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Parish Council Precept for 2021/2022

You will soon receive a Council Tax demand from RBWM for the next financial year. It will include the separate parish precept for Sunningdale Parish Council and as usual the Parish Council wishes to provide you with more information than the single line that appears on the demand.

For the year April 2021 to March 2022, the **precept will total £194,303** which is equivalent to a Band D charge of £56.13. Conscious of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and acknowledging that many people are finding this period not only emotionally but also financially difficult, the Council has kept the increase over last year to a minimal **1%. This equates to 62p per year for Band D properties.**

The table below shows the precept charge for 2021/22 for each Council Tax band.

Band	Precept	Band	Precept
A	£37.42	E	£68.60
B	£43.66	F	£81.08
C	£49.89	G	£93.55
D	£56.13	H	£112.26

The usual government tax equalisation grant (£3,590 in 2020/21) will not be received in 2021/22 which means that the aggregate precepting revenue will be £1,666 less than in 2020/21.

Funds raised from the Precept are supplemented by **income** generated principally from charges for the use of facilities such as the Tennis Courts, the Recreation Ground and the Community Room; rent from the refreshment chalet, the flat at the Pavilion and the allotments; cemetery fees and the management of the Village Hall charity, which the Parish Council took on last year. Such supplementary income is budgeted to be £94,005 in 2021/22. This compares to £81,101 budgeted for 2020/21. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions it is recognised that actual income may be less. The 2021/22 budget assumes that business will be back too normal but, should that not be the case, the Council is confident that its general reserve is sufficient to cover a modest reduction in income.

Total **expenditure** in 2021/22 is budgeted at £234,092 compared to £215,136 in 2020/21. This covers the day-to-day cost of running the Council, the management and maintenance of the Council’s property and car park, the very popular facilities and services referred to above, the Jubilee clock, flowerbeds, bench and flower planters on Chobham Road and London Road and the net cost of Borough in Bloom and the Christmas event. The Village Hall is still leased to the Village Hall charity on a fully repairing basis but under the new arrangements the staff are now employed by the council and recharged to the charity. The council is also responsible for the maintenance of the War Memorial, numerous benches and assets around the village and from 2021/22 the closed cemetery at Holy Trinity Church in the conservation area.

The Council plans ahead for significant future expenditure and sets aside funds over time so that when such expenditure is necessary residents are not faced with a steep increase in their Council Tax. Examples of this are the replacement of around £250,000 of playground equipment, resurfacing and repainting the tennis courts, replacing the tennis court lights, major property refurbishment and repairs (the Village Hall is over 100 years old) and the future maintenance and expansion of Kiln Lane cemetery where burial plots are leased for 99 years. **Reserves ear-marked** in this way are reviewed annually to ensure they remain appropriate. The 2021/22 budget provides for the transfer of £58,435 (net) to such reserves compared to a budget of £61,934 (net) for 2020/21.

It is not possible to foresee how much will be received from section 106 agreements or the Community Infrastructure Levy. Allocations can be quite significant but may only be used for specified purposes and, if not used, can be repayable to RBWM. During 2021/22 with the assistance of a residents’ survey the Council will be exploring ways in which these funds could be used.

Overall, there will be a **£4,218 deficit** which will be funded from the General Reserve.

Forecast reserves levels are as follows:

	31 March 2021	2021/22 movements	31 March 2022
General Reserve	95,993	(4,218)	91,775
Ear-marked Reserves	136,647	58,434	195,081
	232,640	54,216	285,856
s106/CIL Reserves	173,323	0	173,323
Total Reserves	£405,963	£54,216	£460,179

If you would like more information about the budget and precept setting, Sunningdale’s Responsible Financial Officer Ruth Davies and the Chairman of the Finance Committee Cllr Robin Booth would be happy to meet you. To book an appointment, please email Clerk@sunningdaleparish.org.uk or call 01344 874268.