

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The town council have prepared the medium term financial strategy for the next five years, starting from FY 2019-2020 to FY 2022-2023.

While it is difficult to estimate what would be financial situation at the time, council have taken great care and considered all the possibilities in estimating the figures.

These estimates are based on the information available at the time of preparation and have also taken into account the council's ambition for the future expansion in providing extra services.

This may change during the forthcoming years or change according to the prevailing condition at the time.

The estimates are based on assumption that, the expenditure will rise at a rate of 3% per annum each year across all the cost centre and based on that, the precept and other income have been increased accordingly to meet the expenditure.

While estimating the increased cost in expenditure, some of the expenditure has been kept at the same level, due to the fact that council have entered into long term agreement with suppliers. Same principle has been adopted for the income due to the long leases have been signed up with tenants for rent and subcontract work with other association.

Therefore, some of the example are

Under cost centre 107, the Town Hall Maintenance Grant has been kept at the same level for the next five years, due to the fact that, the council have shown no reason to increase the grant, hence the expenditure is going to remain constant.

Under cost centre 112, the Letting income from Merchant House has been kept at the same level for the next five years, due to the fact that, the council have signed the long-term lease with the tenants, hence the income is going to remain constant.

Under cost centre 208, Workshop Rent has been kept at constant level, due to the fact that landlord as not renewed the new lease which has expired and until such time, the rent is going to remain constant for the next five years.

Under the same cost centre 208, the income from management charges have been remained constant, due to the fact that, this is a contract with fixed hours and these hours are not going to be increased, therefore the income will remain constant.