

OUR SEVENOAKS... OUR FUTURE

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2020-2021



CHANGE

Sevenoaks Town Council operates and looks after many community facilities in the town. A precis of the 2020-21 budget is shown overleaf. For a list of Town Council activities see www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

The Town Council has made addressing Climate Change its number one priority and will address this throughout all its activities. Members of the public are invited to join with the council to create an action plan for Sevenoaks.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is being progressed. The plan is a once in a generation chance for local people to shape and guide the future of the town, sensitive to its character and identity and providing for future generations.

Recently, the Town Council has completed restoration of the Bat & Ball Station and constructed a new access ramp to enable passengers to access both sides of the station, improving access to public transport.

Key projects for the next financial year are completion of the Bat & Ball Centre with landscaping and refurbished car park, and a new Multi-Use Games Area on site. Due to open in December 2020.

In addition to these new projects, the Town Council continues to maintain local facilities that mean so much to the local community and remains committed to provide funds and support to assist voluntary groups who do so much for the town.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM:

ANNUAL PRECEPT

£1,215,276

70%

of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayer's precept. The Town Council does not receive any portion of business rates nor government grants.

INCOME FROM SERVICES

£519,647

30%

of the budget comes from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafes.

RESERVES

£6,000

of the budget will be from Town Council's reserves, being the net effect of £26,000 to fund final construction phase of the new Bat & Ball Centre, offset by an increase of (£20,000) revenue reserves.

Wherever possible, the Council aims to provide community facilities at zero net cost to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

However, exceptions enable community facilities to continue to be provided even if not commercially viable. This includes maintenance of public open spaces and play areas, which do not generate income as they are free for public use.

Capital investment plans are funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), grants and asset disposal and public works loan.

WHAT IT WILL COST PER BAND D HOUSEHOLD:

COMMUNITY SERVICES	ADMINISTRATION & FACILITATION	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	LOCAL REPRESENTATION
Public Open Space - £378k (net £316k)	Council Administration - £453k (net £445k)	Public Works Loan - £72k	Planning - £37k
Community Events - £100k (net £27k)	Council Offices - £67k (net £50k)	Contingency - £36k	Democracy Costs - £23k
Cemetery - £127k (net £34k)	IT - £27k	Local Grants to voluntary organisations - £59k	TOTAL: £60K (3%)
Community Venues - £218k (net £22k)	Insurance - £20k	TOTAL: £167K (10%)	Total:
Markets - £73k (net £8k)	Professional Fees - £16k	Annual revenue budget: £1,740,923	
Youth Provision - £34k (net £28k)	TOTAL: £583K (34%) NET COST £558K	Annual cost per band D household: £125.41 per year (£2.41 per week)	
TOTAL: £930K (53%) NET COST £435K	An increase of £6.98 per year or 13p per week compared to 2019-20		

A precis of the budget is shown above. A full list is available to view on request or via the council's website. Please forward any queries or comments you have regarding the budget by email to Linda Larter, Town Clerk.