

## **Beverley Town Council**

2022/23 Precept Summary

Beverley Town Council has set the Precept for the 2022/23 Financial Year at £282,828.72. This is an increase of 1.65%

This takes into account a 1.97% increase in the overall tax base (the number of dwellings that pay Council Tax).

Whilst East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) is responsible for many of the larger infrastructure and strategic issues that affect the town, **Beverley Town Council (BTC)** works hard to support local people and make Beverley a happy, environmentally friendly and special place.

Towards the end of each Financial Year, BTC has to produce a projected budget for the following year. From this, we ask ERYC to place a charge on every Council Tax payer within Town Council boundary. This money goes towards BTC running costs and expenditure. It is called the Precept.

The annual Precept for a Council Tax Band D property in 2022/23 will be £45.61. This is an increase of 74p (in the 2021/22 Financial Year the total Precept was £272,894, with Band D being £44.87).

Residents can find the amount of Precept they pay on their Council Tax bill, which includes payments to ERYC (including Adult Social Care and Special Expenses), Humberside Fire and Rescue, Special Expenses, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

BTC has carried over predicted unspent monies to support the same budget lines in 2022/23.

Financial reserves (previously unspent money) have been allocated to many projects and events that will benefit the town. For example, on Friday 3rd June 2022 there will be a major town centre event to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Substantial financial allocations have also been ringfenced for longer-term projects, such as a renovation of the **Beverley Skate Park**. The Town Council also hopes to bring back **Beverley Food Festival**.

For several years, the Town Council has been saving funds

to purchase a building, because the current offices are rented. This is substantial sum and until such a suitable property becomes available, this reserve has been safely and prudently invested with CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities) Investment Management.

The Town Council also provides community support via grants to local groups and events, such as the Cherry Tree Centre, Beverley in Bloom, Beverley Rugby Club Beverley Barge Preservation Society and others.

In addition, the Town Council financially contributes to the cost of new litter and grit bins, dog waste bag dispensers, street lighting, floral displays, CCTV, Christmas lights and more.

The financial breakdown overleaf shows how the Town Council will allocate the Precept, reserves and other income. A more detailed breakdown and Councillor contact details are on our website:

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**Band 'A'** £30.41 per year

£35.47 per year

Band 'B'

**Band 'C'** £40.54 per year

**Band 'D'** £45.61 per year

Band 'H'

**Band 'E'** £55.75 per year **Band 'F'** £65.88 per year

£76.02 per year

Band 'G'

£91.22 per year

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## Precept Budget Breakdown 2022/23

BUDGET LINES	PRECEPT	RESERVES	INCOME	DETAILS
Staff Costs	£121,250	£9,650	£0	Including: salaries, employer pension contributions, tax and national insurance, staffing contingency, staff training and travel, other staff expenses.
Administration	£22,670	£13,790	£0	Including: insurance, technology (including I.T. support, website, internet, etc.), telephones, postage, photocopying, legal expenses, audit fees, publicity and promotion, bank and payroll charges, room hire, audit fees, data protection fees, bank charges, payroll processing fees, subscriptions, etc.
Accommodation	£27,800	£3,100	£0	Including: rent (office, garage and lock-up), room hire for meetings, business rates, utilities and maintenance, alarms system.
Civic and Democratic	£15,750	£ 28,500	£0	Including: election costs, councillor allowances, mayoral allowance, macebearer honourarium, civic expenses (e.g. civic service, civic gifts, etc.), robes maintenance, civic awards night, councillor training/ conferences, councillor travel expenses, etc.
Grants	£20,880	£30,120	£0	Including: community grants scheme (small grants, large grants and strategic partnership grants).
Services	£41,614	£131,262	£4,386 (anticipated allotment rent)	Including: skatepark, grit bins, litter bins, maintenance contractors, dog waste bag dispensers, town council van expenses (fuel, MOT, etc), streetlighting (service level agreement, improvements, etc.), CCTV (maintenance, power, monitoring, etc.), public toilets campaign, new town entry signs, new cycle rack, etc.
Town Events	£0	£69,785	£18,000 (anticipated food fest stall fees)	Including: Platinum Jubilee event, Pancake Race 2023, Pride, Food Festivals, Great Get Together, Beverley Beck project, St John of Beverley Tree Projects, etc.
Christmas Lights	£5,850	£16,000	£0	Including: improved infrastructure, new lights, power, installation and removal, etc.
Floral Displays	£25,200	£4,800	£0	Including: planters, barrier planters, three tier planters, hanging baskets, plants, watering, care, etc.
Allotments	£2,200	£0.00	£2,700 (anticipated allotment rent)	Including: allotment upkeep (taps, repair to walls and fences, pest control, etc.), land leases, water, etc.
General Reserves	£0	£68,250	£0	General Reserves are funds which do not have any restrictions on their use. They cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, offset budget requirements, if necessary, and can are held in case of unexpected events or emergencies.
Property Purchase	£0	£350,000	£0	As explained overleaf, this is allocated for the future purchase of property and is invested with CCLA.
SUBTOTALS	£283,214	£725,257	£25,086	
Predicted bank interest	£0	£0	£385.28	Minus predicted interest from the subtotal Precept: £283,214.00 - £385.28 = £282,828.72

£282,828.72 is the Precept amount paid by residents of Beverley in the 2022/23 Financial Year.