

**Report Purpose:**

To approve the budget for 26/27

**Author:**

Town Clerk

The budget for 26/27 is proposed as follows which shows an increase of 31 pence per month for a Band D household.

| <b>Income</b>                     | <b>24/25 Actual</b> | <b>25/26 Budget</b> | <b>25/26 Projection</b> | <b>26/27 Budget</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| UKSPF                             | £38,487             | £0                  | £35,000                 | £10,000             |
| Return from Community enforcement | £23,375             | £0                  | n/a                     | n/a                 |
| Reserves                          |                     | £36,000             | £30,000                 | £101,700            |
| Loan                              | £0                  | £1,250,000          | £0                      | £1,250,000          |
| Precept                           | £1,229,673          | £1,317,527          | £1,317,527              | £1,419,840          |
| Interest                          | £44,532             | £30,000             | £25,000                 | £35,000             |
| Weston CC                         | £5,000              | £5,000              | £5,000                  | £5,000              |
| Allotments                        | £1,150              | £1,400              | £1,500                  | £1,500              |
| Pavilion Income                   | £0                  | £20,000             |                         | £20,000             |
|                                   |                     | £2,659,927          | £1,414,027              |                     |
| <b>Expense</b>                    |                     |                     |                         |                     |
| Staffing                          | £266,238            | £305,000            | £305,000                | £380,000            |
| Rent                              | £22,000             | £22,000             | £22,000                 | £18,500             |
| Utilities                         |                     |                     | N/A                     | £8,000              |
| Business Rates                    |                     |                     | N/A                     | £10,000             |
| Photocopier                       | £879                | £1,000              | £1,000                  | £1,030              |
| Travel Expenses                   | £14                 | £200                | £100                    | £100                |
| Mayoral Allowance                 | £3,240              | £3,500              | £3,500                  | £3,500              |
| Civic Events                      | £9,351              | £8,000              | £8,000                  | £8,000              |
| Training                          | £1,705              | £2,000              | £1,000                  | £3,000              |
| Postage                           | £43                 | £100                | £50                     | £50                 |
| IT                                | £6,889              | £6,000              | £11,000                 | £10,000             |
| Communications                    | £8,699              | £10,000             | £10,000                 | £10,000             |
| Equipment                         | £3,467              | £4,500              | £10,000                 | £10,000             |
| Accountancy Support               | £2,640              | £3,000              | £2,800                  | £3,000              |
| Legal Advice                      | £4,528              | £10,000             | £10,000                 | £12,000             |
| HR and HS Support                 | £1,616              | £2,000              | £2,000                  | £2,000              |
| Subscriptions                     | £324                | £1,050              | £3,000                  | £3,800              |
| Insurance                         | £4,472              | £8,000              | £6,000                  | £8,000              |
| Stationary                        | £628                | £1,500              | £1,000                  | £1,000              |
| Election Costs                    | £0                  | £30,000             | £0                      | £5,000              |
| Bank Charges                      | £472                | £300                | £500                    | £300                |
| Room Hire                         | £4,481              | £7,000              | £5,000                  | £4,000              |
| Ward Budgets                      | £3,991              | £15,400             | £10,000                 | £15,400             |
| Audit                             | £2,595              | £3,000              | £3,000                  | £3,090              |
| Other Expenses                    | £34                 | £1,000              | £1,000                  | £1,000              |

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| Allotment Exp                      | £3,268     | £7,000     | £5,000     | £20,000    |
| Weston CC                          | £0         | £1,000     | £1,000     | £2,000     |
| Phone                              |            | £1,200     | £1,500     | £2,200     |
| Christmas Lights                   | £33,302    | £37,000    | £37,000    | £40,000    |
| Christmas Lights Switch On         | £10,888    | £13,000    | £13,000    | £13,000    |
| Public Realm                       | £31,819    | £44,000    | £40,000    | £45,000    |
| Town Ranger Service                | £98,562    | £150,000   | £145,000   | £170,000   |
| Floral Displays                    | £41,643    | £50,000    | £50,000    | £50,000    |
| CCTV                               | £41,677    | £35,477    | £37,000    | £37,000    |
| Projects and Events                | £56,931    | £65,000    | £65,000    | £65,000    |
| Community Enforcement              | £0         | £0         | £0         | £0         |
| Remembrance                        | £4,686     | £12,000    | £10,000    | £10,300    |
| Youth Activity                     | £11,471    | £22,000    | £20,000    | £20,000    |
| VIC/ Library                       | £30,000    | £30,000    | £30,000    | £30,000    |
| Macclesfield Promotion             | £7,281     | £13,000    | £13,000    | £13,000    |
| Parks and Equipment                | £69,588    | £110,000   | £140,000   | £110,000   |
| CAB                                | £50,000    | £55,000    | £55,000    | £56,650    |
| Com Delivery                       | £15,013    | £20,000    | £20,000    | £20,000    |
| Summer School                      |            | £5,000     | £4,000     | £5,000     |
| Vol Sector SLA                     | £11,000    | £12,000    | £12,000    | £12,000    |
| Move More Macc                     | £6,909     | £8,000     | £8,000     | £9,000     |
| Community Events/ Parade           | £17,171    | £15,000    | £13,000    | £15,000    |
| Planning Committee                 | £790       | £1,500     | £500       | £1,500     |
| Planning Policy                    | £0         | £1,000     | £0         | £1,000     |
| Grants                             | £49,686    | £49,500    | £49,500    | £50,000    |
| Winter Safety                      | £0         | £3,000     | £8,000     | £8,240     |
| Town Centre Wi-Fi                  | £5,322     | £7,000     | £6,400     | £7,000     |
| Special Projects                   | £43,579    | £20,000    | £50,000    | £90,000    |
| PW Loan Repayment                  | £0         | £101,700   | £0         | £102,000   |
| Silk Museum                        | £20,000    | £20,000    | £20,000    | £20,600    |
| South Park Outgoing (Build)        | £0         | £1,250,000 | £25,000    | £1,250,000 |
| Pavilion Outgoings                 | £8,490     | £20,000    | £2,000     | £20,000    |
| Community Transport                | £8,467     | £36,000    | £26,000    | £26,780    |
|                                    |            |            |            |            |
| Income 2024/25                     | £1,342,217 | £2,659,927 | £1,414,027 | £2,843,040 |
| Expense 2024/25                    | £1,025,849 | £2,659,927 | £1,322,850 | £2,843,040 |
|                                    |            |            |            |            |
| Actual Amount per Year (Band D)    |            | £67.79     |            | £71.45     |
| Actual Increase (Band D) %         |            |            |            | 0.05       |
| Actual Increase per Month (Band D) |            |            |            | £0.31      |

**Action:** To consider the budget for 26/27 for Full Council 15th December 2025.

*Note:* The financial regulations state:

4.4. Unspent budgets for completed projects shall not be carried forward to a subsequent year. Unspent funds for partially completed projects may only be carried forward by placing them in an earmarked reserve with the formal approval of the full council.

Therefore, after year end the clerk will present a list of funding for EMR for approval.