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Parish Council Precept for 2023-2024

You will have received your Council Tax demand for the next financial year from RBWM. It includes the separate parish precept for Sunningdale Parish Council and, as usual, the Council wishes to provide you with more information than the single line on the demand.

For the year April 2023 to March 2024, the **precept will be £228,962** which is equivalent to a Band D charge of **£64.35** per annum.

The Council is conscious of the increase in the cost of living which all homes and businesses are experiencing. The increase of £15,738 year-on-year equates to **£3.06 per year, 25p per month and 6p per week for Band D properties.**

The table below shows the **annual** precept charge for 2023-2024 for each Council Tax band.

Band	Precept	Band	Precept
A	£42.90	E	£78.65
B	£50.05	F	£92.95
C	£57.20	G	£107.25
D	£64.35	H	£128.70

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, for which the Council continues as managing trustee.

In 2023-2024 the income from managing these assets is budgeted to be **£159,016, a 31% increase** compared to the budget for 2022-2023. In recent years, this additional income has helped limit any increase in the precept as it directly funds the employment costs of the team who manage these assets on a day-to-day basis.

The Council has recently benefitted from, and will in 2023-2024 continue to benefit from, the **Community Infrastructure Levy** ("CIL") on major property developments taking

place locally. However, CIL funds may only be spent on eligible projects and may not be used to subsidise the precept.

Total income, excluding CIL receipts, is budgeted at £387,978.

Total expenditure, excluding CIL-funded items, is budgeted at £476,710 but the impact on the precept is reduced by a transfer of £88,732 (net) from reserves, resulting in net expenditure of £387,978.

This includes the day-to-day cost of running the Council, managing, and maintaining its properties and car park, the very popular facilities and services referred to above, the Jubilee clock, flowerbeds, bench and flower planters in Chobham Road and London Road, and the net cost of Borough in Bloom and the Christmas event.

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.

The Village Hall is leased to the Village Hall charity on a fully repairing basis, but the staff are employed by the Council and recharged to the charity.

The library service will continue in the community room. Provision has also been made for a celebration to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and for updating the IT infrastructure in line with Data Protection Act requirements.

Transfers are made to and from **ear-marked reserves** to spread the cost of asset maintenance and replacement and avoid extreme variations in the precept. The cost of resurfacing the three tennis courts and installing new lighting and fencing, and, for health and safety reasons, updating the surface under the junior playground equipment, will largely be met from accumulated ear-marked reserves.

The Council is therefore pleased to report a balanced budget.

For the 2023-2024 budget **CIL income** has been assumed to be £500,000. **CIL expenditure** of £219,255 includes the following projects:

- Cycling and Walking infrastructure to support Active Travel
- Creation of a Woodland Walk for leisure and expansion of open space available to residents
- A stakeholder grant fund (see Council website for more information)
- Continuation of the Citizens Advice Bureau service in Sunningdale

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.