



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-394, please find your question and our response below.

## **Request:**

On 19th December 2022 the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities released details of the provisional local government finance settlement for 2023/24.

I would therefore like to request

- The change to your Core Spending Power (CSP) for 2023/4 over 2022/3 as a result of the local government finance settlement.
- The impact of inflation on the council's 2022/3 budget, as measured against the original 2022/3 budget.
- The estimated impact of inflation on the council's budget for 2023/24
- How much you had originally forecast the inflationary increase in costs to be for a) 2022-3 and b) 2023-4 in percentage and actual terms.
- Details of any loans (PWLB or money market) taken out by the council after 30/9/22 and the loan provider, terms and time period for these loans.

## **Response:**

- East Cambridgeshire District Council's change in Core spending as detailed in the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was 4.8%.
- The 2022/23 financial year has not yet finished; but we do not measure the impact of inflation specifically, we measure the overall change between budget and actual on respective cost centers, but this change could be for a variety of reasons.
- Again, we do not measure the impact of inflation specifically, but the Council's net expenditure increased from £12.2 million in 2022/23 to £13.9 million in 2023/24. Between years, the Council has not changed the level of services it is providing, so the increase in costs, to the most part, reflects the change in the cost of service provision.
- No loans have been taken out since the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-394

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