

Council Budget Summary 2025/2026

Appendix C

Line Ref	Service	Base Budget 2024/2025 £	Draft Base Budget 2025/2026 £
1	Strategic Management	4,019,800	4,019,800
2	Adult Social Care	122,334,800	136,819,400
3	Children's Social Care	82,171,100	88,371,100
4	Communities	11,808,450	11,583,450
5	Corporate Resources	12,571,500	13,471,500
6	Economic Growth and Housing	7,064,550	7,064,550
7	Education Excellence	18,179,350	20,069,350
8	Health and Wellbeing	19,890,500	19,890,500
9	Highways and Public Protection	11,081,800	11,081,800
10	Operational In-House Services	18,554,250	19,954,250
11	Property & Building Services	-396,400	-396,400
12	Other Services	2,674,100	2,674,100
13	Net Cost of Services	309,953,800	334,603,400
14	Debt Repayment / Net Interest	8,315,800	11,052,800
15	Sub total	318,269,600	345,656,200
16	Levies	37,290,100	37,749,100
17	Application of Provisions / Reserves / Corporate Expenditure	3,351,350	535,800
18	Capitalisation	-3,566,000	-1,566,000
19	Corporate / One-Off Savings	-611,100	-711,100
20	Inflationary Items to be Allocated	-74,067	7,606,338
21	Corporate Savings to be allocated to Services	-440,000	-1,240,000
22	Total	354,219,883	388,030,338
23	Specific Government Grants	-23,881,800	-23,881,800
24	Non-Specific Government Grants	-71,857,750	-87,781,630
25	Total	258,480,333	276,366,908

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26	Increase in General Balances	13,977,000	1,500,000
27	Total Budget Requirement	272,457,333	277,866,908
28	Add Parish Precepts	1,474,173	1,474,173
29	Total Net Expenditure	273,931,506	279,341,081
<u>SUMMARY OF GENERAL BALANCES</u>			
30	Balances Brought Forward	16,414,057	18,091,057
31	Increase in Balances	13,977,000	1,500,000
32	Forecast Utilisation in 2024/25	-12,300,000	0
33	Balances Carried Forward	18,091,057	19,591,057

<u>FINANCING OF SEFTON'S BUDGET REQUIREMENT</u>		
Total Budget Requirement	272,457,333	277,866,908
Less: Revenue Support Grant	0	0
Top-Up Grant	-26,174,007	-30,210,560
Business Rates Receipts	-76,700,273	-66,546,441
Collection Fund Deficit / Surplus (-) - Council Tax	-1,298,585	-2,570,517
Sefton Requirement from Council Tax	<u>168,284,468</u>	<u>178,539,390</u>
Band D Council Tax	1,946.41	2,043.54
Illustrative Council Tax Increase	4.99%	4.99%

Note that the Sefton Requirement from Council Tax and quoted Band D Council Tax in 2025/2026 is based on a Council Tax increase that is for illustrative purposes only.