

Rother District Council report for Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council

1. Rother is heading for a deficit in the region of £2.8m. The budget will be balanced from reserves. This is better than anticipated because our interim FD has generated £1m more income than expected. There is a resilience plan to bring the budget to near balance by 2025.
2. The capital programme is paused for review.
3. Inflation, Brexit etc has caused problems for the housing company and Blackfriars is being reviewed. Every house will have a heat pump and environmental standards remain high but currently it is not viable to build the affordable housing which was proposed. This aspect is under constant review and once finances allow we expect affordable housing to be delivered.
4. The temporary closure of several public conveniences in the District will save £30k – this is not a move which is universally popular.
5. The process to appoint a new Deputy Chief Executive has begun.

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