



# Sandown Town Council Medium Term Financial Strategy

This strategy is an overarching medium term financial strategy that the Council will follow when making financially relevant decisions.

1. Value for Money.

The Council will always seek to obtain best value for money in all its financially relevant decisions (this does not necessarily mean accepting the lowest tender in any contract).

2. Maintaining its assets

The Council will budget monies to provide anticipated maintenance cost for all the facilities the Council runs (2024, 2025 & 2026 budget decision).

3. Replacement of facilities and equipment

The Council will make financial provision for the replacement of facilities and equipment. Money will be budgeted and placed in council reserves for the replacement of facilities/equipment the council operates, based on an anticipated life of the facility/equipment (2024, 2025 & 2026 budget decision).

4. Reserves.

- (i) The Council will hold a minimum of 6 months of net revenue expenditure in general reserves<sup>1</sup>.
- (ii) Monies allocated to the above provision (6 above) to be ringfenced for that provision and detailed in the Council budget reserves. Monies may, exceptionally, be vired from these reserves by a Council decision.

5. Broadway Centre.

The Broadway is a community asset, and whilst hire charges to users will defray running costs, it is not expected to be run as profit centre. Hire charges will be reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, on an annual basis.

6. Public Toilets.

The Council will look to offset running cost of its various facilities by charging a reasonable charge (not necessarily to make a profit/cover running costs).

7. Grant Funding.

The Council will look to obtain grant funding at all opportunities.

8. Inflationary Budget Increases.

The Council will budget to deal with inflationary increases in running costs so that it does not cut services (2024, 2025 & 2026 budget decision).

9. Investments:

See [Reserves and Investments](#) policy.

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<sup>1</sup> As outlined by the [Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners Guide 2022](#) sections 5.32 – 5.34.