

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To: Full Council	27 January 2021
From: Town Clerk	Agenda Item No. 6

Budget and Precept 2021-22

The Management Committee considered the Budget and Precept for the coming financial year, along with a medium term financial plan, at its meeting on 18 January 2021. From this the following budget is proposed.

Kendal Town Council Budget Estimates 2021/22

	2020-21	Est Outturn	Proposed budget 2021-22	% of previous year
Management				
Salaries	205688	189510	213000	103.6
Accommodation	16425	16425	16965	103.3
IT software	5000	7057	12000	240.0
Insurance	12767	12246	13300	104.2
Stationery/office general	6250	6250	6900	110.4
Staff training	1000		2000	200.0
PPE			500	
Vehicle	2266	2266	2300	101.5
Newsletter	10211	10020	10211	100.0
Office move	5000		0	0.0
Elections	0	1963	0	0.0
Election fund	5000	3037	5000	100.0
Sundries	6581		0	0.0
Contingency	5000	2000	5000	100.0
Miscellaneous	2500	4323	2500	100.0
Wainwright Fund	170	80	320	188.2
Emergency Planning	10000	10000	10000	100.0
Kendal Futures	21250	21250	20250	95.3
Kendal Vision			5000	
TIC	5000		0	0.0
Total	320108	286427	325246	101.6

Audit, Grants and Charities				
Community Grants	41000	41000	41000	100.0
Covid Response Grants	10000	10000	0	0.0
Total	51000	51000	41000	80.4

Mayoralty and Arts				
Mayoral Allowance	5150	5150	5150	100.0
Mayoral Travel	800	200	800	100.0
Mayoral Functions	6700	1159	6700	100.0
Twinning	2500	600	2500	100.0
Exhibitions	1500	0	1500	100.0
Museum	2000	200	2000	100.0
K-Shoes Collection	5000	0	0	0.0
Total	23650	7309	18650	78.9

Christmas Lights and Festivals				
Christmas Lights installation and storage	15150	14000	17175	113.4
Infrastructure development & maintenance	9084		10000	110.1
Christmas electricity	650	650	675	103.8
Christmas lights switch on	3000	3000	3000	100.0
Bunting	1200	1200	1200	100.0
Festival Grants	35000	35000	35000	100.0
Total	64084	53850	67050	104.6

Kendal in Bloom				
Floral Displays	21500	17846	21500	100.0
Projects and Grants	8700	0	8700	100.0
Total	30200	17846	30200	100.0

Environment and Highways				
Bins	2500	1560	2500	100.0
Infrastructure improvements	3500	3500	3500	100.0
Signage	11680	11680	0	0.0
Footway lighting	2680	2680	4917	183.5
Somervell Garden	500	0	1500	300.0
Planters	4000	4000	0	0.0
Climate Change	10400	10400	10000	96.2
Biodiversity schemes and grants	6600	6600	11000	166.7
20mph	12000	7600	10000	83.3
Parks improvement	10000	10000	0	0.0
Environmental improvement	13266	13266	0	0.0
Cycling and walking	0	0	12500	0.0
FRSWG Connectivity scheme	0	0	15000	
CCTV	4500	4500	1500	33.3
Defib			1600	

Total	81626	75786	74017	90.7

Allotments				
Capital spending	10000	10000	5000	50.0
Revenue spending/maintenance	6695	6695	7806	116.6
Water	1545	1545	1792	116.0
Rent	876	876	900	102.7
Pest control	1030	1030	2500	242.7
Contribution to reserve	1110	520	0	0.0
Total	21256	20666	17998	84.7

Planning				
FRSWG scheme	35000	35000	35000	100.0
Total	35000	35000	35000	100.0

Total Budgeted Expenditure	626924	547884	609161	97.2
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Revenue				
Allotment rent	22262	22250	22707	102.0
Bank interest	1935	1465	1470	76.0
CIL Funding	0	9025	0	0.0
Other Grants or income	550	10000	550	0.0
Council Tax Support Grant	31900	31900	33347	104.5
Precept	450405	450405	460812	102.3
Total Income	507052	525045	518886	102.3
From reserves	119872	22839	90275	

Council Tax Base	10500.63		10430.64	99.3
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Council Tax Band D	42.89		44.18	103.00
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Development Bids 2021-22

The Budget plan includes items that grow the budget from the baseline. Committees have requested the following new and additional expenditure for the coming financial year to achieve projects consonant with the Town Council's Action Plan aims.

Other Committees have requested budgetary alignment with the previous year, reflecting any uplift in the budget proposed in 2020/21. This includes proposals from the Management Committee dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, to make changes to the staffing structure necessary to deal with the departure of the current treasurer and meet the needs of the Council to deliver its programme.

The total value of the Development Plan is £97,350 in the coming financial year. In the main budget table the values have been added to the base budget, where they represent growth of the base budget.

Management Committee

Ongoing support to Kendal Futures and the Kendal Vision initiative.

Support for Co-ordinator	7750
Delivering the Action Plan	5000
Kendal Destination Website (funded by Kendal Futures)	6000
Kendal Vision Next Steps	5000
Semi-permanent banners in Kirkland	1500
Total	25250

Environment and Highway

Schemes which develop and enhance the Town's sustainability

Additional FRSWG connectivity scheme (E&H)	15000
Town Centre De-fib	1600
Belmont Garden	1000
Kendal Composting	5000
LCWIP	5000
Somervell Garden	1500
pump track	2000
20 mph	10000
Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership	5500
Biodiversity projects	11000
Total	57600

Allotments

Asbestos removal	5000
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Kendal in Bloom

Sustainable planting for KiB 2021	2000
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Christmas Lights and Festivals

Christmas Trees in Holders	1500
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Easter egg Trail	1000
Additional consolidation of infrastructure	5000
Total	7500

Total Value

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Impact on Reserves

The proposed budget requires that some of the year's activities are funded by drawing down from existing reserves. The impact on the Council's reserves is shown in the table in Appendix A.

Decision Required

The Council must submit a precept demand to the collecting authority by 2 February 2021. It should consider the proposed budget, make any changes it feels are necessary and resolve to accept a budget with its implications for the portion of the Council Tax attributable to the Council.