

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council

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TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2020-21

INTRODUCTION

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council provides a range of services to residents. The Town Council remains in a healthy financial position this year and the 2020-21 budget will see it exercise careful financial management.

This leaflet has been put together to explain the amount the Town Council requests from the precept (Council Tax) paid to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and how it is spent.

PRECEPT

For the 2020-21 financial year the Town Council has requested a precept of £163,150. There is a small increase in the total amount of precept collected because of new build homes. A 'Band D' equivalent property will be charged £41.08 which represents no change from 2019-20.

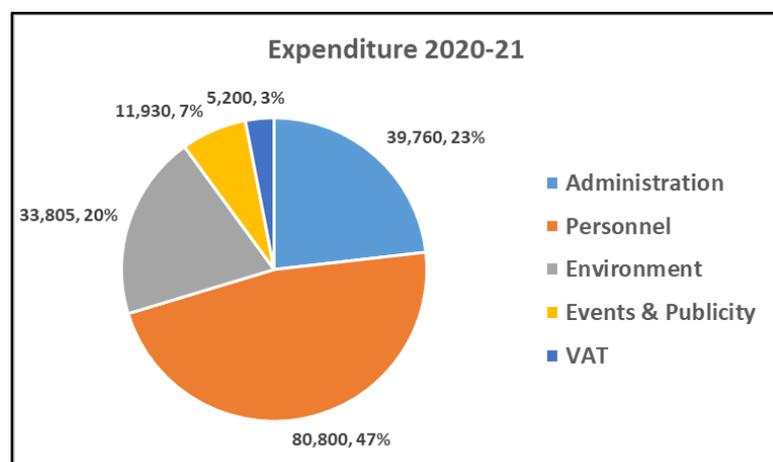
Financial Year	2019-20	2020-21
Receipts	£169,512	£171,495
Payments	£169,512	£171,495
Balance	£0	£0
Precept	£160,742	£163,150
Band D Equivalent Properties	3912.90	3971.60
Amount per Band D Equivalent	£41.08	£41.08

RECEIPTS

The budgetary situation regarding receipts is straight-forward, with the precept making up 95%. The remaining 5% is made up of VAT reclaims, bank interest and events sponsorship.

PAYMENTS

The situation regarding payments is slightly more complicated. Not unusually for a Council of its size a significant proportion of payments are allocated to personnel. 'Environment' payments relate to the maintenance of land and equipment. 'Administration' is made up mostly of payments relating to the office and statutory functions.



FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

The Town Council carries out a range of functions as a statutory body and is the most local level of government. It has an important role in promoting the town, representing its interests and supporting the work of different groups in the community. More specifically it:

- Organises community events, such as, the Art Exhibition and Christmas Tree Festival
- Maintains a park and open spaces, such as, Elloughton Road Play Area
- Oversees the production and distribution of the Petuaria Press
- Provides several Bus shelters
- Provides and maintaining noticeboards
- Commissions Christmas Lights and manages over 50 lighting columns
- Maintains seats, litter bins, and grit bins
- Maintains the War Memorial at Brough Corner

GRANT FUNDING

Every year the Town Council provides grants to groups and organisations that serve the local community. In 2019-20 grant funding was provided to: Brough Voluntary Action, Elloughton cum Brough in Bloom, Elloughton Village Hall, The Burrs Playing Field Association and the Wolds and Riverbank Countryside Society.

A 'Community Grant Fund' also exists that groups and organisations can apply to which manage a project within the Town Council's area or provide a service to its residents.

PERSONNEL

The Town Council has a comparatively simple personnel structure with four members of staff: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant and Environmental Assistant. Occasionally agency staff or contractors are used, however, this is a separate arrangement outside the formal staff structure. The Town Clerk is the senior officer and fulfils the statutory roles of the Proper Officer and the Responsible Financial Officer.

COUNCILLORS

There are 11 Town Councillors serving the Town Council with one vacancy. They are elected every 4 years, the last elections having been in May 2019. All 12 Councillors provide their services on a voluntary basis and do not receive any remuneration. A list of current members can be found on the Town Council's website.

MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

Meetings are open to members of the public and press. Agendas are posted on several Town Council noticeboards and can be accessed via the website. All Town Councillors attend Full Council meetings which take place on the third Tuesday of every month, except August. Many functions of the Council are delegated to Committees, which Town Councillors are appointed to at the Annual Meeting of the Town for one year, as follows:

- **Environment** – manages external property, land, functions and services
- **Events and Publicity** – manages issues relating to events and publicity
- **Finance and Strategic Planning** – contributes with setting the strategic direction of the Town Council and manages most financial processes
- **Personnel** – manages staffing issues, training (members and staff) and the office
- **Planning and Highways** – acts as the consultee for planning applications and the respondent on issues relating to licensing and highways