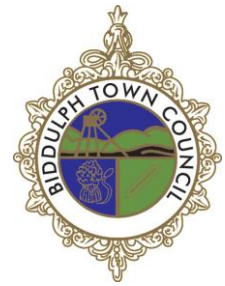


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Precept Statement 21 February 2024

At the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 13 February 2024, Town Councillors approved a precept requirement of £419,195.00 for the 2024-25 financial year.

Each year, the Band D charge is considered. Based on this, the 2024-25 precept requirement represents an increase of £2.99 for the year, from £63.15 to £66.14 per household.

Councillors considered the wide range of services currently provided by the Town Council, and remained dedicated to continuing to provide excellent quality facilities across a range of sites. The Town Council is ambitious, wanting to continue to grow and improve the support and provision for the community. In 2023-24 we continued to manage the Town Hall, bus hub/public toilets and Visitor Centre. We improved the burial grounds, allotment sites and green spaces whilst continuing to provide the 93 bus service and supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our society through the Biddulph Works Together project. In 2024-25, the Town Council will take on additional green spaces and will embark on ambitious regeneration plans for the town centre. There will also be a significant number of community events.

Improving services is set against the backdrop of continuously rising costs. In 2023-24 we managed this through installing more cost effective methods of managing energy use, but costs of energy still account for the majority of the increase in the precept in 2024-25. A further reduction in the funding received to assist with the management of the Town Hall and bus hub, has also had an impact on the budget for 2024-25. The Town Council will use some reserves to fund capital projects in the town.



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Councillor Wayne Rogers, Chair of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee said:

'The Town Council has worked hard to put in place a transparent and robust budget. We will continue to provide the services that people have grown to expect, whilst also seeking to improve both the physical environment and the experience for people accessing services in the town. In 2024-25 we will organise events within the town that will attract visitors and further investment, highlighting our incredible community.'



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