

2025-26 Original Budget: Corporate Overheads & Initial Service Delivery Plan

Finance Service Planning



Summary Budgets for 2025-26

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Overhead Budget Summary 2025-26



Category	Economic Growth & Regeneration.	Skills, Inclusion & Public Reform.	Transport.	Finance & Investment.	Operations.	Chief Executive.	DIRECTORATE OVERHEADS	Corporate Items.	2025-26 Budget
Expenditure	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Employees	3.274	3.709	2.468	1.873	3.284	0.392	14.999		14.999
Admin Costs	0.050	0.167	0.268	0.452	2.285	0.100	3.322		3.322
Cost of Delivery	2.273		0.081			0.399	2.753		2.753
Contingency				1.251			1.251	5.683	6.934
Central Support			(0.000)				(0.000)	8.789	8.789
Transport Levy								87.173	87.173
Total Expenditure	5.597	3.876	2.817	3.576	5.569	0.891	22.325	101.645	123.970
Income	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Grant Top-slice								(10.291)	(10.291)
Funding	(2.781)	(0.557)	(0.250)	(0.500)	(1.000)	(0.550)	(5.638)		(5.638)
Recharges to Projects		(0.104)	(2.739)	(0.063)	(0.116)	(0.078)	(3.100)		(3.100)
Interest								(6.800)	(6.800)
Transport Levy								(89.356)	(89.356)
Total Income	(2.781)	(0.661)	(2.989)	(0.563)	(1.116)	(0.628)	(8.738)	(106.448)	(115.185)
Total net expenditure before Tyne Tunnel funding	2.816	3.215	(0.172)	3.013	4.453	0.263	13.587	(4.803)	8.785
Funding towards costs from Tyne Tunnel							(0.000)	(8.785)	(8.785)
2025-26 Net Budget	2.816	3.215	(0.172)	3.013	4.453	0.263	13.587	(13.587)	(0.000)

- Employee costs built up from existing payroll with known vacancies. The pay award is currently held centrally until it is agreed and applied. Also hold a central contingency which can be used for additional employee costs.
- Funding based on assumed use of grant and other funds to cover overhead costs of the Authority.
- Transport levy cost and funding is a pass through and is treated as a corporate item for purposes of this budget report.
- Tyne Tunnels operations are treated as service delivery, with a net recovery charge used to pay for related central support costs.



Initial Service Delivery Budgeted Costs (March 2025)

- Reported at a functional level to represent major programme or funding streams.
- Functional groups are used across multiple services within directorates
- Budgets have only been included for existing projects, plus known pipeline projects, as agreed at March 2025.
- Any projects which are still being developed or are yet to be added to the pipeline will be added as they are approved.

Function	Economic Growth & Regeneration.	Skills, Inclusion & Public Reform.	Transport.	Grand Total
Housing & Infrastructure Project.	58.967			58.967
Economic Growth & Regeneration General.	14.537			14.537
Innovation & Economy Project.	8.570			8.570
Sector Growth and Delivery	6.885			6.885
Culture	3.874			3.874
Low Carbon & Net Zero Net Zero Hub.	2.579			2.579
Innovation & Economy Digital Project.	0.500			0.500
Skills ASF		95.139		95.139
Economic Inactivity Trailblazer.		9.900		9.900
Employability Project.		3.703		3.703
Connect to Work		3.970		3.970
Inclusive Economy Project.		2.200		2.200
Skills Project.		1.255		1.255
Programmes Capital ALL			254.377	254.377
Transport Contract Management Projects.			33.717	33.717
Enhanced Partnerships Projects.			55.675	55.675
Programmes Projects.			16.956	16.956
Bus Reform Projects			2.136	2.136
Strategy Management Projects.			1.594	1.594
Grand Total	95.910	116.167	364.456	576.533



Overheads Budget Detail

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Detailed Overhead Spend 2025-26



Account Class	NECA Class	AC DESC	Sum of TOTAL
EXPENDITURE	Employees	Pay	13.802
		National Insurance	1.049
		Agency Supply-support staff	0.052
		Pensions increases acts payments	0.050
		Apprenticeship Levy	0.029
		Advertising for staff	0.010
		Staff travelling	0.008
		Employees Total	14.999
	Admin Costs	Other expenses	0.746
		Training-other activities	0.400
		Consultants fees (Projects)	0.393
		NECA SLA	0.205
		Rents and leases	0.177
		Subscriptions	0.169
		Audit fees	0.146
		Service level agreements-other	0.144
		Consultants fees (financial)	0.100
		Subsistence	0.100
		Marketing & Communications	0.100
		Rates	0.092
		Service charge	0.072
		Insurance premiums-miscellaneous	0.070
		Recharge-misc-staff	0.050
		Computer requisites	0.040
		Electricity	0.036
		Telephones general-all costs	0.030
		Comp hardware lease-network servers	0.030
		Venue hire	0.030
		Design	0.025
		Other hired and contracted services	0.025

Detailed Overhead Spend 2025-26



Account Class	NECA Class	AC DESC	Sum of TOTAL
		Licences	0.025
		Printing	0.021
		Consultancy Project Management	0.020
		Payments to sub-contractors	0.015
		Contract cleaning	0.013
		Photography	0.010
		Advertising other than for staff	0.010
		Legal expenses	0.005
		Furniture repair and replacement	0.005
		Misc equipment tools and materials	0.005
		Premises insurance	0.004
		BID Levy	0.003
		Stationery	0.003
		General office expenses	0.003
		Departmental hospitality	0.003
	Admin Costs Total		3.322
	Cost of Delivery	Misc equipment tools and materials	1.182
		Other expenses	0.646
		Miscellaneous grants	0.640
		Recharge-misc-staff	0.236
		Contributions to specific funds	0.049
	Cost of Delivery Total		2.753
	Contingency	Budget Contingency	2.683
		Contingencies	2.251
		Local government pension	1.000
		Consultancy Project Management	1.000
	Contingency Total		6.934

Detailed Overhead Spend 2025-26








Account Class	NECA Class	AC DESC	Sum of TOTAL
	Central Support	Loans fund interest	8.789
	Central Support Total		8.789
	Transport Levy	Special grants	87.173
	Transport Levy Total		87.173
EXPENDITURE Total			123.970
Income	Grant Top-slice	Contributions	(10.291)
	Grant Top-slice Total		(10.291)
	Funding	LA Contribution	(0.030)
		Other Funding	(0.250)
		Other Contributions	(0.877)
		Other government	(4.481)
	Funding Total		(5.638)
	Recharges to Projects	Recharges to other bodies	(0.065)
		Recharges Staff Costs	(0.935)
		Reserves	(2.100)
	Recharges to Projects Total		(3.100)
	Interest	Interest on bank balances	(6.800)
	Interest Total		(6.800)
	Transport Levy	Conts-other local authorities	(89.356)
	Transport Levy Total		(89.356)
Income Total			(115.185)
Overheads Net Total			8.785
Funding towards costs from Tyne Tunnel			(8.785)
Grand Total			(0.000)



Overhead Budgets by Directorate

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Sum of TOTAL		Service 				
Account Class 	NECA Class 	Business Growth & Support.	Economic Delivery.	Inward Investment.	Strategy & Innovation.	Overheads Net Total
 EXPENDITURE	Employees	0.625	1.225	0.203	1.221	3.274
	Admin Costs				0.050	0.050
	Cost of Delivery	0.283	0.640	0.247	1.104	2.273
EXPENDITURE Total		0.908	1.865	0.450	2.375	5.597
 Income	Funding	(0.491)	(0.640)	(0.450)	(1.200)	(2.781)
Income Total		(0.491)	(0.640)	(0.450)	(1.200)	(2.781)
Overheads Net Total		0.417	1.225	0.000	1.175	2.816

Overhead Budgets – Economic Growth & Regeneration



Account Class	NECA Class	Public Service Reform.	Skills & Inclusion.	Skills For Business.	Overheads Net Total
EXPENDITURE	Employees	0.671	1.660	1.378	3.709
	Admin Costs		0.050	0.117	0.167
EXPENDITURE Total		0.671	1.710	1.495	3.876
Income	Funding			(0.557)	(0.557)
	Recharges to Projects		(0.104)		(0.104)
Income Total			(0.104)	(0.557)	(0.661)
Overheads Net Total		0.671	1.606	0.938	3.215

Overhead Budgets – Skills, Inclusion & Public Reform



Account Class	NECA Class	Transport Contract Management.	Transport Programme.	Transport Strategy.	Overheads Net Total
EXPENDITURE	Employees	0.209	0.358	1.901	2.468
	Admin Costs	0.193		0.075	0.268
	Cost of Delivery	0.018		0.063	0.081
	Central Support	8.789			8.789
EXPENDITURE Total		9.209	0.358	2.039	11.605
Income	Funding	(0.250)			(0.250)
	Recharges to Projects		(0.030)	(2.709)	(2.739)
Income Total		(0.250)	(0.030)	(2.709)	(2.989)
Overheads Net Total		8.959	0.328	(0.670)	8.617

Overhead Budgets – Transport



Account Class	NECA Class	Finance.	Investment.	Programme Assurance.	Overheads Net Total
EXPENDITURE	Employees	2.058	0.068	0.746	2.873
	Admin Costs	0.452			0.452
	Contingency	5.686		0.248	5.934
EXPENDITURE Total		8.196	0.068	0.994	9.259
Income	Grant Top-slice	0.000			0.000
	Funding	(1.500)			(1.500)
	Recharges to Projects	(0.063)			(0.063)
	Interest	(6.800)			(6.800)
Income Total		(8.363)			(8.363)
Overheads Net Total		(0.167)	0.068	0.994	0.896

Overhead Budgets – Finance & Investment



Account Class	NECA Class	Business Transformation.	Communication s & Marketing.	HR, OD & H&S.	Legal & Governance.	Overheads Net Total
EXPENDITURE	Employees	1.247	0.680	0.423	0.934	3.284
	Admin Costs	1.322	0.338	0.575	0.050	2.285
EXPENDITURE Total		2.569	1.018	0.998	0.984	5.569
Income	Recharges to Projects	(0.088)			(0.028)	(0.116)
Income Total		(0.088)			(0.028)	(0.116)
Overheads Net Total		2.481	1.018	0.998	0.957	5.453

Overhead Budgets – Operations



Account Class	NECA Class	Chief Executive.
EXPENDITURE	Employees	0.392
	Admin Costs	0.100
	Cost of Delivery	0.399
EXPENDITURE Total		0.891
Income	Funding	(0.550)
	Recharges to Projects	(0.078)
Income Total		(0.628)
Overheads Net Total		0.263

Overhead Budgets – Chief Executive



Account Class	NECA Class	Central Items
EXPENDITURE	LA Payments	87.173
EXPENDITURE Total		87.173
Income	Grant Top-slice	(10.291)
	Levy Contribution	(89.356)
Income Total		(99.648)
Overheads Net Total		(12.474)
Income Total		(8.785)
Grand Total		(21.260)

Overhead Budgets – Corporate