

Summary of Council budget as at 31/03/26**Human Resources Committee**

	Budget 25/26	Actual 25/26	Variance	Over/Under
Expenditure	£169,532	£165,988	-£3,544	Underspent
Income	£0	£0	£0	
Net exp over Income	£169,532	£165,988	-£3,544	Underspent
Less transfer to EMR		£465	£465	
	£169,532	£166,453	-£3,079	

To EMR 326 Staffing £465

Finance & Administration

Expenditure	£87,080	£44,944	-£42,136	Underspent
Income	-£465,962	-£466,785	-£823	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	-£378,882	-£421,841	-£42,959	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	-£2,852	-£2,852	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£39,646	£39,646	
	-£378,882	-£385,047	-£6,165	Underspent

From EMR 320 IT £2,336, EMR 340 Mayors Allowance 2425 used for donations £516

To EMR 337 CIL 2526 £1,250, EMR 340 £1,016 Mayors & Deputy Allowance 2526, EMR 344 Special Projects £37,380

Market & Town Hall

Expenditure	£151,212	£150,087	-£1,125	Underspent
Income	-£78,139	-£85,264	-£7,125	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	£73,073	£64,823	-£8,250	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	£0	£0	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£1,000	£1,000	
	£73,073	£65,823	£7,250	Underspent

To EMR 342 £1,000 300th MKT as approved by M & TH committee

Community & Environment Committee

Expenditure	£137,625	£106,649	-£30,976	Underspent
Income	-£1,348	-£2,843	-£1,495	Overachieved
Net exp over Income	£136,277	£103,806	-£32,471	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR	£0	-£2,545	-£2,545	
Less transfer to EMR	£0	£34,120	£34,120	

From EMR 325 £1,255.00 De-Silting, EMR 329 £150 Donations/Grants Neston Music Fest, EMR 335 £1,140 Gazebo & games for Neston Fair & community groups.

To EMR 322 £4,219 Floral maint, EMR 329 £6,421 Grants/Donations, EMR 335 £2,200 Environment Improvement, EMR 338 £9,298 Christmas lights, EMR 343 £11,982 Community Space Initiative

	£136,277	£135,381	-£896	Underspent
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INCOME-EXPENDITURE

Expenditure	£545,449	£467,668	-£77,781	Underspent
Income	-£545,449	-£554,892	-£9,443	Overachieved
Summary Net exp over Income	£0	-£87,224	-£87,224	Underspent
Plus transfer from EMR		-£5,397		
Less transfer to EMR		£75,231		
Movement from General Reserve	£0	-£17,390	-£17,390	Underspent

See above under each individual committee

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Variances of interests against projected spend & budgets**Human Resources Committee**

4000 Salaries	£164,000	£161,737	-£2,263	Underspent
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Comments

This underspend was better than expected & relates to a lower employer pension rate contribution

Finance & Administration

1233 CIL	0	-£1,250	-£1,250	Underspent
4090 Future Projects/GR Cont	£37,380	£0	-£37,380	Underspent
4099 Contingency Fund	£4,500	£2,380	-£2,120	Underspent

From CWAC for 1/2 year 2526

This was expected & was transferred to EMR 344

This was slightly better than expected

Market & Town Hall

1400 Room Hire Town Hall	-£17,500	-£19,482	£1,982	Overachieved
1405 Market Income	-£30,500	-£32,817	£2,317	Overachieved
1435 Service Charge Income	-£19,590	-£15,959	-£3,631	Underachieved
1436 Rent Income - CWAC	-£10,519	-£14,150	£3,631	Overachieved
4425 Business rates	£21,000	£23,845	-£2,845	Overspent
4437 CWAC - Cleaning	£19,000	£22,737	-£3,737	Overspent
4438 Gas	£9,200	£5,315	£3,885	Underspent
4439 Electric	£13,500	£11,331	£2,169	Underspent

Over achievement on room hire income & this has increased by £840 compared to 2425

Over achievement on market stall income & this has increased by £5,157 compared to 2425, £1k went to EMR 342 300th Market Anniversary

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This overspend was higher than forecasted & relates to extra charges from CWAC as part of the Asset Man contract

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Last years spend was £6,230, so this underspend was greater than expected

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Community & Environment Committee

1010 Contributions	£0	-£1,500	£1,500	Overachieved
4180 Allotment Exp.	£3,000	£800	£2,200	Underspent
4211 Floral Maint.	£30,000	£25,781	£4,219	Underspent

This income was from GroundWorks as a contribution to the painting at the front of the TH & was not expected & transfered to EMR 343

This underspend was expected & £2,200 was transferred to EMR 335

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4217	Community Space Initiatives	£15,000	£4,518	£10,482	Underspent	This underspend was expected & £10,482 was transferred to EMR 343
4330	Christmas lights/decorations	£35,000	£25,702	£9,298	Underspent	This underspend was expected & was transferred to EMR 338 for future lights replacement
4360	Community Grants	£17,000	£15,730	£1,270	Underspent	This underspend was expected & £1,270 was transferred to EMR 329
4363	Community Event Donations	£18,000	£11,936	£6,064	Underspent	This underspend was expected & £5,151 was transferred to EMR 329 after taking off the spend on 4364
4364	Community Event Pay	£0	£995	-£995	Overspent	This spend relates to staff time at the Christmas Event & funding comes from 4363 above
		Opening Bal b/f	Closing bal c/f	Change		
		1/4/25	31/03/26			
Earmarked Reserves						
320	Website/IT	4,049.00	£1,713.00	-£2,336.00	Decreased	Was used to fund new server/email accounts, balance to be used for any future website changes
321	Mosquito Monitoring	£10,884.00	£14,381.08	£3,497.08	Increased	For maintenance/replacement of traps should they fail in 26/27, some are unreliable & getting old
322	Floral Maint	£9,344.00	£13,563.00	£4,219.00	Increased	To replace Bushell fountain planters & wooden planters in parish church grounds
323	Thall - Maint	£1,000.00	£0.00	-£1,000.00	Decreased	Balance was merged with EMR 327
325	De-silting	£4,752.08	£0.00	-£4,752.08	Decreased	Balance was merged with EMR 321
326	Staffing	£0.00	£465.00	£465.00	Increased	To be used for GDPR training in 2627
327	Town Hall/Market	£11,242.60	£12,242.60	£1,000.00	Increased	Transferred from EMR 323
328	Noticeboards	£507.00	£507.00	£0.00	No change	To be used to fund Noticeboard repairs with 4315
329	Donations/Grants	£20,670.00	£26,941.00	£6,271.00	Increased	£10k will be moved to EMR 335, balance will be used for new defibs & bleed control kit roll out & fund current demand for grants in 2627
331	Market & Promotion s106	£252.82	£252.82	£0.00	No change	Conditions relate to this money, planned Exp. for signage
334	Town Hall/Market Income	£14,338.79	£14,338.79	£0.00	No change	To cover loss of income from the Market & Town Hall, this amount is below what we receive at present, M & TH need to consider increasing
335	Environmental Improvements	£4,513.50	£5,573.50	£1,060.00	Increased	This is likely to be used to top up allotment Exp. & return haulage of telephone boxes, £10k to be tranferred from EMR 329
337	CIL	£9,532.33	£10,782.33	£1,250.00	Increased	£5k committed for Ness speed bumps
338	Christmas lights	£37,162.00	£46,460.00	£9,298.00	Increased	To pay for replacement Christmas lights etc & have been ordered.
339	Remembrance	£1,276.00	£1,276.00	£0.00	No change	To be used to cover increased cost of traffic management scheme
340	Mayors Allowance	£516.00	£1,016.00	£500.00	Increased	Carried forward to cover Exps & donations which are planned to be spent in 2627
341	Youth Engagement	£1,102.00	£1,102.00	£0.00	No change	For future Junior Council & increased support C & E youth projects
342	300th Market Anniversary	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Increased	To fund special 300th Market
343	Community Space Initiative	£0.00	£11,982.00	£11,982.00	Increased	C&E assigned this EMR to a project (C&E 06.10.26 min 42).
344	Future Projects	£0.00	£37,380.00	£37,380.00	Increased	To be used for future NTC projects & cover current/future Town Hall costs
		<u>131,142.12</u>	<u>200,976.12</u>	<u>69,834.00</u>	Increased	

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