/22	Technical changes	(416)	0	0	0
Technical	Pension contributions	Reduction in Council secondary contribution payments to the Pension Fund following transfer of staff to Children's Trust	Technical changes	(509)	0	0	0
Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	Public Health Grant Allocation	Public Health Grant spending aligned to West Northamptonshire Grant allocation	Technical changes	(612)	0	0	0
Technical	Community Infrastructure Levy Repayments	Repayment over 4 years of forward funding of infrastructure required to facilitate development, through the consequent CIL receipts (£789k/£289k/£155k/£592k - total £1,825k)	Technical changes	(789)	500	134	(437)
Technical	Remove LGR Budgets	Removal of one off budget included in the aggregated base position not required in 2021/22 (Daventry DC)	Technical changes	(866)	0	0	0
Technical	Increase NCC Contingencies in Base Budget	Existing contingencies removed and replace with a single centrally held contingency	Technical changes	820	0	0	0
Technical	Removal of Direct Revenue Financing from Base	One off costs of forward funding infrastructure in Daventry district in 2020/21 removed for 2021-22	Technical changes	(2,700)	0	0	0
		Net Position		2,330	4,175	(730)	1,110