

The Pavilion Broomhall Lane, Sunningdale, Berkshire, SL5 0QS (01344 874268 e: info@sunningdaleparish.org.uk

Parish Council Precept for 2022/2023

You will soon receive a Council Tax demand from RBWM for the next budget 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 2022 to March 2023, the **precept will total £213,224** which is equivalent to a Band D charge of **£61.29** per annum.

While the council always has been conscious of the increase in the cost of living which all homes and businesses are experiencing, the **retention of the library provision** has impacted the precept by **£12,250 and 6%.** The container library visits provided by RBWM is due to cease due to funding in April 2022 and therefore the Parish Council will take over funding and accommodating a library service.

The remaining increase of **£6,671 and 3.6%** is the result of improved funding for the returning Christmas event and a one-off celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In total the increase year on year of £18,921 equates to **£5.44 per year, 45p per month and 10p per week for Band D properties.**

Band	Precept	Band	Precept
Α	£40.86	E	£74.90
В	£47.67	F	£88.52
С	£54.48	G	£102.14
D	£61.29	Н	£122.57

The table below shows the **annual** precept charge for 2022/2023 for each Council Tax band.

As in previous years, 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.

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Such supplementary income is budgeted to be in 2022/2023 **£120,981 and a 28% increase in revenue received** from this asset management on the budgeted £94,005 in 2021/22. It is this year-on-year increase in the income generated which is and has been used to mitigate the increases on the precept, directly funding the employment costs of the team who manage these assets on a day-to-day basis.

Total **expenditure** in 2022/23 is budgeted at £621,523 compared to £234,092 in 2021/22. This significant increase is due to large projects (£331,756) which are proposed using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to deliver in 2022/2023:

- Multi Use Games Area with new teen scene play area and adult fitness
- Cycling and Walking infrastructure to support Active Travel
- Community Support Service to bring advice from Citizens Advice centre to the parish one day per week
- Project to retain the trees throughout the village with protection orders and to keep the green leafy outlook of the village

The day to day-to-day cost of running the Council includes 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 the closed cemetery at Holy Trinity Church in the conservation area.

These activities and the cost of operating the council assets are budgeted for 2022/23 at \pm 230,449 expenditure

The council continues to make adequate provision through **Earmarked Reserves** to ensure the maintenance and replacement of key assets. The 2022/2023 budget provides for the transfer of \pounds 59,318 (net) to such reserves.

The council is pleased to report that the budget for 2022/2023 will be a balanced budget, securing the future management of the council services and assets on behalf of the residents.

To see the full reserves breakdown, please look at the council website – <u>https://sunningdale-pc.org.uk</u>

Council – Financial Information – Budget and Precept

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 <u>Clerk@sunningdaleparish.org.uk</u> or call 01344 874268.

Don't forget to say you saw them in Village Life!



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Consultation for Broomhall Recreation Ground not too late to let us know your view – closes 14 March 2022

The Parish Council would like to hear your views on a proposed project to add:

- A Multi Use Games Area MUGA
- An upgrade to teen play area
- New Adult Fitness zone
- And new improved paths to link the new areas and create an all-season route across the Recreation Ground to link with Footpath 13 – alongside the railway line

For all the information you need to know about this go to the council website –

www.sunningdale-pc.org.uk/category/news/

or scan the QR code to the right.



Then to let us have your views, complete the survey which you can get to via the Project proposal or by scan the QR code below.



Do not delay – this is your opportunity to shape the way the park looks and the facilities that are provided there.

Survey closes – Monday 14 March 2022.