



2018/19 BUDGET & PRECEPT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 10/18

12 FEBRUARY 2018

The purpose of this report is to summarise the Town Council's anticipated expenditure for the financial year 2018/19 and provide the basis for the formal adoption of a Budget for that year and the setting of the related Precept.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) A letter from the Isle of Wight Council's Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer Chris Ward of 19 January 2018 requests the Island's 33 Town and Parish Councils to submit their Precept requirement for 2018/19 by 21 February 2018.
- b) The letter also sets out the calculations for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) grant due to the Town Council for 2017-18 of £4,878 (compared with ££7,429 in 2017/18) that is in addition to the Precept the Town Council sets for the year.
- c) The reduction reflects the level of decrease in the amount the Isle of Wight Council receives from government for the LCTS scheme and, in Ventnor's case, it is slightly more than offset by an increase in the Town's Tax Base from 2,516.2 for 2017/18 to 2,555.4 for 2018/19.
- d) The tax base is the calculated number of Band D rate households from which Council Tax is predicted to be collected and is the number by which the total precept is divided to show the cost to the Band D tax payer.

3) DRAFT BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/19

- a) The Town Council's annual Consultation evening on Monday 29 January had the highest attendance since they began in 2012 with over 120 residents involved.
- b) The specific items for discussion at the event were the two services affected by indications from the Isle of Wight Council of cuts in funding for Youth Work and Ventnor Park and the proposed development of Boniface Fields.
- c) There was strong support for additional funding of all three and that has been included in the draft Budget for 2018/19 attached to this Report.
- d) The Budget indicates a total anticipated expenditure for the financial year 2018/19 of £450,828.
- e) Income from activities totalling £122,596 together with the grant from the Isle of Wight Council through the LCTS and the increase in the Council Tax Base reduce the amount needed from the Precept to £323,354 compared with £280,423 in the current year.
- f) This additional £42,931 would represent an increase of 13.54% and increase the cost to Band D households by £15.09 for the year, or 29 pence per week (9p per week for households qualifying for the maximum Council Tax rebate).

4) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:

- i) adopt the Draft Budget as presented with this Report;
- ii) confirm its Precept-related Budget for 2018/19 to be £323,232;
- iii) set the Precept income to fund it at £318,354, together with the LCTS grant of £4,878 from the Isle of Wight Council;
- iv) authorise the Town Clerk to inform the Isle of Wight Council accordingly.



Draft Budget 2018/19

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Item	2017/18 budget	Predicted return	Variance	2017/18 Precept Budget	Predicted 2018/19 costs	Income	Precept Budget 2018/19	+/- 2017/18 Precept Budget	Decrease on 2017/18	Increase on 2017/18
Administration salaries	68,037	64,789	3,248	68,037	76,775	-	76,775	8,738	-	8,738
Overheads										
4 Office stationery	1,250	1,056	194	1,250	1,000		1,000	- 250	- 250	-
5 Office equipment	1,000	788	212	1,000	1,000		1,000	-	-	-
6 Photocopier costs	2,500	2,732	- 232	2,500	2,750		2,750	250	-	250
7 Affiliation Fees	1,000	1,412	- 412	1,000	1,100		1,100	100	-	100
8 Insurance	5,000	5,901	- 901	5,000	6,000	1,750	4,250	- 750	- 750	-
9 Telecomms	1,000	1,204	- 204	1,250	1,250	600	650	- 600	- 600	-
10 Audit Fee	1,350	1,325	25	1,350	1,350		1,350	-	-	-
11 Bank Charges	350	574	- 224	350	500		500	150	-	150
12 Newsletter and Website	900	1,303	- 403	900	1,350		1,350	450	-	450
13 Legal & Professional Fees	2,000	788	1,212	2,000	1,500		1,500	- 500	- 500	-
14 Member Training	500	300	200	500	500		500	-	-	-
15 Cleaning	1,000	2,110	- 1,110	1,000	1,000		1,000	-	-	-
16 Maintenance	1,500	3,575	- 2,075	1,500	2,500		2,500	1,000	-	1,000
17 Office + Room Rent	10,750	10,657	93	10,750	10,750		10,750	-	-	-
18 Miscellaneous	2,000	2,601	- 601	2,000	2,000		2,000	-	-	-
Overheads total	32,100	36,327	-4,227	32,350	34,550	2,350	32,200	-1150	- 2,100	1,950
Infrastructure										
19 Town Clocks	150	75	75	150	150		150	-	-	-
20 Town Decorations	1,500	943	557	1,500	-		-	- 1,500	- 1,500	-
21 Metrological Honorarium	600	600	-	600	600		600	-	-	-
22 Spring Hill Gardens	500	509	- 9	500	500		500	-	-	-
23 Putting Green Kiosk Costs	3,500	3,348	152	750	3,000	2,750	250	- 500	- 500	-
24 Green Ventnor	3,000	4,459	- 1,459	3,000	3,000		3,000	-	-	-
25 Public Toilets	40,000	49,340	- 9,340	39,000	40,000		40,000	1,000	-	1,000
28 Paddling Pool	5,000	6,210	- 1,210	5,000	6,000		6,000	1,000	-	1,000
29 Outfit	750	705	45	1,000	750		750	- 250	- 250	-
30 Sea Breeze Park	2,250	750	1,500	705	750		750	45	-	45
31 Grounds Maintenance	28,760	23,353	5,407	28,760	23,000		23,000	- 5,760	- 5,760	-
32 Ventnor Library	20,000	17,171	2,829	20,000	18,000		18,000	- 2,000	- 2,000	-
33 Ventnor Central		3,000	- 3,000		3,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
34 Beach Cleaning	7,750	6,575	1,175	7,750	6,500	1,730	4,770	- 2,980	- 2,980	-
35 Car Parks	29,051	28,696	355		28,696	28,696		-	-	-
Infrastructure total	142,811	145,734	- 2,923	108,715	133,946	34,176	99,770	- 8,945	- 12,990	4,045
Projects										
39 Beach Safety	7,500	7,679	- 179	7,500	10,000		10,000	2,500	-	2,500
40 No 31 Bus	18,750	19,578	- 828	8,750	20,000	10,000	10,000	1,250	-	1,250
41 Warmer Ventnor Project	2,500	2,634	- 134	2,500	2,500		2,500	-	-	-
42 Economic Development	22,500	22,521	- 21	22,500	25,000		25,000	2,500	-	2,500
43 Community Development	30,000	32,656	- 2,656	30,000	32,500		32,500	2,500	-	2,500
44 Youth Service	30,000	28,644	1,356		27,500	5,000	22,500	22,500	-	22,500
45 Boniface Fields					20,000		20,000	20,000	-	20,000
46 Ventnor Park					7,500		7,500	7,500	-	7,500
45 Salisbury Gardens	51,189	50,912	277		54,557	71,070	16,513	- 16,513	- 16,513	-
Total Projects	162,439	164,625	- 2,186	71,250	199,557	86,070	113,487	42,237	- 16,513	58,750
46 Contingency	6,000	6,000	-	6,000	6,000		6,000	-	-	-
Totals	411,387	417,476	- 6,089	286,352	450,828	122,596	328,232	41,880	- 31,603	73,483
Expenditure Budget 2017/18	411,387				450,828		328,232			39,441
Precept Budget 2017/18	287,852				328,232		328,232			40,380
Less Grant	7,429						4,878			- 2,551
Precept Requirement	280,423						323,354			42,931
Council Tax Base	2,516.2						2,555.4			39.2
Per Band D household	£ 111.45						£ 126.54			£ 15.09
									Changes 2017/18 to 2018/19	
										% increase 13.54%