

AREAS OF BUDGETARY RISK

The table below identifies two areas that have been identified as a budgetary risk within Resources revenue budgets:

Budget Title	Approved Budget	Risk
Revenue Collection/Benefits – Housing Benefit Subsidy	£40,833,830	The Council administers nearly £41m of Housing Benefit Subsidy for rent allowances and rent rebates. The claiming of subsidy is based on cost and administering within timescales varied from time to time by the Government. If timescales are not met, administrative errors minimized and overpayments reduced, there is a risk of paying out for Housing Benefit and only receiving a partial reimbursement of subsidy.
Unapportionable Overheads – Pension contributions	£291,290	Employer's contributions to the Pension Fund for staff and retired staff are administered on the Council's behalf by Devon County Council. A combination of reduced staffing, investment performance and life expectancy have meant that employer payments in to the scheme have been increasing. This is particularly relevant with the Council's staff numbers reducing and the added risk of existing or new staff leaving or not joining the scheme. Employer's contributions are based on current staff that are enrolled in to the Pension Fund, so if there are less staff, the per capita contribution will need to increase.

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