58091 Pension and Debt Interest

Please advise:

The total payments from your General Fund to your Pension Fund in the financial year 2024/25 and the burden of this cost measured as a proportion of the Council Tax revenue this consumed.

2024-25 Employer contributions to Lothian Pension Fund - £68,986,000

2024-25 Council Tax income - £357,583,000

2024-25 Payments to pension fund as a percentage of Council Tax revenue – 19%

Any estimate for the total payments from your General Fund to your Pension Fund in the current financial year and the burden of this cost measured as a proportion of the Council Tax revenue this is expected to consume.

2025-26 Estimated employer contributions to Lothian Pension Fund – £67,892,000

2025-26 Estimated Council Tax income – £390,200,000

2025-26 Estimate of payments to pension fund as a percentage of estimated Council Tax revenue – 17%

The total payments from your General Fund for debt interest in the financial year 2024/25 and the burden of this cost measured as a proportion of the Council Tax revenue this consumed.

2024-25 Interest payable and similar charges – £103,204,000

2024-25 Council Tax income - £357,583,000

2024-25 Interest as a percentage of Council Tax revenue – 29%

Any estimate for the total payments from your General Fund for debt interest in the current financial year and the burden of this cost measured as a proportion of the Council Tax revenue this is expected to consume.

2025-26 Estimated interest payable and similar charges - £107,469,000

2025-26 Estimated Council Tax income - £390,200,000

2025-26 Estimated interest as a percentage of estimated Council Tax revenue – 28%