AMENDED DRAFT BUDGET

RYE TOWN COUNCIL

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2025-26

Unbudgeted expenditure includes - or is forecast to include employee - settlement; one month of successor Clerk salary; backdated Town Hall business rates (£12,500); by-election (£11,500).

2026-27

Affordable housing/Supporting the CLT	£4,000
Devolved Services (net after Special Expenses deducted)	£46,459
Elections	£11,500
Payroll (3.5% applied - assumes successor higher remuneration). Includes provision for outgoing untaken Clerk's holiday pay.	£212,604
Public conveniences (Gun Garden & Strand) - assumes RTC retains them until March 2027 (and not Sep 2026) - less an earmarked reserve contribution	£35,473
Rye Leisure Centre - failure provision reduced from £10k to £0. Difference is cost of buildings insurance cover	£7,500
Town Hall Repairs & Renewals (long outstanding maintenance)	£10,000
Unallocated Expenditure (General Reserve contribution (forecast as at 31.3.26 is £13,071 (down from £37,825 as at 31.3.25).	£10,000

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INCOME	Budget 2025-26	Actual to 1.12.25	Forecast to 31.3.26	Estimate 2026-27	note
Allotments	4,500	5,371	5,371	4,800	1
Asset disposals	0	0	0	0	2
Ceremonies	29,160	21,272	28,000	30,450	3
Town Hall Cottage (rent)	16,440	10,995	17,160	16,908	4
Discounted accommodation (rent - 97)	10,600	7,000	10,500	10,800	5
Ferry Road Nursery	312	312	312	312	6
Freda Gardham Field	500	500	500	500	7
Ghost Walks	5,000	5,261	5,500	5,100	8
Gifts, Grants & Donations	0	1,800	0	0	9
Heritage Centre	1	1	1	1	10
Interest	4,750	2,847	6,422	9,050	11
Mayor's Allowance/Mayor Making	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12
Precept (2025-26) **2026-27**	**284,883**	**284,883**	**284,883**	**370,348**	**13**
Reproduction rights	0	0	0	0	14
Town Crier Championship	0	643	0	500	15
Town Crier Services (commercial)	84	42	42	50	
Town Hall Hire (General)	100	2,755	2,755	350	16
Town Steward Services	1,000	0	500	500	17
Uncategorised income	0	304	304	0	18
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	0	0	0	0	19
Christmas	0	18,192	18,749	0	20
Sales (VATable)	0	177	250	250	21
Income	**357,330**	**362,355**	**381,249**	**449,919**	

EXPENDITURE		Budget 2025-26	Actual to 1.12.25	Forecast to 31.3.26	Estimate 2026-27	note
Access		325	0	600	650	22
Accountancy Fees		3,200	2,720	3,080	3,250	23
Advertising & Publicity		500	65	65	200	24
Affordable housing		0	2,878	5,211	4,000	25
Alarms		575	732	732	800	26
Allotments		0	4,844	7,000	10,000	27
Asset valuations		0	0	0	0	28
Audit		975	1,130	1,130	1,130	29
Ceremonies		300	544	544	650	30
Christmas		0	16,882	20,302	1,000	31
Civic Fund		400	486	550	550	32
Cleaning		500	421	500	550	
Community Social Spaces		0	0	0	0	33
Credit card/Bank charges		225	148	200	210	
Devolved Services		25,000	0	0	46,459	34
Discounted Accommodation (97)		8,669	7,839	8,669	8,669	35
Elections		0	0	11,500	11,500	36
Ghost Tours		2,075	1,180	2,000	2,000	37
Grants	Animal welfare	0	0	0	0	
	General	5,000	3,760	3,760	4,500	38
	Community Transport	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	39
	Christmas Festival	0	600	600	0	40
	Homes For Ukraine	0	179	400	0	41
Grounds Maintenance		2,000	4,371	5,000	2,000	42
Health & Safety		250	660	1,310	1,000	43
Heritage Centre Repairs (fabric)		2,000	780	798	10,000	44
Highways Fund		0	0	0	0	45
Hospitality & refreshments		50	6	20	50	46
	Office refreshments	50	33	50	55	
HR expenses		0	2,376	3,776	3,000	47
Insurance		5,650	0	5,650	6,000	48

IT hardware & software	2,950	2,475	3,000	3,000	49
Light & Heat	4,000	1,157	3,000	3,500	
Mayor's Allowance	1,850	268	500	1,850	50
Membership fees	2,759	2,153	2,700	2,925	51
Millennium Wall	250	0	0	0	52
Neighbourhood Planning	400	322	400	400	53
Office Equipment	1,500	480	750	500	54
Payroll expenses	188,597	146,512	201,522	211,604	55
Postage	25	10	15	25	
Printing costs	950	285	500	750	56
Professional Fees	750	0	0	1,000	57
Publications	0	0	0	0	
Public conveniences	25,544	27,454	41,454	35,473	58
Rates	0	0	12,517	6,000	59
Robes & Regalia	0	1,001	1,250	1,850	60
Rye Leisure Centre	26,350	6,819	6,819	7,500	61
Skatepark	10,000	80	80	5,000	62
Stationery/Sundry items	325	165	300	300	
Street Furniture	1,000	602	602	1,000	63
Stripe Processing Fee	175	80	130	150	64
Telephone/Internet	1,350	741	1,300	1,350	
Town Crier Championship	1,000	1,440	1,440	1,000	65
Town Hall Cottage	2,000	70	70	1,048	66
Town Hall Repairs & Renewals	5,000	3,689	7,000	10,000	67
Town Steward service	16,063	19,386	21,654	21,000	68
Training	1,500	995	995	500	69
Travel Expenses	50	10	50	50	
Triptych	600	281	421	671	70
Unallocated expenditure	0	0	0	10,000	
Visitor experience enhancement	0	0	0	0	71
Water rates	848	339	600	650	
Web site	0	100	100	100	72
Winter maintenance	250	0	500	500	73
Youth Club	1,500	310	310	0	74
Expenditure	**357,330**	**271,858**	**395,426**	**449,919**	
Surplus/Deficit(-)	**0**	**90,497**	**-14,177**	**0**	

NOTES **General** As at 30.11.25, CPI was 3.2% and RPI 3.8%. The OBR estimates that inflation (CPIH measure) will average 2.5% through 2026.

As usual, parish/town councils will not be subjected to the Excessive Council Tax Regulations (reportedly, for the next 3 years).

There are few sites within the Parish suitable for new homes. This permanently disadvantages RTC in relation to its Council Tax Base and the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy it can expect to receive.

Because of the continuing uncertainties and 'low quality' data available, it is likely that RTC would not be able to determine the true cost (and any associated revenue) of devolved assets until they have actually been transferred and managed for a reasonable period of time. Taking on more assets and responsibilities is likely to give rise to a need for more management, administration and contract monitoring. This has not been reflected in the Payroll budget - but provision has been made in the Devolved Services budget *(note **34**)*.

1 Allotments
Comprises principally plot holder rent and water charges.
Estimate Assumes 95% occupancy (rent - £3,989; water - £811).
Forecast earmarked reserve @ 31.3.26: £4,319.

2 Asset disposals
Review of assets outstanding.

3 Ceremonies
Assumes the law to allow (trained) individuals who are not currently licensed to conduct ceremonies - and for ceremonies to be held at (safe) unlicensed locations - will not be enacted before April 2026. Income difficult to estimate because final payment might not be due for 1-3 years.
Forecast Total weddings/ceremonies during year was 108.
Estimate Assumes total of 70 ceremonies at average cost of £435 (+ VAT).

4 Cottage (rent)

5 Discounted accommodation (rent- 97)
Estimate Assumes increase to £900pcm rom April 2026.

6 Ferry Road Nursery
Constitutes ground rent. Next rent 5-yearly annual increase due 19.10.30 - to £364pa.

7 Freda Gardham Field
Next (5-yearly) rent review: Feb 2030.

8 Ghost Walks/Walks
Estimate Based on 20 Walks with average of 17 tickets sold per Walk @ £15pp.

9 Gifts, Grants & Donations
Actual/Forecast Contributions towards cost of cleaning/repairing war memorial.

10 Heritage Centre
The annual rent payable by the Rye HC CIO. The current (10-year) lease* expires 9.8.35.
*Still to be drafted.

11 Interest
Forecast/Estimate Reflects Public Sector Deposit Fund holding.

12 Mayor's Allowance/Mayor Making
Any receipts (typically Mayor Making Luncheon payments) are offset against the Mayoral Allowance.

13 Precept
Notes **a)** The current (2025-26) RTC Band D Council Tax is £144.43pa.
b) The Council Tax base for 2026-27 is 2,013.18 (+39.41).
Estimate Based on the (adjusted) Rye 2026-27 Council Tax base of 2,013.18 the proposed precept of **£370,348** produces a RTC Band D Council Tax of **£183.96pa (£3.54pw)** - 76p per week (+27%) per week more than 2025-26.

14 Reproduction rights
Note The current policy is to seek at least £100 from commercial concerns wishing to reproduce images of Council-owned artefacts. However, for low print run publications the Council typically grants consent subject to it being credited and is provided with a gratis copy.

15 Town Crier competition
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £683.

16 Town Hall Hire (General)
Note The poor disabled access and limited facilities tend to deter potential hirers. The majority of lets are provided at no charge.There is a long-standing policy of the Mayor being able to gift' up to 12 lets a year. In practice, the number rarely exceeds 5.
Actual/Forecast Includes £2,250 from a film production company.

17 Town Steward Services
Forecast 50% of maintenance of the Baptist Garden (payable by the Baptist Church).

18 Uncategorised income
Actual Scrapping of Vitara - £200; Vitara road tax refund - £104.

19 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Sporadic income - dependent on qualifying new development. Has to be spent within 5 years of receipt.

20 *Actual* RDC Special Expense - £2,624; Rye Christmas Festival closing balance - £343; community lighting donations - £15,225.

21 *Actual/Forecast* Ewhurst PC photocopying.

22 Access
Principally stair climber servicing - now every 6 months.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

23 Accountancy Fees
Includes preparation of the Annual Accounts, payroll, bookkeeeping advice etc.

24 Advertising & Publicity
Actual/Forecast Advert in Flower & Veg Show programme.

25 Affordable housing
Actual Includes TG Design Appraisal deposit, CLT incorporation; CLT CLT Network membership.
Forecast Includes social value and viability consultant fees - plus balance of TG Design Appraisal.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.
Estimate Includes provision for TG School Playing Field purchase legal fee and/or CLT support.

26 Alarms
Two fire and alarm system inspections a year - plus monitoring charge.
Actual/Forecast Includes replacing a faulty sensor.

27 Allotments
Actual Includes water supply; tree works; skip hire; Allotments Society Management Fee; waste collection; SW boundary survey; spec for possible steps reinstatement.
Forecast Includes treework - £830; asbestos survey - £720
Estimate Likely/Possible expenditure: Management Fee - £1,200; Love Lane plot asbestos contamination solution - £3,500; resurfacing Love lane road entrance and reinstating box junction - £2,000; clearing South Undercliff ditch - £18,000; South Undercliff Steps reinstatement - £5,000.
Assumes some of the above - such as possible steps and box junction reinstatement can be postponed to 2027-28.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £4,319.

28 Asset valuations
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £2,740 (insufficient - but low priority).

29 Audit
Note The external audit charge is based on whichever is the higher of total income or total expenditure.
Actual/Forecast Internal audit - £290; external - £840.
Estimate Assumes RTC remains in the same turnover band (£300k-£400k).

30 Ceremonies
4-year licence due for renewal 25.6.27. Last payment: £2,195.
Actual/Forecast Includes replacement silk flowers for Chamber - £395.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £1,132

31 Christmas
*See also Note **20**.*
Actual Majority of the lighting display and purchase cost.
Forecast Includes balance of display cost - £2,900 and container rent (1.1.26-31.12.26).
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £4,165.
Note If the formation of a Rye Business Improvement District is approved in Feb 2026, it is possible that some of the levy raised will be put towards Christmas lighting. If not, there is

talk about a new not-for-profit being formed to take over this function.

32 Civic Fund

Typical civic fund expense items: wreaths, refreshments for civic functions
Confederation events travel, hot pennies, Hon Freeman scrolls (likely to be produced in-house).

33 Community Social Spaces

Formerly Warm Spaces.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

34 Devolved Services

RDC is, reportedly hoping to devolve agreed assets from Feb-March 2026.
On 8.12.25, RTC considered the assets offered to it by RDC. RTC resolved to confirm its interest in: Rye Cemetery, Station Approach pcs, The Salts, Kings Avenue Open Space and Masons Field - subject to making a final decision once it had considered its 2026-27 Draft Budget.
Estimate See separate breakdown.
Note The estimate's confidence level is relatively low - RTC had not has sight of RDC's source figures; by adding 50% to the estimated costs, RDC has, effectively, acknowledged that it has a low level of confidence in its own figures; the asset transfer dates are currently unknown (but likely to be during 2026-27); the condition of the assets is (largely) unknown.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £25,000

35 Discounted Accommodation (97)

Includes the £7,769pa PWLB fixed repayment.
Actual Includes gas safety certificate - £70.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £4,540.

36 Elections

Next full parish/town council elections: May 2027.
Forecast Assumes cost of the December 2025 by-election will be £11,500.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.
Estimate Cost of one election (with poll cards).

37 Ghost Tours

Actual/Forecast Principally the cost of the walk leader - plus advertising.
Note The 'Stripe processing fee' is a related cost.

38 Grants - General

Actual Second Rye Guides - £750; Family Work Network - £500; First Rye Scouts - £750; Rye Camera Club - £260; TGRA - £500; Rye Harbour Sailability - £1,000.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £2,829.

39 Grants - Community Transport

Note Subsidises the 326 service.

40 Grants - Christmas Festival

See also Note **31.**
Actual/Forecast Grant towards Christmas Lights.

41 Grants - Homes For Ukraine

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £2,112.

42 Grounds maintenance

Mostly comprises the cost of plants, compost etc for the TH - but also land adj 7 Wish Ward, Wish Ward Pump, Baptist Garden and Rye Hill-Military Road verge.
The wall at 7 Wish Ward needs to be re-built. (Income from the maintenance of the Baptist Garden appears in the Town Steward Services income account).
Actual Includes contribution to ESCC for additional urban verge cuts (£1,803) and War Memorial restoration/cleaning - £1,985 *(see note **9**)*.
Estimate Does not include provision for maintenance associated with the transfer of RDC *assets (see note **34**)*.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

43 Health & Safety

Includes fire extinguisher servicing and legionella test
Actual Includes replacement extinguishers and legionella testing kit.
Forecast Includes Town Hall fire risk assessment - £550.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

44 Heritage Centre repairs (fabric)

Actual Includes EICR inspection (£550) and fire risk assessment contribution (£248).
Forecast Known upcoming maintenance requirements include: re-designing and replacing the entrance flat roof (priority); spot weatherboarding repairs; clay tile replacement; fire risk assessment recommendations (c£12,000 - could be phased); uneven ground around tree.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £1,221.

45 Highways Fund

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: 0 *(see Earmarked Reserves note **8**).*

46 Hospitality & refreshments

Includes (normally) refreshments for Mayor Making.

47 HR expenses

Notes Includes HR advice and recruitment costs.
Actual Includes former Asst Town Steward advice and Clerk recruitment advertising.
Forecast Includes Clerk recruitment advertising cost and Clerk recruitment advice.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

48 Insurance

The policy includes the TH, TH Cottage, HC (building), Triptych & 97 South Undercliff. The provision for the Town Steward's vehicle and ride-on mower is included in the Town Steward budget. Payment is made usually in February for the cover for the financial year following. See note **61** for the Leisure Centre buildings cover. See note **34** for possible RDC transferred assets provision.

49 IT hardware & software

Includes MS Office licences, networking support, anti-virus.
Actual Includes replacement Reception desktop (£705).
Estimate Includes replacing the Clerk's desktop.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £392.

50 Mayor's allowance

Note Financial year and Mayoral year not concurrent and expenditure offset by (any) Mayor Making receipts. A 'second term' Mayor may have monies available from the preceding year. It has become increasingly common for Mayors not to claim their full allowance and then to donate the balance to local charities. Strictly speaking this is not a lawful use of the allowance (intended to defray the expenses incurred whilst carrying out the duties of the office).
Actual expenditure remains low by historic standards.

51 Membership fees

Estimate	Rother Association of Local Councils	£50
	Society of Local Council Clerks (Neame)	£275
	East Sussex Association of Local Councils	£1,265
	National Association of Local Councils	£350
	Information Commissioner	£50
	Nat Soc Allotment & Leisure Gardeners	£80
	Ancient & Honourable Guild of Town Criers (Ansar)	£40
	Loyal Company of Town Criers (Goring)	£40
	Confederation of the Cinque Ports	£500
	1066 Bronze Membership	£100
	Parish Online - digital mapping	£175
		£2,925

52 Millennium Wall

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £833.

53 Neighbourhood planning

Principally provision towards Co-ordinator's stationery expenses.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £160.

54 Office equipment

Actual Principally leasing the photocopier (£160/quarter)
Forecast Apparently, the Town Clerk's chair needs to be replaced.
Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £750.

55 Payroll expenses

See Confidential Note

56 Printing costs

Primarily photocopier charges.

57 Professional fees

Provision for advice/consultancy *other than* accountancy, HR and devolved services.

58 Public conveniences *(Gungarden and Strand only)*

RTC was advised originally that it would need to relinquish the Gungarden and Strand pcs in September 2025. This was amended, last Spring, to 'probably September 2026'. Fortunately, RTC had budgeted to run them until 31.3.26.
Estimate Assumes that the hand back date might change again - and makes provision for April 2026-March 2027.

Estimated cost running Strand and Garden pcs (12 months)	£43,000
Less contribution from Earmarked Reserve	£7,527

	£35,473

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £7,527.

Note Savings could be achieved if the Gungardens pcs were closed in Winter 25-26 - or were open weekends only. If the Rye BID is formed, funding *might* be made available for the Strand pcs. See note **34** for the Station Approach pcs.

59 Rates

Note The expectation had been that, when the licence for Unit 50 was in place, RTC would lose 100% of small business rates relief on the Town Hall. This was flagged up to RDC in March 2024 but no rate demand was received until 13.1.26 - as follows:

2023	£1,788.08
2024-25	£5,364.25
2024-25	£5,364.25
	£12,516.58

60 Robes & Regalia

Note The stock of Past Mayor badges is down to one. This is likely to be presented to Cllr Stuart in May 2026. If his successor serves one year only, a badge will be required in May 2027 (or May 2026 if two years are served).

Actual Replacement Town Crier uniform.

*Estimate P*rovision for 3 Past Mayors Badges - £1,850.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £1,805 *(see Earmarked Reserves note **9**).*

61 Rye Leisure Centre

Actual Mainly the buildings insurance cover contribution (payable to the freeholder - ESCC) for 2025-26 - £6,809 (£459 over budget).

Forecast Earmarked Reserves:

Rye Leisure Centre	£0
Rye Leisure Centre failure contingency	£25,550

Estimate The estimated cost of RTC having to caretake the Centre for 6 months if the CIO failed is £50,000. Last year, RTC added £20k to the failure reserve. Given that, in its first year, the Centre is in a better financial position than forecast, it is suggested that no failure provision contribution is made in 2026-27. The Centre is about to be re-valued by ESCC's broker (a process that typically results in a higher premium).

Estimate breakdown:

Failure provision	£0
Buildings insurance contribution	£7,500
	£7,500

62 Skatepark

RTC partly refurbished the Skatepark in 2024, following it deteriorating to such an extent that it had to be closed on safety grounds. The ply-surfaced equipment that was not replaced with with Skatelite was repaired to 'usable condition' but we are reaching the point it will need to be re-covered with Skatelite. The cost of this 'Phase 1' was £40,201. In 2025-26, RTC provided £10,000 towards a 'Phase 2'. Other sources of funding have yet to be investigated.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £9,920.

Estimate Provision towards maintenance of non-refurbished equipment.

Outstanding Identification/Provision of funding to complete the refurbishment with Skatelite.

63 Street furniture

Includes (for example) The cost of refurbishing/maintaining K6 telephone kiosks; painting bollards, benches and bus shelters. Purchasing, signs, benches and bins.

Rye Foreign PC has agreed to share the cost of a new bench at the entrance to Rye Cemetery.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £974.

64 Stripe processing fee

Online Ghost Walk bookings/sales fee.

65 Town Crier Championship

Increasingly benefits from sponsorship (cash/goods/services).

Actual Includes second gazebo - £319; printing and design of the Rye Town Crier book (sold to raise funds for the Championship) - £375; prize money - £225.

Estimate Difficult to calculate accurately because the number of entries every year is uncertain - as well as the number of competitors claiming the accommodation allowance and cash sponsorship.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £683.

66 Town Hall Cottage

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £4,040.

67 Town Hall Repairs & Renewals

Works likely to be needed to the Town Hall in the short-medium term include: re-pointing; side elevation; boiler replacement; re-wiring; attic re-plastering; replacement window/s; redecorating rear exterior; repointing first floor front windows.

Estimate Work booked in (April 2026):

Rear dormer window refurb	3,300
Skylight repairs	770
Rear elevation spot repointing	670
Side elevation repointing	5,950
Front sash windows repointing	3,275
	13,965

Assumes boiler replacement, re-wiring and attic re-plastering can, if necessary, be postponed until 2027-28 - and that fire safety work is phased.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £23,326.

68 Town Steward Service

Excludes salaries. Income from Town Steward Services is added to the budget.

Resourcing requirement likely to change once it becomes clear which RDC assets are to be transferred to RTC.

The 2025-26 Budget provided for £3,000 from the Earmarked Reserve to be put towards revenue expenditure.

Estimate

Waste disposal - green	800
Waste disposal - other	500
Rates (@£250pm)	3,000
Unit 50 rent (assume £500pcm)	6,000
Electricity	400
Water	100
Mobile	120
Car and ride on mower insurance	1,300
Fuel	600
MOT and repairs	600
Equipment and tools	1,500
Equipment repairs	400
PPE/clothing	300
Consumables (paint, sealants, nails etc)	950
Miscellaneous	500
ESCC - additional urban verge cuts	2,331
Sundries/Contingency	1,599
	21,000

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

69 Training

Actual Includes First Aid staff refresher - £560; Streetworks reassessment - £370; new councillor training - £65.00.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £409.

70 Triptych

Includes provision for discounted storage, fire insurance cover and future restoration/ repair costs.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £475.

Estimate

Storage (12 months)	£109
Fire insurance @£7pw	£312
Maintenance	£250
	£671

71 Visitor experience enhancement

8.12.25 Agreed to vire balance towards former TG School Playing Field purchase fund.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £0.

72 Web site

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £441.

73 Winter maintenance

Note Used principally to fund salt and replacement grit bins.

Forecast Likely that salt will need topping up before 31.3.26.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £745.

74 Youth Club

Actual Balance of the amount owed for Rye Youth Zone's use of the Leisure Centre. No requests for funding have been received from RYZ in relation to its activities during 2025-26.

Forecast Earmarked Reserve: £1,190.

FORECAST TOTAL RESERVES

	actual	**forecast**
	as at 31.3.25	**as at 31.3.26**
Earmarked	*154,690*	165,267
General	*37,825*	13,071
	192,515	178,338

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DEVOLVED SERVICES *(note 34)*

Note *With the exception of the Station Approach PCs, the figures below assume that asset transfers will not be completed before 30.9.26 and, with the exception of the conveyancing fees, are set at 50% of the estimated cost/income.*

Estimate

Asset/s	**Est cost**	***Plus* est inurance**	***Plus* convey-ancing**	***Less* est income**	**Est net costs**	**Notes**
Rye Cemetery	29,049	125	1,300	23,320	7,154	**1**
Station Approach pcs	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	**2**
Salts	35,658	125	3,900	5,795	33,888	**3**
Masons Field	6,732	75	1,300	0	8,107	
Kings Avenue play area	3,930	75	1,300	0	5,305	
				Sub total	**74,454**	**6**
				Plus contingency	*10,000*	**4**
				Total	**84,454**	
				Less Special Expense charge	*37,995*	**5**
				NET ADDIT GRAND TOTAL	***46,459***	

Notes

1 Assumes would be managed jointly with Rye Foreign PC and RF PC will have little financial input. Unknown if Cemetries Officer will be TUPE'd.

2 There is a provisional plan to establish a new charity to refurbish and operate these. RDC has confirmed that the Rye Parks & Gardens Special Expense is not drawn on to maintain the shrub bed.
It is recommended that RTC should not accept transfer of this asset before 1.4.27.
The provision is towards any refurbishment (including charging for use) feasibility study and/or the charity employing a project manager.

3 Offer excludes currently the Cricket Salts Car Park and access track.

4 Provision toward any additional staffing costs; equipment replacment etc

5 2025-26 breakdown (2026-27 figures awaited):

Rye Parks & Games	£75,990	
Christmas Lighting	£2,624	**(a)**
Rye Museum	£722	**(b)**
Bus shelters	£305	
	£79,336	

Note **(a)** Levied in error - transferred to RTC
(b) Charged because Bexhill Museum receives a grant via the Bexhill Special Expense.

RDC has now confirmed that it would cease to charge the Rye Special Expense if the relevant assets/services were transferred. It is assumed that if assets transferred during a financial year then part of the Expense raised during that year would follow the asset.

6 It is considered likely that RDC has over-estimated costs.

It is recommended that the transfer of assets from RDC should be conditional on it ceasing to charge the relevant Rye Special Expense or, if an asset is transferred part way through a year, passing on the balance of the unexpended Special Expense to RTC.