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<b>Report Title</b>	2022/23 Budget Planning to date		

## **Taxbase**

Torbay Council are due to consider the taxbase at its Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 require Torbay Council as the billing authority, to calculate the taxbase between 1st December 2021 and 31st January 2022.

As you will see from an extract of Torbay Councils report below, the 2022/23 taxbase for Brixham Town Council is 6,185.57. This is an increase of 1.2% from 2021/22.

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAXBASE - 2022/23

**Appendix 2**

30th November 2021 - "Relevant date"

Brixham Town Council		TAX BASE CALCULATION								2022/2023	
	BAND A <small>with disabled relief</small>	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	TOTAL	
(H) CHARGEABLE DWELLINGS FOR BAND	6.00	1,349.00	2,186.00	2,433.00	1,604.00	700.00	333.00	99.00	3.00	8,713.00	
(Q) Total Discounts	1.25	215.35	225.40	198.25	108.50	41.00	18.50	8.25	0.00	816.50	
(E) Long Term Empty Premium	-	21.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	-	4.00	-	-	37.00	
(J) Total Adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00	
(Z) Local Council Tax Scheme Reductions	0.00	329.97	348.40	220.88	83.01	14.73	4.68	0.00	0.00	1,001.68	
<b>TOTAL DWELLINGS</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>824.68</b>	<b>1,617.20</b>	<b>2,018.87</b>	<b>1,440.49</b>	<b>644.27</b>	<b>313.82</b>	<b>90.75</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>6,957.82</b>	
(F) Ratio to Band D	$\frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{6}{9}$	$\frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{8}{9}$	$\frac{9}{9}$	$\frac{11}{9}$	$\frac{13}{9}$	$\frac{15}{9}$	$\frac{18}{9}$		
(G) RELEVANT AMOUNTS' for 2022/2023											
(A) RELEVANT AMOUNTS' for 2022/2023	((H-Q+E+J-Z) x (F divided by G))		2.60	549.80	1,257.80	1,794.60	1,440.50	787.40	453.30	151.30	6,443.30
	[Section 4 (1) of The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012]										
(B) COLLECTION RATE										96.0%	
	[Section 3 (1) of The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012]										
TAX BASE - (A) x (B)										6,185.57	

**Budget Consultation**

A copy of the consultation document can be found in Annex One. One response was received. The sender advised that they did not want any increase in the precept, wanted to see a reduction in admin costs to service delivery ratio

**Timeframe**

The precept must be approved by Full Council and submitted to Torbay Council before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. However, Torbay Council, like many other billing authorities prefer to receive the information earlier than this. Torbay Council have confirmed that they will be considering the budget on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Therefore Brixham Town Council have until 17<sup>th</sup> February to submit their precept request. Members should aim to consider the draft precept at F&GP on 15<sup>th</sup> December with a recommendation to Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> January. This allows for a fallback date of 9<sup>th</sup> February for Full Council to agree the precept if the need arises.

**2022/23 budget to date  
INCOME**

	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2020/21</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	<b>Year to date 2021/22</b>	<b>Estimate 2021/22</b>	<b>Budget 2022/23</b>
Allotments	£6,951.56	£6,606.21	£5,600.00	£6,517.41	£6,517.00	£6,900.00
Newsletter	£4,373.74	£2,557.18	£4,000.00	£4,526.80	£4,526.00	£4,000.00
Projects	£15,988.00	£74,090.01	£0.00	£12,325.00	£12,325.00	£0.00
Town Lengthsman	£2,447.25	£249.20	£500.00	£2,701.20	£2,701.00	£12,000.00
Seasonal Display Income	£4,177.10	£1,297.95	£0.00	£4,797.99	£4,797.00	£0.00
Shoalstone	£11,589.55	£2,266.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Town Hall (Rent & Room hire)	£68,031.23	£33,893.06	£40,000.00	£48,344.22	£59,055.00	£60,000.00
Information Point	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£3,144.40	£1,618.23	£0.00	£452.87	£500.00	£0.00
	<b>£116,702.83</b>	<b>£122,578.51</b>	<b>£50,100.00</b>	<b>£79,665.49</b>	<b>£90,421.00</b>	<b>£82,900.00</b>

The income budget for 2022/23 proposals include:

<b>Allotments</b>	Increase to rental agreed by Community & Environment commencing October 2022.
<b>Newsletter</b>	No changes proposed.
<b>Projects</b>	The 2021/22 year to date includes £12,000 from the Business Support Grant. Further grants are not considered a guarantee and therefore have not been included in the budget proposals.
<b>Town Lengthsman</b>	Increase to Gardening Assistance Scheme. Whilst there is a potential of further income generated by a new gardening clearance scheme, potential income has been included in the budget at this stage.
<b>Seasonal Display</b>	£3,500 of the income received is for the grant received from Torbay Council. If the event had taken place, collection buckets would also have been used to collect funds to help towards the cost. Neither of these sources of income are guaranteed and have therefore not been included in the budget proposals. The remaining balance is for income received from four traders to cover the cost of the installation of the festoon lighting around the Old Fish Market from January to October 2022.

<b>Town Hall</b>	<p>The income is made up as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="465 188 1093 379"> <tr> <td>Meeting Rooms</td> <td>£18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scala Hall</td> <td>£ 8,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brixham Does Care</td> <td>£18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Function Room</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre</td> <td>£ 6,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Scala Hall has seen the biggest reduction in income over the last couple of years. This is in the main because the Council are not hiring the hall out to the Pannier Market, but we have also noted a drop in trend for larger rooms due to COVID. However, we have seen an increase in interest to hire the Scala Hall for birthday parties.</p>	Meeting Rooms	£18,000	Scala Hall	£ 8,000	Brixham Does Care	£18,000	Function Room	£10,000	Theatre	£ 6,000
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<b>Information Point</b>	No changes proposed. Until a staff member has been appointed, we are unable to satisfactorily manage the Information Point and develop it.										
<b>Bank Interest</b>	Bank interest rates are still very low and cannot be considered as a guaranteed source of income. It should also be noted that any interest received from the Councils investment portfolio is reinvested into the individual accounts.										

## EXPENDITURE

	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Budget 2021/22	Year to date 2021/22	Estimate 2021/22	Budget 2022/23
<i>General Administration</i>						
Audit	£1,760.00	£1,760.00	£1,760.00	£1,380.00	£1,760.00	£1,760.00
Bank Charges	£97.00	£159.85	£332.00	£243.65	£332.00	£350.00
Civic Award	£50.78	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
<del>Civic Service</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>
Courses	£355.00	£3,437.02	£6,125.00	£2,229.77	£6,125.00	£6,125.00
Election Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Information Technology	£3,557.74	£2,804.17	£4,175.00	£1,265.07	£4,175.00	£5,000.00
<del>Meetings</del>	<del>£1,951.10</del>	<del>£579.32</del>	<del>£120.00</del>	<del>£119.90</del>	<del>£119.90</del>	<del>£0.00</del>
Members Allowance	£921.41	£831.26	£750.00	£281.12	£500.00	£500.00
Newsletter	£10,488.12	£11,827.08	£11,825.00	£7,886.32	£11,825.00	£11,700.00
<del>Noticeboards</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>
Post and Carriage	£289.50	£339.57	£400.00	£153.38	£400.00	£500.00
Professional Fees	£438.32	£196.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
<del>Public Notices</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>	<del>£0.00</del>
Salaries: Cost of Employment	£161,262.19	£181,897.64	£215,000.00	£110,208.18	£193,000.00	£252,428.00
Stationery	£1,448.61	£1,638.36	£1,500.00	£703.28	£1,500.00	£2,500.00
Subscriptions	£6,457.25	£2,332.06	£3,100.00	£1,835.24	£3,100.00	£4,500.00
Travel	£375.93	£51.10	£400.00	£150.90	£400.00	£600.00
	<b>£189,452.95</b>	<b>£207,853.43</b>	<b>£246,987.00</b>	<b>£126,456.81</b>	<b>£224,736.90</b>	<b>£287,663.00</b>

The General Administration budget for 2022/23 proposals include:

<b>Audit</b>	No change	
<b>Bank Charges</b>	Increased marginally to £350.00	
<b>Civic Award</b>	Reintroduced with a budget of £200.	
<b>Civic Service</b>	Removed from budget.	
<b>Courses</b>	No change and broken down as follows:	
	Staff	£2,000
	Councillors	£1,000
	Deputy Town Clerk Community Governance Course (Year 2)	£3,125
<b>Election Expenses</b>	This expenditure is allowed for within the earmarked reserves	
<b>Information Technology</b>	Marginal increase, broken down as follows:	
	Microsoft Licences & Security	£2,046
	Edge	£1,833
	IT Support	£1,000
	<p>There have been a few occasions lately where technology has not worked for the Council as well as it should do. Rather than progress now with the potential idea of utilising Modern Gov, it is considered that the Council should have an overview of the current IT systems with a view to making essential upgrades where necessary. The Clerk has contacted the Council's IT Contractor to discuss issues and the Council's needs to review what should be purchased to facilitate a smoother functioning of the Council's resources. It is proposed that sufficient funds are set aside in earmarked reserves.</p>	
<b>Meetings</b>	Removed from budget. Zoom subscription moved to subscription budget heading.	

<b>Members Allowance</b>	Reduce to £500 based on only two Councillors claiming. It should be noted that Co-opted Members cannot claim.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Reduced marginally based on recent agreement by Community & Environment.
<b>Noticeboards</b>	Removed from budget.
<b>Postage &amp; Carriage</b>	Increased by £100 to allow for an increase in Gardening Assistance Scheme members.
<b>Professional Fees</b>	No change.
<b>Public Notes</b>	Removed from budget.
<b>Salaries</b>	Increased based on salary review (see separate confidential report).
<b>Stationery</b>	Increased to allow for original toner to be purchased for printer and adhoc printing for Councillors.
<b>Subscriptions</b>	Increased to include a change of web provider, Zoom and an increase in Performing Rights due to increase in usage in Town Hall requiring recorded music.
<b>Travel</b>	As part of the Community Governance course, the Deputy Town Clerk is required to attend Study Days. This is normally held face to face. However, due to COVID, this year it has been virtual. As the Study Days will be in Leicester, the cost of train tickets have been included in the travel budget.

*Community Projects has been moved to Community and the Environment budget heading*

	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2020/21</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	<b>Year to date 2021/22</b>	<b>Estimate 2021/22</b>	<b>Budget 2022/23</b>
<i>Council Services</i>						
Lengthsman						
Equipment / Materials	£1,440.82	£5,055.26	£2,100.00	£832.64	£2,100.00	£5,000.00
Vehicle Insurance / Maintenance	£1,326.89	£1,192.72	£2,937.00	£1,569.68	£2,937.00	£30,000.00
Information Point	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£2,767.71</b>	<b>£6,247.98</b>	<b>£5,037.00</b>	<b>£2,402.32</b>	<b>£5,037.00</b>	<b>£35,000.00</b>

The Council Services budget for 2022/23 proposals include:

<b>Equipment / Materials</b>	Increased to £5,000 to support equipment maintenance														
<b>Vehicle Insurance / Maintenance</b>	<p>At the October meeting, Members considered that the Council should not invest in a new van as well as a Utility Vehicle and agreed not to proceed with any further discussions on the Utility Vehicle. A value of £5,000 is retained in the draft budget for maintenance of the existing vehicle.</p> <p>The proposed budget allows for the purchase of a new vehicle. This could be reduced further by leasing the new vehicle rather than outright purchase. Broken down as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="465 523 1093 831"> <tr> <td>DVLA</td> <td>£530.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cornish Mutual</td> <td>£1,152.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service, MOT, Repairs</td> <td>£5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fuel &amp; Oil</td> <td>£2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tyres (inc trailer)</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trailer maintenance</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Vehicle</td> <td>£20,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	DVLA	£530.00	Cornish Mutual	£1,152.00	Service, MOT, Repairs	£5,000.00	Fuel & Oil	£2,000.00	Tyres (inc trailer)	£500.00	Trailer maintenance	£150.00	New Vehicle	£20,000.00
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<b>Information Point</b>	No change.														



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<i>Premises</i>						
Town Hall	£83.33					
Health & Safety / Fire Prevention / Scheduled Inspections	£4,311.60	£2,957.41	£4,000.00	£313.75	£4,000.00	£4,500.00
Insurance	£4,578.89	£5,143.11	£5,514.00	£5,162.18	£5,162.18	£5,600.00
Rates	£5,640.00	£0.00	£10,800.00	£2,738.26	£2,738.26	£12,000.00
Repairs and Renewals	£34,012.05	£18,702.49	£22,500.00	£26,481.98	£30,000.00	£8,500.00
Service Level Agreements	£1,990.13	£1,803.67	£4,100.00	£2,189.77	£4,100.00	£4,500.00
Utilities	£22,943.64	£17,783.27	£26,500.00	£6,735.31	£15,000.00	£30,000.00
	<b>£73,559.64</b>	<b>£46,389.95</b>	<b>£73,414.00</b>	<b>£43,621.25</b>	<b>£61,000.44</b>	<b>£65,100.00</b>

The Premises budget for 2022/23 proposals include:

<b>Health &amp; Safety / Fire Prevention / Scheduled Inspections</b>	Increased marginally to cover any increases in charges. Broken down as follows: Fire extinguishers £800.00 CCTV £170.00 Fire Alarm £110.00 Emergency Lighting £465.00 Front door disabled access £90.00 Fire Risk Assessment £2,000.00  It is proposed that sufficient funds are set aside in earmarked reserves for unknown expenditure.
<b>Insurance</b>	Increased marginally to cover any increases in charges.
<b>Rates</b>	Increased marginally to cover any increases in charges.
<b>Repairs and Renewals</b>	Reduced to cover known charges. Broken down as follows: Tools / Maintenance £1,000.00 Consumables £2,000.00 Uniform / PPE £500.00

	Materials	£5,000.00
	It is proposed that sufficient funds are set aside in earmarked reserves for unknown expenditure.	
<b>Service Level Agreements</b>	Increased marginally to cover any increases in charges. Broken down as follows:	
	General Waste, Recycling and Glass Collection	£2,600.00
	Sanitary Collection	£110.00
	OOH Keyholder support	£100.00
	Lift	£400.00
	Legionella & Boiler Servicing	£1,100.00
<b>Utilities</b>	A 15% increase has also been factored into the utilities budget. As the current gas and electric agreements are due to expire February / April 2022. The current gas providers have ceased to exist and the Town Council has secured a new gas provider. However, there will be an increase in costs	

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<i>Community and the Environment</i>						
Allotments	£5,632.52	£1,587.16	£2,000.00	£1,381.07	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Grants	£14,280.00	£6,758.17	£32,500.00	£2,800.00	£32,500.00	£20,000.00
Seasonal Displays:	£24,985.47	£2,297.00	£28,000.00	£11,598.00	£28,000.00	£38,000.00
Community Projects						£50,000.00
	<b>£52,897.99</b>	<b>£10,642.33</b>	<b>£51,000.00</b>	<b>£15,779.07</b>	<b>£62,500.00</b>	<b>£110,000.00</b>

The Community and the Environment budget for 2022/23 proposals include:

<b>Allotments</b>	No change.
<b>Grants</b>	Reduced to £20,000 due to lack of uptake. From a budget of £32,500, £2,800 has been spent to date, leaving a balance of £29,700.
<b>Seasonal Displays</b>	Increase to £38,000 and broken down as follows:

	<p><i>Christmas</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Event contractor *</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Lights inc infrastructure/ maintenance/ installation and removal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas lights repairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas lights store</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Floral Displays</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Flowers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In Bloom Competition</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£800.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Bunting</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bunting installation and removal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,430.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bunting anchor points testing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,280.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>* This has been increased by £2,000, based on Torbay Council's requirement to increase toilet provision and highway signage. Had the event gone ahead this year, the contractor would have run at a loss and the lantern making workshop was not organised as this could not be held in a COVID safe manner. Had the event been held in a normal year, this would have been an additional cost to factor in. The Community and Environment Committee will review the breakdown at its next meeting.</p>	Event contractor *	£8,000.00	Christmas Lights inc infrastructure/ maintenance/ installation and removal	£20,000.00	Christmas lights repairs	£800.00	Christmas lights store	£1,000.00	Flowers	£2,000.00	In Bloom Competition	£800.00	Bunting installation and removal	£2,430.00	Bunting anchor points testing	£2,280.00
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<b>Community Projects</b>	<p>From a budget of £51,020, £20,603 has been spent, leaving a balance of £30,417. However, this includes £9,960 for the Counselling Support service as part of the COVID recovery from the Brixham Stronger Together collaboration. Unspent monies was retained in the ear marked reserves and the balance is now at £2,260. This will only last for another 1-2 months. Please see separate report.</p> <p>And £190.28 has been spent on the Red Telephone boxes, again this money was retained in ear marked reserves.</p> <p>Therefore, only £10,452.89 has been spent on community recovery projects.</p>																

	<p><i>Ear marked reserves have been updated, and the budget in our financial system has been increased to £60,170.28 to allow for the transfer of funds from the earmarked reserves.</i></p> <p>The Council have not discussed a breakdown of how the £50,000 would be spent, apart from allocating £1,000 for the Jubilee celebrations. It is suggested that the Council develop the Community Recovery Plan into a Strategic Plan / Business Plan for the remaining term of the current Counsellors.</p>
<b>Shoalstone Pool</b>	Removed from budget.

### Overview of draft 2022/23 budget

	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2020/21</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	<b>Year to date 2021/22</b>	<b>Estimate 2021/22</b>	<b>Budget 2022/23</b>
Total Expenditure	£454,461.13	£402,583.47	£444,205.80	£267,045.79	£455,314.34	£497,763.00
Less Income	£116,702.83	£122,578.51	£79,200.00	£79,665.49	£90,421.00	£82,900.00
From Reserves	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Precept	<b>£337,758.30</b>	<b>£280,004.96</b>	<b>£355,005.80</b>	<b>£187,380.30</b>	<b>£364,893.34</b>	<b>£414,363.00</b>

The above shows an increase of £59,645, which equates to an increase of £8.98 per year; 15.46% based on a Band D property.

The budget shown in this report is in draft format and the Council should consider the effects of an increase in precept such as:

- The affordability of residents ie increases to energy costs, travel, food
- Any increase in Council Tax set by Torbay Council
- The ability to assign reserves to reduce the precept value

It is therefore considered that £20,000 from reserves should be used to reduce the precept value. This is shown as follows:

	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Actual 2020/21</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	<b>Year to date 2021/22</b>	<b>Estimate 2021/22</b>	<b>Budget 2022/23</b>
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Less Income	£116,702.83	£122,578.51	£79,200.00	£79,665.49	£90,421.00	£82,900.00
From Reserves	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
Precept	<b>£337,758.30</b>	<b>£280,004.96</b>	<b>£355,005.80</b>	<b>£187,380.30</b>	<b>£364,893.34</b>	<b>£394,863.00</b>

The above shows an increase of £39,645, which equates to an increase of £5.75 per year; 9.89% based on a Band D property.

### Taxbase Comparisons

Below are details of the increases to the precept based on the taxbase and including the proposal to include £20,000 from reserves, as shown above.

#### PRECEPT

	<b>Taxbase</b>	<b>Precept</b>	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Daily</b>
2017/18	5900	£253,972	£43.05	£0.83	£3.59	£0.12
2018/19	6004	£280,852	£46.78	£0.90	£3.90	£0.13
2019/20	6187.87	£317,372	£51.29	£0.99	£4.27	£0.14
2020/21	6261.12	£355,006	£56.70	£1.09	£4.73	£0.16
2021/22	6115.06	£355,218	£58.09	£1.12	£4.84	£0.16
2022/23	6185.57	£394,863	£63.84	£1.23	£5.32	£0.17

#### INCREASE

	<b>Precept</b>	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Overall %</b>	<b>Band D %</b>
2017/18	£20,124	£2.80	£0.05	£0.23	£0.01	6.96	7.07
2018/19	£26,880	£3.73	£0.07	£0.31	£0.01	10.58	8.67
2019/20	£36,520	£4.51	£0.09	£0.38	£0.01	13.00	9.65
2020/21	£37,634	£5.41	£0.10	£0.45	£0.01	11.86	10.55
2021/22	£212	£1.39	£0.03	£0.12	£0.00	0.06	2.45
2022/23	£39,645	£5.75	£0.11	£0.48	£0.02	11.16	9.89

According to a recent SLCC Magazine, there are currently 10,239 councils in England – of whom 8,876 raised a precept for the financial year 2021/22 with an aggregate total of £618,060,608. The average Band D precept charged by local precepting bodies (including local councils) for 2021/22 is £71.86, an increase of £1.97, or 2.8% from 2020/21.



## Brixham Town Council Budget 2022/23

### **BRIXHAM TOWN COUNCIL PREPARING FOR 2022/23 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

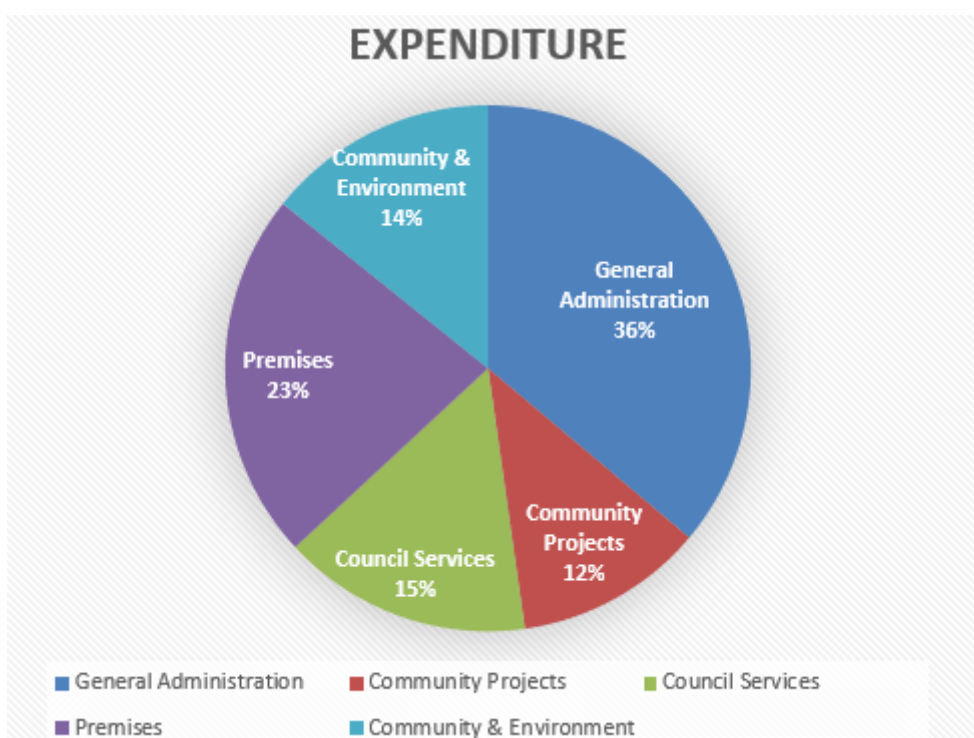
As we all finally begin to see light at the end of the Coronavirus tunnel, members of Brixham Town Council are busy getting to work on the annual Budget and Precept, firmly keeping in mind that our community is only at the start of the recovery journey.

In recent years the Council has conducted an annual consultation process to ascertain which groups and organisations it should support, and what the public would like to see added to its existing services.

The most recent addition has been the Gardening Assistance Scheme, which got off to a slow start at the height of the pandemic in 2020 but is already proving to be extremely popular with our older residents.

But are there other things that you would like to see us doing, whether independently, or in partnership with other bodies?

Below is a pie chart that outlines how the Town Council currently spends the precept that is collected annually.



### **Keeping in touch**

You will find more information on our budget, Strategic plan and services we provide on our website. All Town Council agendas and minutes are public and meetings are open to members of the public, who are entitled to ask questions at the start of the meeting.

## **Your Views**

Your views are always important to Brixham Town Council and so we welcome your input once again by asking you to forward any comments or suggestions by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

You can do this by:

- contacting the Town Council on 01803 859678
- writing to Brixham Town Council, Town Hall, New Road, Brixham TQ5 8TA
- e-mail [info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

commenting on the Council's social media pages