



To All Members of the Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Sacriston Parish Council at The Fulforth Centre on Wednesday, 7th January 2026 at 6.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest** -To receive and record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in relation to items on the agenda.
- 3. Resignation** – To note the resignation of Cllr A. M. Johnson and to authorise the Clerk to inform the Monitoring Officer and take the necessary steps to declare a vacancy.
- 4. Public Participation** - Questions and comments from members of the public (maximum 5 minutes per item/per individual).
- 5. Approval of Minutes** - To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2025 (attached)
- 6. Police Matters**
- 7. Planning Applications** - to receive and consider any response to applications received between 27th November 2025 and 24th December 2025.
- 8. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom**
 - a. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2026/2027 – to approve the contract (attached).
- 9. Parish Assets**
 - a. Bus Shelters
 - b. Village Clock – To note the increase of the annual service cost.
 - c. Parish Building
 - d. War Memorial
 - e. Pit Wheel
- 10. County Councillors' Reports** – to receive the information.
- 11. Reports from Group Representatives**
 - a. **Fulforth Centre** – To receive the verbal report provided.
 - b. **HR and Finance Panel** - To receive the minutes from the meeting held on 10th November 2025.
 - c. **Sacriston Allotment Association** – To receive the minutes from the meeting held on 10th November 2025.
- 12. Events**
 - a. **Celebration Event** - To consider nominations (attached).
 - b. **Royal Garden Party** – To consider nominations (attached).
- 13. Code of Conduct** – To consider for approval (attached).

14. Finance Report

- a. To review and approve payment of invoices received (attached).

15. Budget – to consider and approve the budget for 2026/2027 (attached).

16. Precept

- a. To consider and approve the precept for 2026/2027 (attached).
- b. To authorise the Clerk and the Chairman to sign the Official Precept Request.

17. Festive Lights – To note that the maintenance contract with LITE has now ended and to approve the Clerk to seek three fixed-price quotations in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 4th February 2026 at 6:30 PM

Signed: Mrs C Dixon (Clerk to the Council)



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd December 2025 at 6.30 pm
In The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr G Ludlow, Cllr R Mickle, Cllr M Morrell, Cllr E Hopkins, Cllr A Page, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr A Wray, Cllr E Waldoock, Cllr A-M Johnson and Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)

Also, present was County Cllr T Robson

Apologies: Cllr D Cumiskey, Cllr R Sharp and County Cllr J Pickard

Item No:

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies **RECEIVED** from Cllr D Cumiskey, Cllr R Sharp and County Cllr J Pickard.

2. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: No declarations were received.

3. Public Participation - (Questions & Comments from the public in attendance – max 5 mins per item/individual)

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Meeting held on 12th November 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. Police Matters

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

6. Planning Applications

DM/25/03314/FPA – Steven Cameron – 22 Deneside, Sacriston, Durham, DH7 6DE – Single Storey Rear Extension, garage conversion including hip roof.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the planning application.

7. Growing Sacriston Together in Bloom

The chair informed the meeting that he and Cllr Robson had met with Graham Cozens and Jenni Bean and spoken about purchasing planters for around the Crossroads area. The planters are estimated to cost £300 plus VAT, and 4 will be required. They also discussed the contract for the grounds maintenance for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the verbal report and to **APPROVE** the purchase of the planters.

8. Parish Assets

- a. **Bus Shelters** **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Village Clock** **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Parish Building** **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- d. **War Memorial** **RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Pit Wheel** **RESOLVED:** There is moss growing on the pit wheel, and it may need some cleaning. To look at this at a later date.

9. County Councillor Report

Cllr T Robson;

- The Christmas Extravaganza was well attended and enjoyed, although the event was impacted by poor weather.
- A grant for the selection boxes at the Extravaganza was provided through the County Councillors' funds.
- The Santa van will be visiting The Fulforth Centre.
- Funding has been allocated for the purchase of a drone, which will be used in the area to help locate off-road bikes and scooters.
- Some industrial units are currently experiencing issues relating to business rates.
- Efforts are ongoing to secure the installation of a litter bin near the war memorial.
- Traffic issues at the St John's Road / Plawsworth Road junction remain ongoing and are now under consideration by the police.
- The Daisy Hill bus stop has now been repaired.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the verbal report.

Cllr D Robson queried the white lines on the road approaching The Fulforth Centre and advised that parked cars in this area is an ongoing concern and that yellow lines have previously been requested.

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Dixon raised the issue with parking within the entrance at Springside and how this was a safety concern.

Cllr Wilson requested that a salt bin be installed at Ashford Drive.

Cllr Wray raised an issue with fly-tipping between the post office and the pizza shop car park.

RESOLVED: Cllr Robson will investigate the issues raised.

10. Reports from Group Representatives

a. **Fulforth Centre** – Verbal report given by Cllr Dixon.

b. **HR and Finance Panel**

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the minutes from the HR and Finance Meeting held on 6th October 2025.

c. **Sacrison Allotment Association**

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the minutes from the Allotment Meeting held on 6th October 2025.

Cllr Waldock provided a verbal update regarding Witton Gilbert Education Trust.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the reports.

11. Casual vacancy

Members considered the current casual vacancy on the council. It was noted that the statutory notice had been published correctly and in accordance with the required procedures.

RESOLVED: That the council acknowledged the casual vacancy and that members were informed of the correct procedures for publishing statutory notices, following an issue that had occurred on Facebook.

12. CDALC Executive Committee nominations

The Council considered nominations for approval for the President, Honorary Auditor and Small Councillors position.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no nominations.

13. Consultation – DCC Budget Proposals for 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 – 2029/30 (phase two)

Members received information on the consultation regarding DCC’s Budget Proposals for 2026/2027 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan covering 2026/2027 to 2029/30. The council considered whether it wished to submit a response.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the information and **NOTE** that there were no comments to submit.

14. Civility and Respect Councillors Statement of Assurance

Members were asked to consider signing the Statement of Assurance.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** that members sign the Statement of Assurance at the next Council meeting.

15. Finance Report

- a. To review and approve payment of invoices received.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** payment of the invoices.

- b. To discuss the initial proposals for the 2026–2027 budget.

RESOLVED: The draft budget was considered by members. It was discussed that, due to the removal of the grant, an increase of 3.2% would be required to maintain a standstill position. The Clerk advised that, as the precept had not been increased for a number of years, this was now having a significant impact on council reserves and advised that the precept be increased for the forthcoming financial year. To be discussed further and approved at the next meeting.

- c. Tax Base and Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant allocation 2026/27 to Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the information.

Agenda Item

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th January 2026, at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.28pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Sacriston Parish Council

Date

Initials

Grounds Maintenance Contract 2026/2027 from Durham County Council

Sacriston Parish council	26/27
Plawsworth Road / Cross Lane Junction site	£ 1,452.30
Parish markers flower beds	£ 317.04
Cross roads tubs (Sustainable)	£ 472.64
Cross roads Flower bed (sustainable)	£ 856.09
Clock site tubs	£ 926.67
Water SPC tubs at crossroads	£ 100.00
Hanging baskets No replacement due to adverse weather- theft - Vandalism	£ 3,790.88
Cup and saucer baskets in Dark sandstone	£ 105.00
Dark stone troughs	£ 1,048.00
Compost	£ 30.00
Delivery	£ 66.00
Weed spraying Cross road site	£ 97.40
 Total	 £ 9,262.02

To confirm we are not liable for replacement costs for any adverse weather, theft, vandalism or damage to the tubs or hanging baskets purchased.



SACRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

HR and Finance Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2025 at 6.30 pm
The Fulforth Centre**

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr B Mickle, Cllr A Page, Cllr R Sharp and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: NONE

Item No:

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence** - The Chair opened the meeting at 7 pm and welcomed everyone.
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2025 as a true and accurate record, and for the Chair to sign them accordingly.
- 4. Finance Report**
The clerk confirmed the current bank account balance is in the sum of £81,833.59. The clerk advised that a VAT return is to be submitted in the sum of £2880.92. The clerk briefly discussed the budget for 2026/2027. A concern was raised that it was noticed the miner's banner was not listed on the asset register or the insurance policy, and requested clarification as to who owned this.
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the finance report provided by the clerk. To **APPROVE** scheduling a budget workshop meeting. Cllr Dixon to investigate this, the miners' banner.
- 5. Invoices**
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the invoices.
- 6. HR**
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there was nothing to report.
- 7. Date and Time of Next Meeting**
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the meeting to be held on Monday, 1st December 2025 at 6.30 pm

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Agreed and signed by Chair of Allotment Association.....

Date



SACRISTON PARISH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2025 at 6.30 pm The Fulforth Centre

Present: Cllr H. Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Ludlow (Vice Chair), Cllr D Robson, Cllr E Waldock, Cllr B Mickle (Allotment Rep for Cross Lane), Cllr A Page, Cllr R Sharp (Allotment Rep for Daisy Hill), and Mrs C. Dixon (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Item No:

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** - The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm and welcomed everyone.
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2025 as a true and accurate record, and for the Chair to sign them accordingly.
4. **Gates/Boundary Fencing -**
RESOLVED: to **NOTE** that work on both fences at Daisy Hill and Cross Lane was complete. Cllr Sharp raised some concerns about the fence at Daisy Hill. Cllr Mickle is to ask the contractors to reattend and repair the snagging. Once repaired to **APPROVE** the payment of the invoice.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
RESOLVED: Bank Account Balance: £2,261.86
Cash in Hand: £30.00
Gate Key Deposit Allocation: £580.00
Total Available Funds: £3,049.90
(Note: Gate Key Deposit is allocated and not available for general use)
6. **Water Rates - Daisy Hill Allotments:** £NIL
Cross Lane Allotments: £626.52 (In credit)
RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the balance on the water rates accounts. Water has been turned off at Cross Lane on 1st November 2025. Daisy Hill water has not been turned off yet, as unsure if the fencing contractors would require to use it. However, now complete the water will be turned off.

7. Matters Arising

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

8. Vacant Allotments

Cross Lane: D7, P19 and P20. D4 has now been let.

Works Currently Underway On: Plots P14, P16, P17

Daisy Hill: 0

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the vacant plots. To **NOTE** that D7 has now been taken, and D9 will become vacant.

9. Waiting Lists

Currently, there are 8 applicants on the waiting list for Cross Lane.

There are 3 applicants on the list for Daisy Hill.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the number of applicants on the waiting list.

10. Representative Reports

Cross Lane – Nothing to report.

Daisy Hill – Would like to know what is happening with DH11.

RESOLVED: To contact the plot holder of DH11 to find out what is happening with the plot. To email all plots at Daisy Hill regarding the removal of asbestos and placing it in the orchard so it can be removed from site.

11. Application for Buildings

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the meeting to be held on Monday, 1st December 2025 at 6.30 pm

Agreed and signed by Chair of Allotment Association.....

Date

Meeting Closed at 18.39pm

Lord Lieutenant celebration event and Royal Garden Party nominations sought

CDALC < CDALC@durham.gov.uk >

Agenda Item 12a & b

Tue, 09 Dec 2025 4:17:45 PM +0000

Dear clerks,

This email contains invitations to two civic/royal events for which nominations are sought from all CDALC member councils:

- a Celebration Event for the retiring Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon; and
- a Royal Garden Party.

Nominations must be returned by **31 Jan 2026** and for each event we will put all the nominees into a draw and inform the lucky winners of the places as soon as possible after this date. Please add these items to your next available council meeting agenda. Just a reminder that the CDALC Executive Committee nominations are also running to the same timescale and for easy access to information about these click on [CDALC Exec Committee nominations](#) and alert them to your council too, if you haven't already.

Lord Lieutenant celebration event – *but please note that the full details of this are not being revealed to the Lord Lieutenant until nearer the time so please deal with it sensitively.*

One Member per council is invited to be nominated by their council to attend a celebration event for the retiring Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon. This is a CDALC event for our parish and town councils and will be on the afternoon of **Weds 25th Feb 2026, 12 noon to 3pm**, at Raby Castle and will be in the format of 'This is your Life', music from the Durham and Tees Valley music services and a cream tea.

There will be approximately 70 places available to all our councils (in addition to the members of the CDALC Executive Committee) so the chances of being picked are pretty good, in comparison to the Royal Garden Party. Due to the limited places at this event attendees cannot bring a guest.

[Use this form to submit your council's nomination to the Parish and Town Councils' Lord Lieutenant's celebration event.](#)

Another request connected to this event is for your council's anecdotes and photos which could be included in the 'This is Your Life' book to present to Sue Snowdon. Could you email these to us and where possible with a photo or two. Even better if photos can be provided as a weblink to your website/social media, rather than as email attachments.

Thanks to our colleagues at Stanley Town Council for their support for this event.

Royal Garden Party – Buckingham Palace

Each year, via NALC, CDALC is normally offered two tickets (a councillor plus guest) for a Royal Garden Party (RGP) at Buckingham Palace, which usually take places at the start of May. Although the RGPs for 2026 haven't been confirmed yet we are anticipating the same arrangement as previous years, and we know that there is always a very tight turnaround between the official notification and having to provide details of the guests to NALC so we need to get ahead of ourselves.

So, to make sure no one misses the chance to be put into the draw for County Durham, please can I ask that your council considers putting forward its nomination to inform us [using this form for Royal Garden Party nominations](#). We need the **name and email addresses** of both the councillor and their guest, with further details required should they be successful.

Unsurprisingly this is a popular event and is usually vastly oversubscribed. Previous attendees cannot apply but this does not preclude new nominations from the same councils which previous attendees represented.

Please read the [terms and conditions below](#), provided by the Lord Chamberlain in previous years, which potential nominees should make themselves familiar with.

We look forward to hearing from you with your council's nominations by 31st Jan 2026.

Kind regards

Audrey

Royal Garden Parties Note : *The Lord Chamberlain highlights a number of conditions associated with the Royal Garden Parties, therefore please read the following when applying for the Garden Party Invitation.*

- *Invitations are in recognition of PAST service as Chairs of Parish Council and Town Mayors in England and it is therefore appropriate that more longer serving, rather than those newly elected, should be invited to attend.*
- *Guests should NOT have previously attended a Garden Party. This must be emphasised to potential guests.*
- *It is essential that all details provided are correct as inaccuracies have, in the past, caused distress and embarrassment. Please therefore ensure that all names and addresses reflect each guests' form of identification that they will be asked to bring with them e.g. Passport, driving licence to allow them to gain access to the event. If in doubt, please check with the guests. For example, if somebody is known as Mike but the name as it appears on their passport is Michael John, please ensure that this is evident.*
- *Ensure all nominated guests are accompanied, with each guest being accompanied by one guest only.*
- *Ensure that no one under the age of 18 years is nominated as a guest or to accompany a guest.*
- *Guests who require assistance MUST be accompanied and this must be made clear on the form. The entrance to and the grounds of the palace is accessible by wheelchair and disabled parking is close to the palace entrance. If disabled parking is required, this must be made clear to me.*
- *All nominated guests must be British or European Union citizens, although their guest(s) may be of other nationalities. However all guests, nominated or accompanying, must be resident in the United Kingdom.*
- *Buckingham Palace have specifically stated that late changes to nominations cannot not be entertained by the palace. Therefore, once details have been submitted to the Palace by NALC this cannot be changed.*
- *Please remind your guest(s), that in the event they are unable to attend a Garden Party for whatever reason they will not be invited again.*
- *Invitations will be issued approximately 6 weeks prior to the Garden Party and with a detailed information pack. Your nominated guests might also find it helpful to follow this link - <https://www.royal.uk/garden-parties>*

- *There will be no parking facilities available for guests with the exception of disability badge holders (blue badge holders) which should be noted on the form. The palace will contact that guest requesting details of the disability badge.*
- *To comply with data protection legislation, each individual's consent is required to process their personal data for the purpose of nominating them to attend a Garden Party. Each county association will obtain this from the successful nominees and store this consent, which will be made available to NALC or Buckingham Palace should it be required. The consent should read:
'I consent to my personal data being processed for the purpose of issuing invitations to this event and to cater for guests with special needs. I understand that my personal data will be processed by the county association, NALC and The Keeper of the Privy Purse on behalf of the Royal Household'.*

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CDALC - Member Code of Conduct

At the 2021 and 2025 elections we recommended that your council adopts DCC's Code of Conduct. I've attached that version. More recently, at a DCC Full Council meeting ([Agenda item 9 on 22 Oct 2025](#)), it agreed to amend its Code of Conduct to add an additional paragraph 6:

- 17 If Members are minded to amend the Member Code of Conduct, it is suggested that a new paragraph 6 is inserted as follows:

"The right to freedom of expression under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights is the basis of democracy and will be upheld at all times. Members have a democratic duty to represent their constituents and engage in robust political debate. Therefore, in a political context, a degree of immoderate, offensive, shocking or provocative expression, is acceptable."

This addition was recently discussed at both our Forum meetings in November and by our Executive at its December meeting, with little/no appetite to embrace it. The Executive Committee agreed that the addition of this paragraph is inappropriate and unnecessary and that CDALC continues to recommend the attached Code of Conduct for use by our parish and town councils. It is of course up to each Council to make its own decision.

Agenda Item 14

Name	Description	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Sacriston Community Association	Live Well North East Management			£880.00
Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council	Payment towards SLCC			150
Sacriston Community Association	Advent Calendars			400
Scribe	Allotment Database	18	3.6	21.6
Salary, HMRC, Pension Contributions	December			1055.58
HP	Printer Ink			13.49
Smarty	Phone			6

SPC - BUDGET 2025 - 2026	
Division of Service	Predicated Next Years budget costs
	£
Donations	£3,000.00
ALLOTMENTS	
Pest Control	£1,664.00
Fencing Repairs	£5,000.00
Allotment Association	£2,060.00
Allotment Database Package	£269.56
SUB TOTAL	£8,993.56
ADMINISTRATION	
Co Assoc. of P & TC Subs	£921.55
External Audit Fees	£327.60
Internal Audit	£156.00
Room Hire at Fulforth Centre	£1,000.00
Insurance	£2,778.88
Clerks Salary including pension, HMRC	£16,000.00
Project Development Worker/Management Fees	£8,000.00
Postage, Stationery, Printer Ink	£375.00
Mobile Phone Contract	£74.88
Training	£300.00
SLCC Membership	£156.00
I.T. Support and Annual Registration	£1,200.00
Parish Council Computer	£100.00
iCloud Storage	£70.00
Virus Protection	£70.00
Microsoft Office	£88.00
GDPR Fee - Annual Subscription	£54.00
Miscellaneous	£300.00
Election Costs	£1,000.00
Advertising - Newsletter	£500.00
Petty Cash	£0.00
SUB TOTAL	£33,471.91
ENVIRONMENT	
Growing Sacriston Together	£2,500.00
Closed Churchyard grass cutting	£1,200.00
Durham County Council Grounds Maintenance	£11,000.00
Christmas Lights & Tree	£14,000.00
Project	£10,000.00
SUB TOTAL	£38,700.00
ASSETS	
Bus Shelters	£6,000.00
Village clock maintenance	£350.00
Pit Wheel maintenance	£200.00
War Memorial	£100.00
SUB TOTAL	£6,650.00
EVENTS	
Christmas Extravaganza	£7,000.00
Party in the Park	£7,000.00
Miners Gala - Band	£2,500.00
SUB TOTAL	£16,500.00
TOTALS	£107,315.47

January 2026 – Budget and Precept Setting

The Clerk reported that the budget setting process and precept had been discussed at previous Finance Committee and Full Council meetings. Members were reminded that, during this process, the Clerk reviewed the budget line by line, identifying and implementing savings where possible, while adjusting budgets to also reflect rising costs. These proposed reductions were presented to Members and agreed at the Finance Committee meeting in December.

The estimated budget requirement for the 2026/2027 financial year is £107,315.47. Members were informed that, in previous years, no provision had been made within the budget for election costs. This has now been addressed, as the council may potentially be required to meet the cost of an election during the current year due to a vacant seat. Any election costs incurred would directly affect the council's end-of-year carry forward position.

The Clerk highlighted that expenditure in the previous year had been significantly impacted by:

- The cost of new fencing at Daisy Hill and Cross Lane Allotments
- Increased costs associated with Party in the Park and the Christmas Extravaganza
- Management costs paid to the Fulforth Centre
- Increased National Insurance contributions
- Expenditure related to the Crossroads Project

Members were advised that the council is currently forecasting a carry forward of approximately £48,819, which has been held as reserves. However, as the precept has not increased since 2020, combined with rising budget costs, the council's reserves are projected to fall to a very low level.

The Council must also consider the removal of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) grant, which affects the starting position for the 2026/2027 budget. Although there has been a slight increase in the tax base for 2026/2027, based on the current Band D Council Tax of £45.91, this would generate only an additional £243.32 in council tax revenue. With the removal of the 2025/2026 LCTRS grant of £2,278.00, the net shortfall amounts to £2,034.68. This would mean a 3.2% increase in the precept would be required simply to maintain a standstill position.

The Clerk therefore asked Members to carefully consider the available options for setting the precept for 2026/2027 to ensure the council remains financially sustainable.

Precept Options (Appendix 1)

The Clerk has provided three potential increases 10%, 12%, and 14%, showing both the overall cash increase and the increase on a Band D household. This allows Members to clearly see the implications of each option and make an informed decision. The aim is to ensure the council maintains sufficient reserves for the coming year while keeping the increase reasonable for residents.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the council formally approve the budget _____ and precept for 2026/2027.

APPENDIX 1

Scenario	Increase	Total Income (£)	Band D (£)	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Change from 2025/26 (£)
Overall cash increase	10%	72,217.38	52.12	34.75	40.54	46.33	52.12	63.70	75.28	86.87	104.24	6,565.22
Band D increase	10%	69,977.85	50.50	33.67	39.28	44.89	50.50	61.72	72.94	84.17	101.00	4,325.69
Overall cash increase	12%	73,530.42	53.06	35.37	41.27	47.16	53.06	64.85	76.64	88.43	106.12	7,878.26
Band D increase	12%	71,252.69	51.42	34.28	39.99	45.71	51.42	62.85	74.27	85.70	102.84	5,600.53
Overall cash increase	14%	74,843.46	54.01	36.01	42.01	48.01	54.01	66.01	78.01	90.02	108.02	9,191.30
Band D increase	14%	72,527.54	52.34	34.89	40.71	46.52	52.34	63.97	75.60	87.23	104.68	6,875.38