

Report Purpose:

10. Budget 24/25 V1

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Background

Below is the draft budget for 24-25. Key point are listed after the table as are precept cost and comparisons.

Action:

To discuss the budget for 24/25

		22/23 Actual	23/24 Budget	24/25 Budget
Income				
Code	Reserves		£45,319	
1176	Precept	£984,083	£988,064	£1,189,979
	Kick start funding	£2,096	N/A	N/A
1007	Interest	£15,325	£4,000	£10,000
1001	Weston CC	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
1000	Allotments	£1,096	£1,000	£1,100
NEW	Pavilion Income			£20,000
Expenses				
4000	Staffing	£226,233	£250,000	£280,000
4005	Rent	£12,000	£12,000	£25,000
4010	Photocopier	£2,684	£3,500	£2,800
4011	Travel Expenses	£76	£500	£200
4012	Mayoral Allowance	£3,000	£3,500	£3,500
4013	Civic Events	£4,670	£8,000	£8,000
4014	Training	£551	£4,000	£3,000
4015	Postage	£106	£500	£250
4016	IT	£5,740	£4,000	£6,000
4018	Communications	£7,836	£5,000	£8,000
4019	Equipment	£402	£2,000	£6,000

4021	Accountancy Support	£2,494	£2,500	£2,600
4022	Legal Advice	£4,452	£6,000	£6,000
4023	HR and HS Support	£1,600	£1,800	£2,000
4024	Subscriptions	£190	£2,000	£500
4025	Insurance	£4,563	£4,600	£6,000
4026	Stationary	£603	£2,000	£1,250
4027	Catering	£255	£0	£0
4080	Election Costs	£15,125	£0	£0
4028	Bank Charges	£296	£300	£300
4029	Room Hire	£4,553	£5,000	£7,000
4054	Ward Budgets	£5,412	£14,000	£14,000
4020	Audit	£2,050	£2,800	£3,000
4031	Other Expenses	£1,040	£0	£1,000
4032	Allotment Exp	£2,182	£7,000	£7,000
4031	Weston CC	£6,019	£2,000	£1,000
4050	Christmas Lights	£33,302	£33,333	£33,333
4052	Christmas Lights Switch On	£4,341	£10,000	£10,000
4061	Public Realm	£28,038	£40,000	£40,000
4071	Town Ranger Service	£110,233	£130,000	£136,000
4062	Floral Displays	£39,468	£50,000	£50,000
4053	CCTV	£32,461	£33,050	£35,000
4065	Projects and Events	£49,583	£55,000	£60,000
4066	Community Enforcement	£40,000	£40,000	£42,000
4058	Remembrance	£6,029	£6,000	£6,000
4063	Youth Activity	£7,100	£20,000	£20,000
4078	VIC	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000
4072	Macclesfield Promotion	£2,359	£5,000	£8,000
4064	Parks and Equipment	£88,072	£100,000	£100,000
4073	Covid Recovery	£2,518	£0	£0
4059	CAB	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000

4057	Com Delivery	£20,607	£20,000	£22,000
4074	Vol Sector SLA	£9,994	£10,000	£10,000
4069	Move More Macc	£3,821	£5,000	£8,000
4060	Barnaby Festival	£10,000	£0	£0
	Community Events/ Parade	£7,500	£10,000	£12,000
4033	Planning Committee	£1,009	£2,000	£2,000
4034	Planning Policy	£4,710	£2,000	£2,000
4068	Grants	£32,076	£45,000	£45,000
4084	Winter Saftey	£0	£0	£0
4081	Town Centre Wifi	£6,202	£4,000	£5,000
	Special Projects			£25,000
	PW Loan Repayment			£80,346
		£933,555	£1,043,383	£1,226,079
	Income 2024/25			£1,226,079
	Expense 2024/25			£1,226,079

Key Points

- Inflation is causing increases in services.
- Staffing increased due to expected wage rises (from NALC) and employment of Finance/Admim Assistant.
- Rent increased as a growing council we need to increase space and storage.
- Reduction in stationery as trying to do less papers.
- Weston CC reduced to £1000 as should cover legionella test and is a full cost recovery lease.
- Town Ranger increased by £6000 to accommodate potential pay rises.
- Events increased by £5000 due to success of events and effect on footfall.
- Winter Safety is covered by Ear Marked Reserves.
- Equipment for staff is due next year.
- New category called special projects, envisaged to fund projects in the year that come up.

South Park Pavilion

This version of the budget includes the loan amount to be paid back for South Park Pavilion, and a conservative amount coming in from the pavilion to go towards the paying of the loan.

Precept

This would increase the precept from £52.06 annually per Band D household to £62.70. This is an increase of £10.64 per year and 89 pence per month.

Comparisons to other Councils

2023-24 precept amounts per year for Band D households.

Council	Band D
Alderley Edge	£68.88
Alsager	£98.31
Bollington	£78.44
Congleton	£96.37
Crewe	£87.95
Henbury	£62.48
Holmes Chapel	£86.80
Knutsford	£97.29
Macclesfield	£52.06
Nantwich	£145.29
Sandbach	£82.69