



2019/20 BUDGET & PRECEPT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 11/19

11 FEBRUARY 2019

The purpose of this report is to summarise the Town Council's anticipated expenditure for the financial year 2019/20 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 2019/20 by 20 February 2019.
- b) The letter also sets out the calculations for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) grant due to the Town Council for 2019-20 of £2,587 (compared with £4.878 in 2018/19) 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 2,555.4 for 2018/19 to 2,563.9 for 2019/20.
- 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 2019/20

- a) The draft Budget attached to this Report indicates a total anticipated expenditure for the financial year 2019/20 of £474,661.
- b) Income from activities totalling £93,400 together with the grant from the Isle of Wight Council through the LCTS and the increase in the Council Tax Base mean that the amount needed from the Precept is £340,294 compared with £323,354 in the current year.
- c) This additional £16,940 represents an increase of 3.86% and increases the cost to Band D households by £4.94 for the year, or 10 pence per week.

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 2019/20 to be £342,881;
- iii) set the Precept income to fund it at £340,294, together with the LCTS grant of £2,587 from the Isle of Wight Council;
- iv) authorise the Town Clerk to inform the Isle of Wight Council accordingly.



Budget 2019/20

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Item	2018/19 budget	Predicted outturn	Variance	2018/19 Precept Budget	Predicted 2019/20 costs	Income	Precept Budget 2019/20	+/- 2018/19 Precept Budget	Decrease on 2018/19	Increase on 2018/19
Administration salaries	76,775	76,775	-	76,775	79,974	-	79,974	3,199	-	3,199
Overheads										
4 Office stationery	1,000	1,088	- 88	1,000	1,000		1,000	-	-	-
5 Office equipment	1,000	250	750	1,000	250		250	- 750	- 750	-
6 Photocopier costs	2,750	3,572	- 822	2,750	3,500		3,500	750	-	750
7 Affiliation Fees	1,100	1,294	- 194	1,100	1,250		1,250	150	-	150
8 Insurance	6,000	7,055	- 1,055	4,250	7,000	1,750	5,250	1,000	-	1,000
9 Telecomms	1,250	1,014	236	650	1,000		1,000	350	-	350
10 Audit Fee	1,350	1,350	-	1,350	1,350		1,350	-	-	-
11 Bank Charges	500	471	29	500	500		500	-	-	-
12 Newsletter and Website	1,350	1,141	209	1,350	1,250		1,250	- 100	- 100	-
13 Legal & Professional Fees	1,500	735	765	1,500	1,000		1,000	- 500	- 500	-
14 Member Training	500	75	425	500	200		200	- 300	- 300	-
15 Cleaning	1,000	1,830	- 830	1,000	1,500		1,500	500	-	500
16 Maintenance	2,500	3,355	- 855	2,500	3,000		3,000	500	-	500
17 Van		3,500	- 3,500	-	3,500		3,500	3,500	-	3,500
18 Office + Room Rent	10,750	10,638	112	10,750	10,750		10,750	-	-	-
19 Miscellaneous	2,000	5,910	- 3,910	2,000	2,000		2,000	-	-	-
Overheads total	34,550	43,278	-8,728	32,200	39,050	1,750	37,300	5,100	- 1,650	6,750
Infrastructure										
20 Town Clocks	150	-	150	150	-		-	- 150	- 150	-
21 Metrological Honorarium	600	600	-	600	600		600	-	-	-
22 Spring Hill Gardens	500	720	- 220	500	1,550		1,550	1,050	-	1,050
23 Putting Green Kiosk Costs	3,000	3,000	-	250	3,000	3,000	-	- 250	- 250	-
24 Floral Ventnor	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	2,000		2,000	- 1,000	- 1,000	-
25 Public Toilets	40,000	40,081	- 81	40,000	40,000		40,000	-	-	-
Shore Road Toilets Refub					13,000	6,500	6,500	6,500	-	6,500
28 Paddling Pool	6,000	5,149	851	6,000	5,500		5,500	- 500	- 500	-
29 Outfit	750	750	-	750	750		750	-	-	-
30 Sea Breeze Park	750	750	-	750	750		750	-	-	-
31 Grounds Maintenance	23,000	22,031	969	23,000	26,965		26,965	3,965	-	3,965
32 Ventnor Library	18,000	18,000	-	18,000	18,000		18,000	-	-	-
33 Ventnor Central	3,000	5,638	- 2,638	2,000	2,500	500	2,000	-	-	-
34 Beach Cleaning	6,500	6,867	- 367	4,770	6,500	1,730	4,770	-	-	-
35 Car Parks	28,696	24,250	4,446		24,900	24,900		-	-	-
Infrastructure total	133,946	127,836	6,110	99,770	146,015	36,630	109,385	9,615	- 1,900	11,515
Projects										
39 Beach Safety	10,000	7,667	2,333	10,000	8,000		8,000	- 2,000	- 2,000	-
40 No 31 Bus	20,000	18,843	1,157	10,000	20,000	12,000	8,000	- 2,000	- 2,000	-
41 Warmer Ventnor Project	2,500	2,875	- 375	2,500	2,500		2,500	-	-	-
42 Economic Development	25,000	24,565	435	25,000	25,000		25,000	-	-	-
43 Community Development	32,500	32,500	-	32,500	32,500		32,500	-	-	-
44 Youth Service	27,500	26,119	1,381	22,500	27,500	5,000	22,500	-	-	-
45 Boniface Fields	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	8,000	12,000	- 8,000	- 8,000	-
46 Family Voice					3,000		3,000	3,000	-	3,000
47 Ventnor Park	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	7,500		7,500	-	-	-
48 Salisbury Gardens	54,557	51,051	3,506	- 16,513	51,622	68,400	16,778	- 265	- 265	-
Total Projects	199,557	183,620	15,937	113,487	197,622	93,400	104,222	- 9,265	- 12,265	3,000
49 Contingency	6,000	7,500	- 1,500	6,000	12,000		12,000	6,000	-	6,000
Totals	450,828	439,009	11,819	328,232	474,661	131,780	342,881	14,649	- 15,815	30,464
Expenditure Budget 2017/18	450,828				Expenditure 2019/20		474,661			23,833
Precept Budget 2018/19	328,232				Precept Budget 2019/20		342,881			14,649
Less Grant	4,878				Less Grant		2,587			- 2,291
Precept Requirement	323,354				Precept Requirement		340,294			16,940
Council Tax Base	2,555.4				Council Tax Base		2,563.9			8.5
Per Band D household	£ 127.79				Per Band D household		£ 132.73			£ 4.94
									% increase	3.86%