

Rational Statement for increase in precept above 5% for Sampford Courtenay Budget 2020/21

Following full review of the current and forecast committed expenditure there is a shortfall in the total reserves.

Careful consideration has been given to the current spending commitments and general administration reductions have been made where possible. In a number of areas the reductions have been covered through volunteers providing contributions in kind to prevent any reduction in services.

In respect of ongoing designated earmarked reserves only those 'non discretionary' funds have been replenished. Therefore no precept funding will be added to the Parish Enhancement, Village Hall or Resilience funds but expenditures in 2019/20 from Elections and Legal and Professional funds will be.

Two new funds have been added. A required fund known as S137 - fund of last resort should be in place and is calculated by Government at £8.32 per elector (over £4000) The decision is to create this fund year on year with only £200 being added to the Precept in 2020/21. In addition for this year to commence a rolling replacement fund for the Parish Defibrillator (which has been rented for 4 years, (financed purely through fund-raising) a fund has been added which is included in the Precept increase.

This years increase comes following a period of 8 years where there has been either no increase or reductions in the precept.

During that time general non discretionary costs have been increased such as statutory wage rises and inflation. Additionally the forecast income (previously received) such as VAT refund, Council Tax Support Grant and P3 Footpaths funding have been severely reduced for 2020/21.

As a council we still have clear priorities that aim to meet the needs of the community and enhance the services provided, but restraint has been employed when setting the budget and none of these projects are to be funded from the Precept rise in 20/21 but external funding will be applied for to meet the costs of implementing the improvements.

To meet the increase required to achieve the proposed 20/21 budget the cost equates to an average of 32 pence per household per week.

	20/21		
	General	Earmarked	Total
Income (inc unearmarked cash)	£6,863	£1,820	£8,683
Expense	£7,262	£2,020	£9,282
Deficit/Surplus	-£399	-£200	-£599
Designated Reserves b/fwd 1/4/20	£2,728	£10,193	£12,921
Deficit/Surplus as above	-£399	-£200	-£599
Required closing balances 31/3/21	£3,700	£13,124	£16,824
Shortfall	-£1,371	-£3,131	-£4,502

Precept 2019-20	£5494	
Additional Required	£4,502	81.9%
Precept 2020-21 to meet current commitments	£9996	

EARMARKED RESERVES						
	3/31/20	Income	Expense	Sub Total 31/3/21	Top Up Required	Closing Reserve 31/3/21
Designated Funds						
Election Costs	£1,864			£1,864	£136	£2,000
Insurance Excess	£250			£250	£0	£250
Legal & Professional Costs	£0			£0	£500	£500
Church Clock Fund §§	£200			£200	£25	£225
Footpaths & Lanes	£500	£320		£820	£0	£820
Resilience Emergency Fund	£1,709			£1,709	£0	£1,709
Village Hall Fund	£1,784			£1,784	£0	£1,784
Parish Inclusion Fund	£250	£250		£500	£0	£500
Parish Enhancement Fund	£3,636			£3,636	£0	£3,636
Defibrillator rolling replacement	£0			£0	£450	£450
War Memorial	£0			£0	£0	£0
Windfarm Grant 2021	£0	£1250		£1,250	£0	£1,250
Unearmarked cash	£0			£0	£0	£0
Totals	£10193	£1820	£0	£12013	£1111	£13124
General Fund				£495	£705	£1,200
Clerks Office Sundries	£94			£94		
Website (Transparency)	£200			£200		
Parish Communications	£72			£72		
Training	£3			£3		
Other Charitable Support	£125			£125		
S137 fund	£0			£0		
Unearmarked cash flow	£2,233			£2,233	£267	£2,500
Totals	£2728					

Un-earmarked 4 months cash flow	2,500.00
General Fund	1,200.00
	<u>3,700.00</u>

The increase for a Band D household will equate to 34 pence per week

October Budget Precept Review

Budget Overview 2018-19		
Current AC at 31.3.19 -Audited		£16,877.28
Reserve AC at 31.3.19		£0.22
TOTAL		£16,877.50

	2019-20	2020-2021
From the cashbook	@ 31/03/19 Audited	@ 31/03/20 Forecast
Unearmarked Carry Forward	£827.78	£0.00
TOTAL EMR'S carry forward	£16,049.72	£12,921.17
	C/f	£12,921.17

FORECAST INCOME 2019/20	
General	Earmarked
£5,494.00	
£250.00	
£9.47	
£2,096.36	
£270.00	
£20.00	
£54.02	
£13.28	
£2,500.00	
	£1,260.40
	£191.00
	£500.00
	£1250.00
	£0.00
£10,707.13	£3,201.40
£11,534.91	£19,251.12
	£30,786.03

FORECAST INCOME 2020/21	
General	Earmarked
Precept	£5,494.00
Support Grant	£0.00
Wayleave	£9.47
VAT	£1,200.00
Seamoor Lotto	£150.00
Logs	£0.00
Cancelled Cheques etc	£0.00
Reserve Account Bank Interest	£10.00
Ex gratia payment Nat West	£0.00
Fund Raising Income for EMR Defibrillator	£0.00
Additional fundraising for EMR Defibrillator	£0.00
Locality Grant funding for Defibrillator	£0.00
VE Day celebrations	£250.00
Wind Farm Grant (March 2021) for EMR Allocation	£1250.00
Footpaths	£320.00
War Memorial	
TOTAL	£6,863.47
Total with Carry forward	£14,741.17
TOTAL	£21,604.64

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Forecast budget 19/20			Forecast budget 20/21			
General	Earmarked	Tfrs	EXPENDITURE	General	Earmarked	Tfrs
£3180.60			Clerk's Wages & PAYE	£3181.00		
£144.36			Memberships NALC & DCT	£150.00		
£35.00			Licences	£35.00		
£54.40			Software	£55.00		
£271.48			Insurance	£285.00		
£36.00			Info Compliance	£36.00		
£300.00			Audit	£450.00		
£350.00			Hall hire	£350.00		
£1539.99			Toilets	£1550.00		
£524.04			Village Green	£550.00		
£14.39			Playground Maintenance	£50.00		
£120.00			Playground Inspection	£120.00		
£300.00			Maintenance of Burial Ground	£350.00		
£184.85			Hospitality	£100.00		
	£500.00		Footpaths and Green Lanes !D		£820.00	
			Hedge Trim		£0.00	
	£250.00		VE Day Celebrations		£0.00	
		£25.00	Church Clock Fund !D			£25.00
	£50.00		British Legion !G		£100.00	
	£0.00		Other charitable support !G		£100.00	
	£205.41		Training !G		£200.00	
	£0.00		Travel Expenses		£0.00	
	£270.00		Annual Website Costs !G		£200.00	
	£738.00		Clerks Office Sundries !G		£200.00	
	£140.00		Parish Communications !G		£200.00	
	£65.67		Election Costs !D			£136.00
	£348.00		Legal & Professional !D			£500.00
	£731.04		Village Hall		£0.00	
	£532.00	£250.00	Parish Inclusion !D			£250.00
	£14.39		Parish Enhancement !D		£0.00	
	£260.00		EMR Resilience fund !D		£0.00	
	£0.00		Section 137 Fund !G		£200.00	
		£1500.00	Unearmarked Cashflow !D			£0.00
		£1250.00	Windfarm !D			£1250.00
		£0.00	Defibrillator Rolling replacement !D			£450.00
		£0.00	War Memorial !D		£0.00	
	£598.00		Wine Tasting Expenditure		£0.00	
£684.90	£3334.22		Payment for Shoalgate lane		£0.00	
	£1951.00		Defibrillator		£0.00	
£7,740.01	£9,987.73	£3,025.00		£7262.00	£2020.00	£2611.00
			TOTAL Expenditure			
				£20,752.74	£11893.00	