2026/27 BUDGET

Sevenoaks Town Council

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE BUDGET: £2,117,684

Annual Cost per Household (Band D):
£161.19 per year / £3.10 per week

An increase of:

- £7.52 per year / 14p per week
- 4.9% compared to 2025/26

Functions and facilities of Sevenoaks Town Council include (visit www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk for more details):

7 Play areas
11 Sports pitches

Grants to The Stag and local organisations

Youth café, youth outreach and Youth Council

2 Allotment sites
17 Open spaces

6 Community buildings

Markets

Cemetery

Electric Community Bus, Events and Christmas lights

Floral displays

Litter bins and collecting

Public toilets, bus shelters and public seats

CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2026/27

The 2026/27 budget has been developed amid challenging financial conditions, including a further rise in the minimum wage equal to a 4.1% uplift and increases in utility bills. Despite these pressures, the Council has identified the following key aims, in addition to its day-to-day operation:

1. Sustaining service delivery: ensuring that all services including public open spaces, play areas, community buildings and community buses continue to be provided at the highest possible standard.
2. Recognising the importance of and supporting the volunteer sector. Reinforcing the invaluable work of local voluntary groups by enhancing funding opportunities.
3. Continued financial support for the Stag Community Arts Centre.
4. Prioritising completion of two Masterplans.
5. Completion of the Greatness Recreation Ground new pavilion.
6. Continuing to provide “free to attend” community events.
7. Reviewing and consulting on the future of Community Assets subject to the Local Government re-organisation.

Local Elected Members providing local services with a commitment to delivering and protecting community facilities

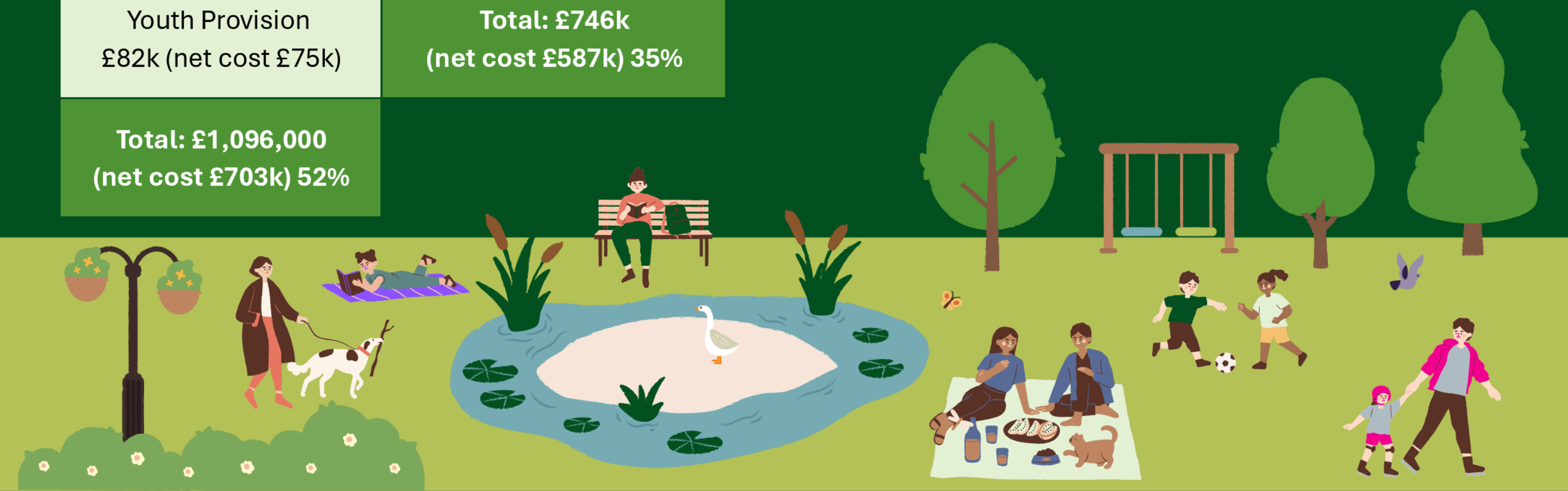
WHERE DOES THE £2,117,684 SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COME FROM?

ANNUAL PRECEPT £1,624,084	**77%** of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayer's precept (council tax). The Town Council does not receive any portion of business rates or government grants.
INCOME FROM SERVICES £493,600	**23%** of the budget comes from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and café.

The Town Council aims to provide community facilities at the lowest cost possible to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. At the same time, providing the facilities that the community wants and needs. This is often achieved by volunteers assisting, for which the Town Council continues to remain grateful. Wherever possible, external funding is sought for capital projects. There are some facilities which are not commercially viable, including maintenance of public open spaces and play areas, as well as youth facilities, these do not generate income as they are free for public use.

WHAT WILL IT COST PER AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD (BAND D)?

COMMUNITY SERVICES	ADMINISTRATION & FACILITATION	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	LOCAL REPRESENTATION
Public Open Space £516k (net cost £455k)	Council Administration £568k (net cost £509k)	Public Works Loan £72k	Planning Consultation £44k
Community Events £63k (net cost £42k)	Council Offices £94k (net cost £78k)	Contingency £72k	Democracy Costs (including elections) £18k
Cemetery £168k (net cost £87k)	IT £45k	Local Grants to Voluntary Organisations £70k	**Total: £62k 3%**
Community Venues £222k (net cost £35k)	Insurance £25k	**Total: £214k 10%**	
Markets £45k (net income £9k)	Professional Fees £14k		
Youth Provision £82k (net cost £75k)	**Total: £746k (net cost £587k) 35%**		
Total: £1,096,000 (net cost £703k) 52%			



This leaflet provides a precis of the budget. Complete budget information is available to view on request or via Sevenoaks Town Council's website. Please send any queries or comments about the budget to Linda Larter, Town Clerk, at townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or to Sevenoaks Town Council, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3QG.