

BUDGET AND PRECEPT INFORMATION

2026-2027



The Precept is the demand made by The Council to the precepting authority (Tendring District Council) for its element of the annual council tax charged on each residential property in the town to fund the activities and services provided by the Town Council. The amount to be collected from residents in 2026/27 to spend on local services and amenity, will be £233,589. This sets the Harwich proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £39.68, which represents a 5% increase on the current financial year and equates to just 76p per week.

In these difficult financial times, The Council very much feels the effects of soaring costs such as fluctuating utility prices and a significant rise in operational costs, in part due to increases in employment costs and inflation. To minimise the impact this has on residents, internal cost cutting measures continue along with the use and/or reallocation of earmarked reserves, which enables The Council to maintain its levels of funding in those areas that best support the community, such as Grant Funding and Economic Development. The Town Council remains sensitive to the ongoing difficulties experienced by many and will monitor the budget throughout the financial year to ensure it continues to provide best value at all times whilst continuing to deliver amenities that are well used within the town, such as the Allotments, Leisure Facilities and enables the upkeep of the Grade I-listed visitor attraction, The Guildhall.

| FUNDING AREA | INCOME | | EXPENDITURE |
|---|--------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Allotments | 10,650 | | 5,100 |
| Environment & Community / Economic Development / Grants & Donations | 500 | | 94,625 |
| Civic | | | 5,870 |
| Hill School | 6,015 | | 4,700 |
| Leisure | 2,300 | | 11,460 |
| Resources, Operational and Administration | 1,050 | | 161,535 |
| | | 20,515 | 283,290 |
| Investments and Interest | | 8,000 | |
| <i>Increase/Decrease in Earmarked Reserves</i> | | | |
| Skatepark Festival | | | -2850 |
| Community Projects | | | -1544 |
| Putting Green Fire Safety | | | -200 |
| Underspends | | | -16592 |
| Total | | 28,515 | 262,504 |
| Precept | | 233,589 | 39.68 |
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