PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Pevensey Parish Precept Calculations for 2023 - 2024.

	Amounts	
Current Year Fund (as of 13.12.22)	**£**	**86,751.49**
Balance of General Reserves Account and EMR (this excludes the EMR for the EWCC)	**£**	**159,386.66**
Total balance in the Account	**£**	**246,138.15**
Less potentially still to pay for this year		
F & GP	£	34,448.00
Rec & Beach	£	12,940.00
H & B	£	8,921.00
Total Still to Pay	**£**	**56,309.00**
Estimated total remaining in the Current Year Fund (excluding General Reserves and EMR)	**£**	**30,442.00**
Councils Reserves		
Excluding funds to be spent on the new equipment from EMR – Asset sale, Capital Project Receipts, Playgrounds (doesn't include donations)	£	51,204.60
General Reserves	£	100,181.00
EMR Capital Project Receipts	£	7,000.00
Total Amount in EMR and General Reserves	£	**107,181.00**
Current Year Fund (excluding £5,000.00 working balance)	£	25,442.00
Estimated transfer to General Reserves	**£**	**4,666.00**
Estimated Current Year Fund at the end of the financial year.	**£**	**20,808.00**
Budgets from Committees		
F & GP	£	125,370.00
Rec & Beach	£	16,685.00
H & B	£	27,586.00
Total Committee Budgets	**£**	**169,641.00**
Total Budget Required	**£**	**169,641.00**
Brought forward to balance the budget	£	20,776.00
Estimated PPC Income for 23 –24	£	6,424.00
Total Amount	£	27,200.00
Budget Requirement	£	142,441.00
Annual Precept 2023 -2024	**£**	**142,441.00**
Total Budget	£	**169,641.00**

The proposed budget for 2023/24 represents an increase in the Parish Council element of precept of £4.36 per year per Band D Household which equates to just over £0.08p per week.

The Band D charge is calculated as the precept is divided by the tax base (the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in the parish).

- Tax Base for 2021/22 is 1350.9, precept was £136,231, so Band D charge was £136,231/1,350.9 = £100.84

- Tax Base in 2022/2023 is 1354.0, precept is £142,441, so Band D charge is £142,440/1354.0 = £105.20

- So, for a Band D property, the Parish Council precept increase paid by the council taxpayer for 2023/2024 will be £4.36 or 4.3%

Main reasons for budget increase 2023/24:

[1]Inflation at 11% (as of Nov 22)	£18,440.00
Tree Management	£2,000.00
Elections	£8,000.00
Streetlights Energy and Maintenance	£1,000.00
Staff Salary	£2,000.00
Legal Fees	£2,000.00
Total	**£33,440.00**

However, the total increase for the overall Parish Council Budget for 2023/2024 is £8,391.00

To cover the financial pressures and budget increases as stated above. The Parish Council will cover the majority of the these including inflation by the reallocation of the Councils existing funds and making saving. Meaning only £6k out of the £33,440 will be covered by the precept. Thereby, significantly reducing the potential burden of local taxpayers in light of the ongoing financial challenges.

*Please note the General Reserves column is for information. The £100,181.00 is a breakdown of the Councils general reserves. These funds are to be spent and covered on the following.

- A Council should typically hold between 3- and 12-months expenditure as general reserves. Ideally there needs to be minimum of £35K to a maximum of £200K in. Therefore, £100,181 is the Councils reserves which covers over half of the year, which is recommended for a Council this size [2]

- Council should note that during the meeting held on the 1st November Council agreed to spend a maximum of £35,000 to continue to convert the stock of street lighting to LED. This means the general reserves will cover about 5 months.

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[1] https://www.rateinflation.com/inflation-rate/uk-inflation-rate/

[2] According to the Good Councillors guide
''Local councils need to hold an amount in reserves to meet unexpected expenditure, otherwise they could run out of money before the end of the year. A Council should typically hold between 3- and 12-months expenditure as general reserves''