

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC CONSULTATION
PRECEPT 2018/2019**

At the Parish Council meeting held on 17 October 2017, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the precept application for 2018/19.

The Finance Committee deliberated each code and cost centre in the accounting system, recognising the need to limit expenditure as far as possible due to current restraints and economic climate and taking into account a realistic income figure. The 12 to 16 year Capital Assets Renewal Programme continued to be included in the precept sum and this would be revised to reflect ongoing capital expenditure and to include new capital purchases. Members recognised the requirement to retain six months precept reserves at all times, whilst being aware of access to earmarked reserves.

Ashover Parish Council had been notified by NEDDC that the Tax Support Grant Funding would be reduced year by year as follows:-

| 2018/2019 | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| £1,157 | £578 | 0 |

Members recognised a significant reduction in income and this was due to the loss of £578 in support grant funding and a shortfall in anticipated income of approximately £6,000 from cemetery fees and an increased cost in services and parish maintenance.

The Precept figure for **2017/2018** was £67,944 including Tax Support Grant Funding of £1,735.

Having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year **2018/2019**, an anticipated realistic income figure of £13,112.00 (including the Tax Support Grant of £1,157) set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £86,536.00 produced an annual **Precept figure for 2018/2019 of £73,424.00**. This represents a £5,480.00 increase (8%) on the previous year due to a significant reduction in income and increased costs for services and parish maintenance. Having regard to the recent increase in dwellings and proposed growth, it was anticipated that the increase would be spread over more properties and therefore should have a lesser impact on individual households.

Please see figures below:-

NB: Anticipated Figures

| Cost Centre | Expenditure | Income | Expenditure | Income |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (£) | (£) | (£) | (£) |
| | 2017/2018 | 2017/2018 | 2018/2019 | 2018/2019 |
| Administration | 35945 | 4180 | 35840 | 3602 |
| Section 137 | 600 | 0 | 600 | 0 |
| Pavilion & Courts | 3545 | 1250 | 3480 | 950 |
| Public Toilets | 2830 | 0 | 2810 | 0 |
| Capital Projects | 9869 | 0 | 10286 | 0 |
| Allotments | 100 | 50 | 100 | 60 |
| Cemetery | 8775 | 12000 | 8775 | 8500 |
| Parish Maintenance | 23760 | 0 | 24645 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 85424 | 17480 | 86536 | 13112 |

PRECEPT 2017/2018 = £67,944 2018/2019 = £73,424

If you have any comments on the proposed budget, please send these either in writing or via e-mail **no later than Monday 20 November 2017** to:-

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