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Parish Council Precept for 2020/21

You will be shortly receiving the Council Tax notifications from RBWM which include the separate parish precept for Sunningdale Parish Council.

For the year April 2020 to March 2021, the Parish Council has levied a precept charge totalling **£192,379** and a Band D equivalent charge of £55.51 per year. This represents a **3.99% increase on last year and £2.13 per year increase on the amount paid by you**, the residents (based on a Band D property).

The table below shows the precept charge for 20/21 for each council tax band.

Band	Precept per year	Band	Precept per year
A	£37.01	E	£67.84
B	£43.17	F	£80.18
C	£49.34	G	£92.51
D	£55.51	H	£111.02

At a time when electricity bills are rising at 14.1%, gas bills at 7.1%, water and other charges 3.1%, bus and coach fares at 8.9%, rail fares at 6.6%, petrol and oil at 3.6%, council tax and rates at 4.7%, and telephone services at 5.6%. (*Office for National Statistics, Consumer Price Inflation Reference Tables, April 2019*), the Parish Council has worked diligently to ensure that any increase is manageable.

Supplementing the Precept demand, the council brings income from management of assets such as the Tennis Courts; Refreshment Chalet; Community Room; Flat at the Pavilion and Recreation Ground. In 2019/20 this income rose to £63,700 and will again rise to **£81,101 for 2020/21**, representing a year on year increase of **£17,401 and 27.3%**.

The parish council is obliged to maintain all the facilities we provide at a high standard or replace them: **the recreation ground with over £250,000 of equipment**; the tennis courts; **the car park**; the clock, flowerbeds, bench and flower planters on Chobham Road and London Road; **the Cemetery**; the Allotments; **the 100 year old Village Hall**; the War Memorial and all other benches and assets the council owns around the village.

In the year 2019/20 the council made significant increases on the reserves for maintenance and replacement of assets totalling £61,441. This increase was calculated on long term plans for the ongoing maintenance and replacement, therefore in 2020/21 there has been no further requirement to make significant increases, putting the asset reserve requirements for the year at **£61,934** with an increase year on year of **£493**.

The reserves of council for 2020/21 are therefore as follows:

	Balance at 31 Mar 2020	2020-21 reserve movements
General Reserve	58,050	0
Asset Reserves	105,229	61,934
	163,279	61,934
CIL/S106	127,643	0 *
Composite Reserves	290,922	61,934

* CIL Funds are paid by RBWM to Sunningdale Parish Council as a result of development and the parish council is informed 6 monthly on balances due, therefore the ability to forecast these payments is limited.

The **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is a charge that local authorities (RBWM) can set on new development in order to raise funds to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services - such as schools or transport improvements - needed to support new homes and businesses. For the Parish Council, CIL monies can be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing demands that development places on an area.

A Section 106 is a legal agreement between an applicant seeking planning permission and the local planning authority (RBWM), which is used to mitigate the impact of your new home on the local community and infrastructure. The Parish Council has previously received devolved funding for Open Space, Community Assets, Allotments and Public Art. These funds are no longer levied by RBWM on development.

General Reserves are funds which do not have any restrictions as to their use. These reserves can be used to smooth the impact of uneven cash flows, offset the budget requirement if necessary or can be held in case of unexpected events or emergencies. Setting the level of General Reserves is part of the formulation of the medium-term financial strategy and the annual budget. Council financial regulations require that there are enough working balances to cover the key risks it faces.

If you would like more information about the budget forecast and precept setting, Sunningdale's Responsible Financial Officer Ruth Davies and the Chairman of the Finance Committee Robin Booth would be happy to meet with you. To book an appointment, please email Clerk@sunningdaleparish.org.uk or call 01344 874268.