

South Lakeland District Council
Lake Administration Committee
Friday, 25 January 2019
2019/20 to 2023/24 Draft Budget

Portfolio:	Cllr Andrew Jarvis - Finance Portfolio Holder
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Wards:	Ambleside & Grasmere; Bowness & Levens; Windermere
Forward Plan:	Budget and Policy Framework Decision included in the Forward Plan as published on 2 October 2018

1.0 Expected Outcome

- 1.1 It is expected that the budgets for Lake Windermere will be approved by full Council on 26 February 2019, as part of the overall 2019/20 to 2023/24 Budget. This report gives Lake Administration Committee the opportunity to consider the funding available to deliver their services.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Lake Administration Committee note the latest draft estimates.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 Lake Administration Committee considered proposals for Fees and Charges relating to Windermere Lake and the Lake Wardens services from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 on 5 October 2018.
- 3.2 The latest draft revenue budgets for 2019/20 to 2023/24 are attached at Appendix 1. These will form part of the overall Draft Revenue Budget due to be presented to Council for consideration and approval on the 26 February 2019.
- 3.3. The Draft Budget Report considered by Council on the 18 December 2018 showed a balanced position corporately for 2019/20. The detailed budget relating to Lake Windermere, presented in Appendix 1, represents no change in the level of service provision from 2018/19. The estimates have changed year on year, the main reasons being:
- Incremental progression on salary costs and the pay award for 2019/20;
 - Unavoidable inflation on costs (e.g. premises costs);
 - Review of base expenditure for cost reductions;
 - Income from fees and charges in line with the fees agreed on 5 October 2018.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Draft Budget has been considered by Cabinet on 28 November 2018 and Council on 18 December 2018. It will also be considered by Licensing Committee and Planning Committee who will receive and consider the elements of the draft Budget Report which are relevant to them. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the 18 December Council first draft Budget Report at its January 2019 meeting.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 This overall Draft Budget presents options in relation to potential budget pressures and savings, new capital programme bids, one off revenue growth bids and fees and charges. The proposals together aim to meet the Council's statutory duty to set a balanced Budget for 2019/20. No alternative options are proposed in this report.

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

6.1 This report sets out the draft Budget to enable the consideration of how the Council's priorities will be delivered. Setting a sound framework for budget preparation assists in the delivery of all corporate outcomes. This strategy has been developed within the context of the MTFP.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 The draft Budget aims to safeguard the Council's financial position and ensure a balanced budget for 2019/20 and an improved position in the years that follow.

Human Resources

7.2 This report has no direct impact on the staffing of the Council; individual savings and growth proposals may have direct staffing implications.

Legal

7.3 This report has no direct legal implications at this stage but individual proposals resulting from this report may have direct legal implications.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This report contains proposals to set a balanced budget for 2019/20 which will be subject to further consultation. Specific issues that require HSEIAs will be addressed within the final budget proposals presented to Council 26 February 2019.

Equality and Diversity

7.6 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? Yes (attached at Appendix *) / Yes (not attached as appendix) / No

7.7 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This report contains proposals to set a balanced budget for 2019/20 which will be subject to further consultation. Specific issues that require EIAs will be addressed within the final budget proposals presented to Council 26 February 2019.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Failure to create a balanced and sustainable budget by February	Includes: inability to deliver corporate priorities,	Identification of sound budget guidelines in and

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2019	inappropriate spending, and inappropriate reductions in services.	agreed strategy reduces the risk of an unaffordable budget and/or precipitate budget reductions. Monitoring of progress against the budget timetable reduces the need for last-minute budget adjustments.
Revenue budget and Capital Programme may not be integrated and aligned with Council Plan.	Resources not directed to achieving corporate outcomes, leading to inappropriate spending.	Both the revenue budget and the Capital Programme are now embedded in the corporate planning cycle. All revenue budgets and capital programme schemes are linked to Council plan priorities

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Draft Budget 2019/20 – 2023/24

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Medium Term Financial Plan approved Council 24 July 2018	https://tinyurl.com/ya988w5b
2019/20 to 2023/24 Draft Budget, Council 18 December 2018	https://tinyurl.com/y9uhd7j2

Tracking Information

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Communications Team	N/A
Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	N/A
Portfolio Holder	N/A
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A

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Executive (Cabinet)	28/11/2018
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