

Notes to the Budget 2021/2022

1. Estimated expenditure over Income 31.3.2021

The estimated expenditure over income against last years' budget indicates a significant underspend of £88,761 due to the cancellation of most community events as a result of Covid restrictions. The unspent budgets for these events, totalling £40,450 have been allocated to earmarked reserves (as detailed below) to run them in 2021/22 with additional allocations from the precept to allow for increased costs / reduced capacity in 2021/22. The estimated balance of £48,311 will be allocated to general reserves

New Earmarked Reserves:

Bus Shelter Repair:	£4,000
Community CCTV:	£13,000 – See report FC/19/77
Funzone Activities:	£2,500
Youth Forum:	£500
Youth Services:	£9,000 (added to existing reserve of £9,685.79)
Pantomime Coaches	£1,000
Pensioner's lunch	£2,000
Working Lunch	£450
Community Events	£3,000
Contingency	£5,000
CTS grant:	£18,000

2. Setting the budget

Detailed income and expenditure for 2020/2021 by activity, against budget are given within the detailed committee budgets for Community & Environment and Policy and Resources, each of which have been reviewed and approved by the relevant committee.

3. Youth Service

In 2017 the Parish Council agreed a proposal to extend the existing youth service to deliver more sessions in Brookside and increase the range of opportunities available. It was agreed to contract SYA to undertake this work. The agreement started in November 2018 and the first clubs started in February 2019.

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Expenditure	26,468	27,791	29,181	30,640	31,804
Income					
Partnership Grant TWC	18,000	18,000	0	0	0
Grant from BBL	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
From precept		12,000	15,000	17,000	22,000
From EM reserves	18,671		9,181	8,460	4,771
To EM reserves	15,000	7,209			
EM reserve balance	15,000	22,412	13,231	4,771	

4. Grant Funding

4.1 CTS Grant

It is somewhat unclear whether the CTS grant will be paid in 2021/22 as TWC has not written formally to confirm. There appears to be a CTS reserve amounting to £19,445, £10,000 of which has been allocated to offset the precept in 2022/2022. Any CTS grant received in April will be added back into the reserve

4.2 Partnership Grants

2020/21 was the last year the council received payment of partnership support grants for Youth Services £18,000 and £1,390 Beckbury Play Area. It is understood that the annual grant of £5,000 for the youth club will be received from Brookside Big Local

5. Community Action Team

A proposal has been made that Stirchley Brookside Parish Council partners with Hollinswood and Randley Parish Council to provide some environmental services currently provided by TWC term contractor. A budget of £2,000 has been allocated, subject to agreement by the Council to participate in the scheme.

6. Clerk's Office

A budget of £3,500 has been proposed for the creation of a private office within the Sambrook Centre for use by the Clerk. This is subject to obtaining quotations and approval of Council in due course.

7. Proposed Budget

The proposals for a sufficient budget are set out under the Combined Final Budget Spreadsheet and are summarised as follows:

Total Community & Environment Budget	£162,502
Total Policy & Resources Budget	£181,460
Neighbourhood plan	£1,000
Total Combined Budget	£344,962

8. Proposed Precept & use of reserves

It is proposed to utilise £9,181 from the Earmarked Reserve for Brookside Youth Club and £10,000 from the existing CTS reserve to offset the Budget resulting in a recommended Precept requirement of **£325,751**

This translates as an increase of 2.78% over last year's Precept of £316,718 and a Band D equivalent annual charge of £142.50, an increase of £0.08 per week.

The precepts must be agreed by 1st February 2021.

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