



## **BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2021/22 - Agenda Item 11 Meeting 10/12/20**

- **Budget 2020/21 - to review the current spend at 30/11/20 and the projected full annual outturn**
- **Budget 2021/22 - to finalise the 2021/22 budget requirement**
- **Precept - to set the precept requirement for submission to Arun District Council to meet deadline date, 7/2/21.**
- **General and Ear-marked Reserves – to review and resolve to agree changes.**

**Please refer to Spreadsheet (on Parish Council Website under 'Finance and Risk' tab)**

### [Budget 2020/21](#)

To review the budget (column C) with the projected full annual outturn (column D) and to note/consider/approve treatment of any over/under spend.

Column C – shows the expenditure for 2020/21 of £13492 which was agreed in January 2020, to be financed through the precept (£12757), use of council reserves (£309) and other anticipated income/receipts (£426).

Column D - shows the projected annual outturn at 31.3.21.

Column E - shows the variance between the projected and actual spend.

Since the budget for 2020/21 was approved in January 2020 the Parish Council has secured Pocket Parks Funding of £25500, of which £25000 has been received from Arun District Council as custodians of the grant.

Additional costs incurred relate to the Clerk's salary to the cover extra hours worked in relation to project management of Recreation Ground project, involvement in school closure, additional tasks such as the quarterly newsletter, the complexity of managing the Council's finances due to the CIL and grant funding (£49175) and requirements of an external audit.

The disabled access path and removal of the old playground surface is scheduled to be completed in the current financial year and will be met from the residual CIL funds.

### [Budget for 2021/22](#)

Column F shows the council's proposed expenditure for 2021/22, based on the level of services that the council will provide and the projected cost.

The spreadsheet provides a line-by-line commentary of projected spend within each budget heading.

### **Precept - funding the budget in 2021/22**

See the precept calculation below for an average Band D taxpayer which is the accepted basis of comparison year on year.



	ACTUAL 2020/21	BUDGET 2021/22
	£	£
Precept	£12,757.00	£12,661.00
i.e. amount of precept divided by the tax base	£95.92	£91.09
Tax base	133	139
Decrease per tax base (%)	0	-5.04%
Decrease per tax base (£)	0	-£4.83

### Recommendations —

The council must balance the cost of complying with relevant legislation, its health and safety and other key responsibilities (particularly in respect of Recreation Ground) and delivering core services, with the impact on its taxpayers.

It is recommended that the council resolves to approve

1. The forecast total expenditure for 2021/22 of £12661 (and to note projections for 2022/23 & 2023/24 which will be reviewed/revised).
2. General Reserves at circa £10000 (to cover unforeseen expenses, maintain services on an emergency basis)  
Ear-marked Reserves to comprise
  - Residual CIL money, currently £6995.80 (due to be spent in current financial year)
  - Election Costs £750, to build at the same amount each year until the next elections in 2023 for the cost of a contested election.
  - VAT reclaimed on Pocket Parks grant and CIL spend whilst clarity provide on eligibility to make claim (£7595.84)
3. The precept calculation for a Band D taxpayer for 2021/22 will be £91.09 (compared with £95.92 in 2020/21, reduced by £4.83, 5.04% reduction).
4. The precept for the financial year 2022/23 is set at £12661 (£91.09 x 139) to cover the cost of providing the level of services set out in this report.