**SPENDING AND COUNCIL TAX**

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<th>03/04</th>
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<td>Total spending</td>
<td>2,382.6</td>
<td>2,483.0</td>
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<td>Less: income</td>
<td>-1,098.1</td>
<td>-1,121.5</td>
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<td>Contribution to general balances</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td><strong>-14.3%</strong></td>
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<td>Contribution from specific resources</td>
<td>1.5</td>
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<td>City Council budget requirement</td>
<td>1,282.1</td>
<td>1,360.2</td>
<td><strong>6.1%</strong></td>
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<td>Less: revenue support grant</td>
<td>-232.2</td>
<td>-280.9</td>
<td><strong>21.0%</strong></td>
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<td>Less: business rates</td>
<td>-285.8</td>
<td>-276.6</td>
<td><strong>3.2%</strong></td>
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<td>Collection fund surplus/(-)deficit(+)</td>
<td>0.1</td>
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**Change in Levy Requiring**

**Details of the Midlands Region Flood Defence Committee’s Finances:**

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<td>2003/04</td>
<td>41,434</td>
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**Change in Levies Requirements Due To:**

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<td>Inflation (inc. economies and efficiency savings)</td>
<td>+830</td>
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<td>Changes in quality/quantity of service</td>
<td>+594</td>
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<td>Funding capital from revenue</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Differences in income received or expected by way of grants, fees and charges (inc. contributions from Internal Drainage Boards and government grants)</td>
<td>-30,765</td>
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<td>Changes in net expenditure</td>
<td>-29,341</td>
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<td>Transfers from balances</td>
<td>-299</td>
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<td>Changes in levy requirements</td>
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• Going Local – bringing services closer to the people who
use them
• Making neighbourhoods clean and safe
• Investing in our children and young people
• Preparing our city for the future
• Closing the gaps: tackling inequality
• Putting our citizens and customers at the heart of everything we
do
• Our social care services for children, families and older people
• Improving housing services

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