



CAMELFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Budget/Precept Report 2020-21

Summary

Council has looked at the income and expenditure budget for next financial year 2020-21 over 4 meetings. It has also looked forward to medium term budget requirements. Recommendations went to full Council on 17th December 2019, including next years' precept.

Methodology

The Clerk noted historic income and expenditure from previous 3 years, current year and potential for next year. Council has met to specifically review these figures and consider projects/needs for the next few financial years. Working groups and committees were asked to put forward their budget requirements for the areas that they are responsible for. These include; Staffing, Enfield Park, Office, Town maintenance, Library, Play areas/Skatepark, Events, Car parks. Council noted below inflationary rise of 0.6% increase on precept in 2018-19, 3.5% in 2019-20 (same as RPI at the time) and current RPI = 2.4%. Council worked on priorities and endeavoured to keep to a palatable increase in precept.

Summary of discussions for income lines

£24,928

- £6,500 car park income
- £1,450 Grants/donations. For art workshops/fun week
- £11,792 Cornwall Council Council Tax Support Grant – 12% decrease from previous.
- £3,500 interest from reserves
- £1,000 from Allotments, £686 for Local Maintenance Partnership

Summary of discussions for expenditure lines

£285,125

Administration -	£23,400	24% increase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £11,900 - Mileage, Training, Mayors allowance, bank charges, insurance, office supplies and telephone etc. Similar to previous • £7,500 - marketing, legal expenses, web/technical services. New town noticeboard(s) 36% increase on previous • £4,000 elections – 14% increase on previous – reflects actual current cost. 		
Accommodation -	£14,150	22% decrease
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £9,150 Town Hall rental and rates – RPI increase • £5000 lift – saving for control panel replacement £15,000 due in 1 year • Cleaning transferred from Cormac to CTC – cost now in staff budget 		
Staff -	£139,500	7.7% increase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay structure reorganisation to reflect supervisory roles and TUPE of library cleaner – being done in house (noting fall in accommodation expenditure) 		
Car Parks -	£25,325	9% decrease

- £11,100 Churchfield maintenance inc. £500 bollards £1,200 oil sump empty, £3,800 enforcement, £600 ticket machine supplies, £5000 annual saving required for the £40,000 cost of resurfacing of Churchfield car park in 8 years.
- £14,225. Loan repayment/rates. 21% increase - Council rates double that expected at £4,500.

Parks and recreation - £25,400 no change

- £7,250 Enfield Park – Broadwood Path and bench repairs/trees/store rates/pond maintenance.
- £10,800 Play areas – gym equipment service and RoSPA inspections. £10k new zipwire – replacement required immediately – current structure has been condemned.
- £6,500. £5,000 match funding skatepark build phase 2, £1,500 land rent and maintenance (litter, fence, signs).

Grants - £9,350 27% increase

- £1,200 subscriptions and memberships (CALC, SLCC)
- £8,150 grants – £2k increase. Lanteglos Church – grass cutting £1000, Camelford hall – public toilets £1150, Leisure centre £3000. Youth Provision £2,000, £1,000 misc. applications

Town Maintenance - £17,000 13% decrease

- £500 CCTV, £4250 van, remains the same
- £5,000 Public Toilets – 46% increase 1 x new Wallgate required (hand washing unit)
- £9,500 Town maintenance. £3,000 new budget as Cornwall Council are no longer going to pay for the commercial waste from Enfield Park to be collected and disposed of. £6,500 general maintenance, equipment replacement and plants.

Community - £13,800 10% increase

- £4,000 Christmas lights grant (33% increase), £2,200 Fireworks, £7,250 Events budget;
- £350 for Defibrillator servicing x 2 (located at Conservative Club & Camelford Hall)

Allotments - £3000 400% increase

- Maintenance £500, £2,500 to save up to buy plot of land on future

Cemetery £700 75% decrease

- £700 orchard and hedge maintenance.

Library - £13,500 245% increase

- Library operations £3500 business rates, £3000 utilities.
- Building modifications – upgrading heating £4,000, lighting £2,000, protecting stained glass window £1,000

2019-20 Precept £237,214

To note predicted general reserve of £165,239 at 1.4.20 (more than 50% of the required precept 2020-21 - meeting statutory requirements).

Recommendations/Resolutions for Council:

To Precept for the difference between income and expenditure **£260,197**

This represents a 9.69% increase in precept, or Band D £247.81 (+£19.29) on tax base of 1050 households