



RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
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CIRCULATION

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Executive Director of Adults & Communities
The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

A meeting of the River Tees Port Health Authority was held on Friday, 12 December 2025 at the Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD.

PRESENT Councillors I Blades (In the Chair), M Fairley, P Grogan, L Hall, I Hart, Hussain and Mazi.

OFFICIALS D Dobson, S Fenwick, L Evans, E Grunert and S Ziolkowski.

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Allen, C Cawley, D Coupe, W Davies, M Dodds, T Furness, P Gavigan, L Hurst, E Johnson and P Weston.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

28 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY - AUGUST 2025 TO OCTOBER 2025

29 The Executive Director of Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which gave a summary of the performance of the River Tees Port Health Authority from 1 August 2025 to 31 October 2025 and answered Members questions in relation to it. - **NOTED**

CURRENT AND EMERGING RISKS

The Executive Director of Growth, Enterprise and Environment submitted a report which gave details of several current and emerging risks to Great Britain from imported food and feed that have an impact on the River Tees Port Health, including Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever, Peste de Petits Ruminants and Lumpy Skin Disease.

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Members were advised that Great Britain was currently 'disease free' from these animal diseases and the Government had introduced additional controls to ensure this was retained.

RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.

30 2025/26 FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

The Treasurer update the Board on the financial position of the Authority at the end of September 2025 (Period 06) and highlighted any variances against the 2025/26 approved budget.

RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.

31 BUDGET 2026/27 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The Treasurer submitted a report which recommended a budget for approval by the Authority for the 2026/27 financial year. The report proposed the funding levels required from each of the four contributing Local Authorities and considered the level of reserves held by the Authority, full details of which were set out in the report.

Members were advised that this budget had been considered in the context of the medium-term financial position. It would assist the Authority with its own planning processes and sought to ensure that there was some clarity about the resources needed from individual Local Authorities over the medium term.

The Treasurer reminded Members that the Authority was required to meet the statutory deadline of setting a balanced budget by 7 March for the next financial year, as set out under the Local Government Act 2003. The budget for approval had also been considered in the context of the 2025/26 financial position.

RESOLVED that:

1. The 2026/27 budget proposals and the associated funding requirements based upon the information in the Appendices to the report (not reproduced) and informed by the latest financial outturn forecast for 2025/26 be approved;
2. The estimated planned position on reserves for 2025/26 and 2026/27 be noted; and,
3. The distribution of reserves in 2025/26 based on expected reserves as noted in the report be approved.

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32 ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIR CERTIFIES AS URGENT

No items were certified as urgent.



Member Report

Performance Summary for River Tees Port Health Authority November 2025 to January 2026

Public

To: River Tees Port Health Authority **Date:** 06 March 2026

From: Corporate Director - Growth Enterprise Environment **Decision type:** For information

Portfolio: Health, Housing and Welfare **Forward Plan reference:** N/A

Priority: All priorities

Ward(s): ALL

1 What is the recommendation?

1.1 For information purposes only.

2 What part of the Corporate Plan does this report deliver and how, and what options have been considered?

2.1 This report provides an overview of the performance from 01 November 2025 to 31 January 2026.

2.2 Shipping movements through the River Tees

Shipping movements are consistent throughout the year with Stockton, and Redcar and Cleveland having the most berths and as such the most visits by ships. The Stockton (North Tees) side of the river mainly deals with petrochemicals, including oil, gas and other chemicals, and Redcar and Cleveland hosts the container and ro-ro (roll on-roll off) berths.

2.3

Authority	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Grand Total
Hartlepool	12	6	2	20
Middlesbrough	8	10	9	27
Redcar & Cleveland	107	105	110	322
Stockton	101	97	100	298
Grand Total	228	218	221	667

2.4

Ship Inspections and Issue of Ship Sanitation Certificates

All requests for renewal of a Ship Sanitation Certificate were attended to. While all UK Covid restrictions have been lifted, officers continue to take precautions prior to boarding a vessel.

All ships must supply a Declaration of Health prior to officers boarding; any sign of infectious disease on board will be risk assessed prior to boarding.

2.5 Ship Inspections

Authority	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Grand Total
Hartlepool				
Exemption	1	1	0	2
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough				
Exemption	2	0	0	2
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Redcar & Cleveland				
Exemption	3	3	1	7
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Stockton				
Exemption	2	4	2	8
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Total	8	8	3	19

2.6 Water Samples – ship and jetty supplies

All requests for water samples are attended to where there is availability for the laboratory to collect the samples within an appropriate time frame. The laboratory can collect samples Monday to Friday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are dedicated free pick-up times, and Monday and Friday are ad-hoc collections which incur an additional charge to the ship.

Any unsatisfactory samples are provided with advice and information and a recommendation to resample at their next port of call.

2.7 Ship Water Sample Results

Type of sample	Outcome	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Total
Ship Bacteriological	Satisfactory	4	3	2	9
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
Ship Legionella	Satisfactory	2	2	2	6
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
Jetty Water	Satisfactory	1	0	0	1
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	7	5	4	16

2.8 Imported Food and Feed

All official controls are carried out within relevant timescales, and this varies depending on the type of product and regulation requirements.

Tea, coffee, and wine are the main imported food items from outside the EU, a small amount of feed is also imported. The quantity of plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong continues to be minimal.

2.9 IUU (Illegal Unreported Unregulated Checks)

Imports of fish from the EU require catch certificate endorsement and/or a processing statement check. We are working with importers and agents to ensure these are pre-notified at least 24 hours before arrival at Teesport and manifested correctly.

Most Tees imports are containers and trailers with processed fishery products, such as tinned tuna, fish fingers and surimi (mixed fish sticks) on board.

	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Total
Fishery products	98	116	41	225

2.10 Product of Animal Origin (POAO)

Imports of POAO are risk rated, low, medium and high. Low risk products include pasteurised dairy products, ambient stable goods, and pet food. Medium risk products include meat and fishery products. High risk products include live animals and germinal products.

	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Total
POAO	1637	1727	1548	4912

2.11 Organics

The service has certified a total of 6 consignments of organic imports between November 2025 and January 2026.

2.12 Plastic Kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

The service received one consignment of plastic kitchenware during November 2025 and January 2026.

2.13 Health Entry Documents for High-Risk Food not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO)

The service received 4 consignments of high-risk food not of animal origin during November 2025 and January 2026.

2.14 Infectious disease notifications

There were no incidents of infectious disease notifications November 2025 and January 2026.

2.15 Teesside Airport

There have been no imports of food or feed through the airport between November 2025 and January 2026.

2.16 Policies and Plans

All policies and plans have been reviewed and updated where required and were presented at the June 2025 Board meeting. They are available to view on our website at www.teesporthealth.co.uk

3 Who has been consulted and engaged?

3.1 Senior Officers of the Riparian Authorities.

4 What are the risks and resource implications?

4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Appendices and further information

5.1 There are no appendices with this report.

6 Background papers

6.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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Member Report - For Information

Current and Emerging Risks

Public

To: River Tees Port Health Authority
Date: 06 Mar 2026
From: Growth, Enterprise & Environment Scrutiny
Decision type: For Information
Portfolio: Health, Housing and Welfare
Forward Plan Reference: N/A
Priority: All Priorities

1.	Summary of report
1.1.	There are a number of current and emerging risks that have an impact on River Tees Port Health Authority (RTPHA). These risks include Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), African Swine Fever (ASF), and Pestis de Petits Ruminants (PPR). Great Britain (GB) is currently 'disease free' from these three animal diseases and the Government has introduced additional controls to ensure GB retains this.
2.	What are the objectives of the report and how do they link to the Council's priorities?
2.1.	To inform Members of the current and emerging risks to GB from imported food and feed, in particular Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever, Pestis des Petit Ruminants, and Lumpy Skin Disease.
2.2.	There are many other risks to the UK that are not listed in this report. These can be found at the following website. Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues - GOV.UK
2.3.	This report list those risks that have a current impact on imports through Teesport.
3.	Background

3.1.	The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) monitors all new and emerging risks that may enter GB that may have an impact on food, feed and animals. Diseases such as FMD can have a huge impact on the farming community and the food and feed entering the UK.
3.2.	According to the National Audit Office, the last FMD outbreak in the UK cost the public sector over £3 million and the private sector more than £5 billion. It is therefore extremely important to monitor these new and emerging risks and put measures in place quickly to prevent the spread of such diseases. <u>The 2001 Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease - NAO report</u>
3.3.	<p>Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)</p> <p>FMD is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease that primarily affects even-toed ungulates (hooved animals), including domestic and wild cattle. The virus causes a high fever lasting two to six days, followed by blisters inside the mouth and near the hoof that may rupture and cause lameness.</p> <p>The FMD virus can be transmitted in a number of ways, including close-contact, animal-to-animal spread, long-distance aerosol spread, or inanimate objects, typically fodder and motor vehicles.</p>
3.4.	There are current restrictions in place for imports of animal and animal products from Slovakia. All other restrictions have been lifted.
3.5.	<p>Pestes des Petites Ruminants</p> <p>Pestse des petits ruminants virus (PPR) is a highly contagious viral disease of sheep and goats and infection has been noted in antelope, camels and water buffalo. Cattle and pigs can be affected too but tend not to develop clinical signs. Outbreaks result in morbidity and mortality rates as high as 90%.</p> <p>PPRV is transmitted through direct contact of infected and susceptible animals, via aerosolised bodily fluids over short distances, or through contaminated feed, water, pastures and animal housing.</p>
3.6.	<p>Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) has suspended the import of the following sheep and goat commodities from Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Croatia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live animals • germplasm • raw milk and raw milk products • untreated wool and hair • fresh or chilled (untreated) skins and hides

3.7.	<p>Lumpy Skin Disease</p> <p>An outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) was confirmed 21 June 2025 on a cattle farm in Sardinia; as a result, Italy lost its LSD-free status.</p> <p>Lumpy skin disease affects cattle, water buffalo and some exotic species including antelope and giraffes. It can cause severe illness in susceptible animals and outbreaks can cause trade and movement restrictions. It does not affect people or food safety.</p>
3.8.	<p>Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) has suspended the import of the following bovine commodities from Italy, France and Spain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live animals • germplasm (unless collected prior to 21 December 2024 for Italy, 29 December 2024 for France and 3 April 2025 for Spain) • offal (except diaphragm and masseter muscles) • raw milk and raw dairy products, including raw colostrum • certain animal by-products (including hides and skins) unless processed to mitigate the risk of lumpy skin disease (read the safeguard declaration)
3.9.	<p>African Swine Fever</p> <p>African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious and deadly disease in pigs and wild boar that can be transmitted through infected meat but poses no risk to human health. An outbreak of ASF could have a significant impact on the UK's £8 billion pig industry, as well as its annual pork and pork product exports worth £600 million. It is estimated that an outbreak could cost the UK between £10 million to £100 million should it ever occur.</p>
3.10.	<p>In September 2022 legislation was introduced to prevent the import of illegal pork products from the EU, including health marking on packaging to ensure it comes from a country authorised to export to the UK. Further measures were implemented in September 2024 to prohibit personal imports of pork and pork products over 2kg.</p>
3.11.	<p>ASF presents a big problem to ports where ferry traffic is the main route of entry. Dover in particular has a big problem with illegal imports due to the amount and type of traffic coming through these short straits.</p>
3.12.	<p>Impacts to RTPHA</p> <p>The service has a small number of low risk imports that require additional checks; this has not had an impact on service delivery.</p>
3.13.	<p>The service continues to monitor the new and emerging risk to the service and regularly liaises with DEFRA, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), and the Food Standards Agency (FSA).</p>
4.	<p>Appendices and background papers</p>

4.1.	<p>Further information about current issues relating to imports of animal products can be found at the link below.</p> <p>Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues - GOV.UK</p>
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River Tees Port Health Authority

Review of Current Fees and Charges



Public

To: River Tees Port Health Authority (RTPHA) **Date:** 06 March 2026

From: Growth, enterprise, Environment, Scrutiny **Decision:** For Information

Portfolio: River Tees Port Health Authority

Outcome: Business Compliance

1 What is the purpose of this report?

1.1 To present to RTPHA Board members the proposed amendments to the fees and charges for 2026/27

2 What is the background to this report?

2.1 The fees and charges must be reviewed annually to reflect the actual cost of the service to our customers. The last time the fees were reviewed was in March 2025. The current review has considered the time taken for carrying out chargeable activities, a prediction of the national annual pay award of 3% plus on costs for 2026/27, and changes to third party charges for analyst fees, transport costs etc. All fees and charges have been rounded up to the nearest pound.

2.2 The fees and charges are calculated on both set fees from service providers, for example, laboratory fees, and staffing time-based costs. The average increase across all the fees and charges is 4.5%.

2.3 Members are asked to approve the fees and charges for 2026/27.

2.4 There is one new fee / charge to be implemented for 2026/27. This is the fee for an extension of a Ship Sanitation Certificate. The Association of Port Health Authorities sets the fees and charges for this work, and historically we have not charged for this service as it was never requested. During the past year, we have had a couple of requests for an extension of a Ship Sanitation Certificate, so these charges, if approved, will apply from 01 April 2026

2.5 Under the legislation, authorities must have access to enough revenue to carry out the necessary checks. It is, however recognised that this may not be possible on an in-year basis. It is acceptable that authorities structure their charging regime based on estimates and adjust them on an annual basis to ensure the fees reflect full cost recovery over the longer term.

2.6 It should be noted that not all service requirements are chargeable, the following is a list of services that we provide that are not cost recoverable.

- Monitoring of imported food and feed and food contact materials.
- Providing advice and information to ship and import agents.
- Responding to service requests.
- Investigating infectious diseases.

- Food hygiene and standards inspections to the businesses at the Port.
- Invasive species monitoring (Health Security Agency).
- Attending relevant meetings and liaising with riparian officers and other stakeholders.

3 Who will this benefit and how?

3.1 This review and amendments will ensure our customers are getting a value for money service and that our costs are based on time taken to carry out official controls with on costs and associated analyst fees, where applicable.

4 Who have we consulted?

4.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders and officers at the Riparian Authorities.

5 How will it deliver our priorities and improve our performance?

5.1 The review will ensure we provide a value for money service to our customers.

6 What are the resource implications (financial, human resources)?

6.1 There are no resource implications following this review.

7 What will be the impact on equality and diversity?

7.1 There are no equality and diversity issues as part of this report.

8 What will be the impact on our carbon footprint?

8.1 There is no direct impact on the carbon footprint as a result of this report.

9 Are there any legal considerations?

9.1 We have a duty to review our fees and charges to provide a quality service to our customers that provides value for money.

10 What are the risks involved?

10.1 There are no risks involved in this review.

11 What options have been considered?

11.1 The only other option available was to leave our fees and charges at the current rate. With the national annual pay award and increases on costs, it would not make good financial management to leave the fees and charges at the current rate.

12 Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that Members agree the changes to the current fees and charges.

13 Appendices and further information

13.1 Appendix A – Current and Proposed Charges for 2026/27

14 Background papers

14.1 There are no background papers.

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Appendix A – Current and proposed fees and charges

Description	Current charges 2025/26	Proposed charges 2026/27
Water Samples		
Bacteriological - 1st sample	£113.00	£117.00
Bacteriological - additional samples	£39.00	£42.00
Legionella - 1st sample	£150.00	£158.00
Legionella - additional sample	£76.00	£83.00
High Risk Food Not of Animal Origin		
Documentary Check	£50.00	£51.00
Sampling check (additional analytical charges will apply)	£145.00	£149.00
Non-compliance fee	£176.00	£181.00
Plastic Kitchenware		
Documentary Check (5 lab reports)	£50.00	£51.00
Additional 5 lab reports	£15.00	£16.00
Sampling check (additional analytical charges will apply)	£145.00	£149.00
Non-compliance fee	£176.00	£181.00
Products of Animal Origin – High Risk		
Documentary check	£76.00	£80.00
ID & Physical Check - Consignments up to 6 tonnes	£134.00	£139.00
Additional tonnage between 7 to 46 tonnes	£15.00 per tonne	£16.00 per tonne
Consignments over 46 tonnes a maximum charge of	£734.00	£769.00
Sampling fee (additional analytical charges will apply)	£185.00	£193.00
Late pre-notification	£30.00	£32.00
Non-compliance fee	£360.00	£378.00
Products of Animal Origin – Medium Risk		
Documentary check	£76.00	£80.00
ID & Physical check - Consignments up to 6 tonnes	£92.00	£96.00
Additional tonnage between 7 to 46 tonnes	£15.00 per tonne	£16.00 per tonne
Consignments over 46 tonnes a maximum charge of	£692.00	£726.00
Sampling fee (additional analytical charges will apply)	£185.00	£193.00
Late pre-notification	£30.00	£32.00
Non-compliance fee	£360.00	£378.00
Products of Animal Origin – Low Risk		
Surveillance check	£10.00	£10.00
IUU Catch Certificates		
Documentary check - low risk		
1-5 certificates	£36.00	£37.00
6-10 certificates	£71.00	£73.00
11-20 certificates	£106.00	£109.00
21 + certificates	£141.00	£145.00
Documentary check - high risk		
1-5 certificates	£71.00	£73.00
6-10 certificates	£106.00	£109.00
11-20 certificates	£141.00	£145.00
21 + certificates	£176.00	£181.00
Non-compliance fee	£176.00	£181.00

Sanitation Certificates (set by APHA by Gross Tonnage)		
Up to 1,000	£140.00	£150.00
1,001 to 3,000	£190.00	£200.00
3,001 to 10,000	£280.00	£305.00
10,001 to 20,000	£365.00	£385.00
20,001 to 30,000	£465.00	£490.00
Over 30,000	£535.00	£560.00
Extension		£115.00
Organic Products		
Certification	£50.00	£51.00
Non-compliance fee	£176.00	£181.00
Destruction Fees		
Minimum fee for up to 3 pallets	£339 + VAT	£342 + VAT
Destruction fees	£113 + VAT	£114 + VAT

Member Report

2026/27 Financial Position Update

Public

To:	River Tees Port Health Authority	Date:	6 March 2026
From:	Deputy Treasurer	Decision type:	Key - Budget
Portfolio:	Health, Housing and Welfare	Forward Plan reference:	n/a
Outcome:	All priorities		
Ward(s):	All		

1 What is the purpose of this report?

- 1.1 To update the River Tees Port Health Authority Board (the Board) on the financial position of the Authority at the end of January 2026 (Period 10) and to highlight any variances against the 2025/26 approved budget.

2 What part of the Corporate Plan does this report deliver, and how and what other options have been considered?

- 2.1 The management of the Authority's budget is critical to the ongoing operations of the Port Health Service. As such no other options are available.

3 What is the background to this report?

- 3.1 At its meeting on 13th December 2024 the Authority approved a balanced 2025/26 budget, which is based on a surplus, to be added to reserves of £21,250 and a £157,650 funding contribution from the Teesside Riparian Authorities.

3.2 Projected Outturn 25/26

The Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) became operational at the end of April 2024 with imports split into categories of goods that are low, medium and high risk.

The forecast income and costs for 25/26 have been updated for latest run rate on product of animal origin income (c £176k, Dec 25 forecast: £236k) to reflect expected income achieved in year. Increased costs reflect a small market supplement paid to two employees. The revised net full year impact is a c £107k improvement versus the initial budget (c £21k surplus).

The forecast assumes that the Governments announcement regarding a trade deal with the EU earlier in the year, and expected change to the Border Target Operating Model, has no impact on the 2025/26 financial year given the relatively short time frame now remaining.

A summary of the financial position (at the end of January 2026) is set out in the table below:

	Budget 2025/26	Actual	Projected Outturn 2025/26	Variance Budget to Outturn
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employee Costs	242,350	217,241	268,600	26,250
Other operating costs	396,900	362,255	445,050	48,150
Total Costs	639,250	579,496	713,650	74,400
Income including grants	(660,500)	(660,511)	(842,193)	(181,693)
Net Expenditure	(21,250)	(81,015)	(128,543)	(107,293)
Riparian Contributions	(157,650)	(157,650)	(157,650)	0
Net	(178,900)	(238,665)	(286,193)	(107,293)
Distribution	0	84,000	175,000	175,000
Post distribution	(178,900)	(154,665)	(111,193)	67,707

The main variances when comparing budget to projected outturn are as follows:

Employee Costs – a forecast overspend of £26,250. This increase reflects updated overtime cost expectation to support meeting the demand of BTOM and supplement to two employees noted above.

Other Operating Costs – a forecast overspend of £48,100. This is demand driven, including additional veterinary service provision (£25,000) to cover the increase in checks following the outbreaks of animal related diseases in the EU, and increased computer licence cost (c. £11k). This will continue to be monitored as the year progresses.

Income - £181,693 more than budget as a result of additional product of animal origin income which was largely unknown.

Further analysis can be seen in Appendix 1.

As a result of the above, the net contribution to reserves, after Riparian contributions (£157,650) is currently estimated to be £286,193, a £107,293 improvement on budget (budget £178,900), less distribution to Riparian authorities (£175,000) agreed at the December 2025 meeting

The expected outturn position for 25/26 will continue to be closely monitored over the coming months as future government policy becomes clearer.

3.3 Estimated Reserves and 26/27 budget

Estimated Reserves 31/3/26

The estimated reserves balance of RTPHA are a key indicator of financial strength and the estimated position of these reserves as at 31 March 2026 is set out below. Reserves are projected to increase from their opening balance of £380,414 to around £738,000 (including current surplus and Riparian contributions).

Reserves	£
Balance at 1st April 2025	380,414
Estimated surplus for the year	128,543
Riparian contributions	157,650
Distribution	(175,000)

Estimated balance 31st March 2026 491,607

26/27 Budget: A separate paper was prepared and agreed at the December 2025 Board meeting and no revision proposed at this point.

4 Who will this benefit and how?

- 4.1 The production of this financial information will ensure that the Authority will be compliant with the current legislation and proper practices in terms of financial management. As such it will cover the Riparian authorities and all the Tees Valley population in terms of a fit for purpose River Tees Port Health organisation.

5 Who have we consulted?

- 5.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Directors of Resources and Public Health for Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, and the individual port health officers at each of the riparian authorities.

6 How will it deliver our priorities and improve our performance?

- 6.1 Investment in Port Health services has been earmarked as an ongoing priority by the Tees Valley Chief Executives. In addition, the debate on funding levels for local councils has been the driver for improved operational performance and the delivery of a value for money service.

7 What will be the impact on equality and diversity?

- 7.1 There will be no impact on equality and diversity from this report.

8 What will be the impact on our carbon footprint?

- 8.1 There is no impact from this report on our carbon footprint.

9 Are there any legal considerations?

- 9.1 There are no specific legal issues to consider because of this report.

10 Appendices and further information

10.1 Appendix 1 – Budget Monitoring Position January 2026

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Appendix 1

	Budget 2025/26	Projected Outturn 2025/26	Variance
Basic Pay	189,900	202,450	12,550
NI Contributions	27,300	26,500	- 800
Overtime	2,000	8,700	6,700
Superann Contributions	19,900	24,950	5,050
Other Allowances	2,750	5,500	2,750
Car Allowances	500	500	-
	242,350	268,600	26,250
Training Expenses	500	-	- 500
Tools & Equipment Purchase	1,100	1,050	- 50
Clothing, Uniforms & Laundry	500	500	-
Printing & Stationery	100	100	-
Photocopier Usage	50	50	-
Services - Professional Fees	372,850	410,000	37,150
Subsistence	-	50	50
General Supplies and Services	-	50	50
Mobile Phones	750	750	-
Computer Software	18,550	30,000	11,450
Subscriptions	1,300	1,300	-
Public Liability Insurance	1,200	1,200	-
	396,900	445,050	48,150
Fees - Environmental Health & Pest control			
Product of Animal Origin	553,500	730,443	176,943
Catch Certification	66,950	66,950	-
Sanitation Certificates	28,350	28,350	-
High Risk Products Imports	250	2,500	2,250
Organic Certificates	800	800	-
RTPHA Permits (annual fee)	700	1,150	450
Plastic Declaration	700	-	- 700
Water Sampling	9,250	12,000	2,750
	660,500	842,193	181,693
Net Expenditure	- 21,250	- 128,543	- 107,293
Other Grants & Contributions - Other Organisations			
RTPHA - Middlesbrough Council	23,648	23,648	-
RTPHA - Stockton Council	48,872	48,872	-
RTPHA - Hartlepool Council	3,152	3,152	-
RTPHA - Redcar & Cleveland Council	81,978	81,978	-
Total Due from Riparian Authorities	157,650	157,650	-
Distribution	-	175,000	- 175,000
Net	- 178,900	- 111,193	67,707