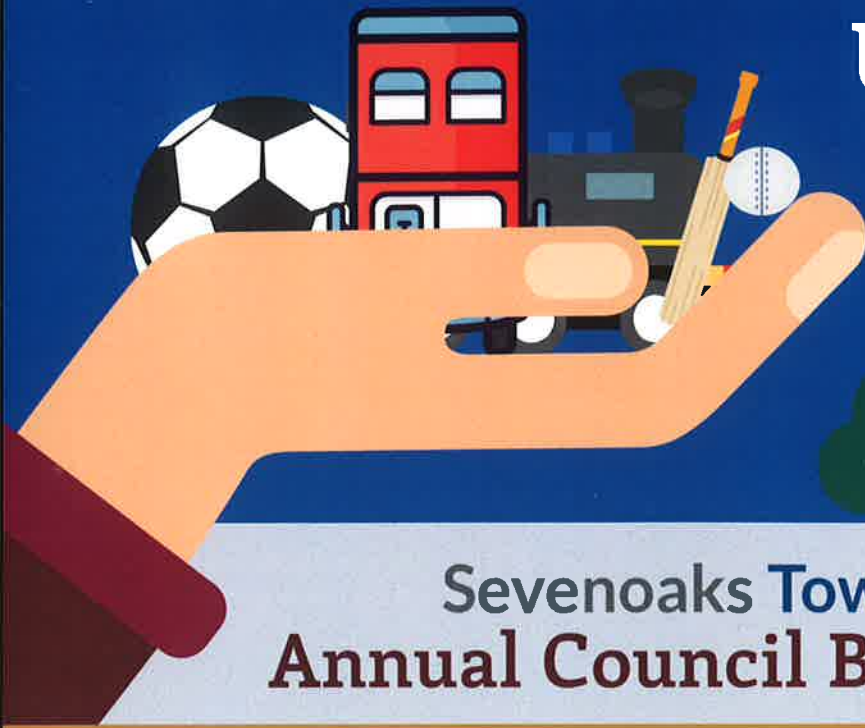


Upholding local community services



Sevenoaks Town Council Annual Council Budget 2018-19

**Total Annual Budget =
£1,651,731**

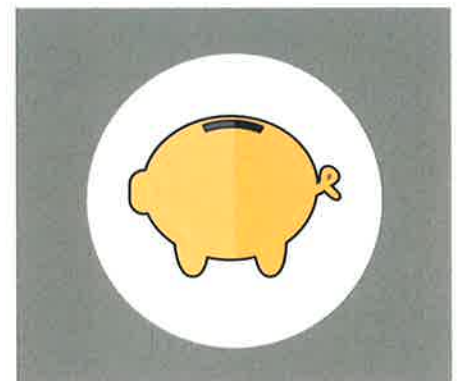
Where the money comes from:



65% (£1,088,593) of the budget comes from the town domestic ratepayers precept. The council receives no business rates nor government support grants.



34% (£555,826) of the budget will come from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafes.



1% (£7,312) of the budget will come from council reserves to make Bat & Ball station building cost neutral in initial phase of operation.

What it will cost local taxpayers:



**£114.95 per year
(£2.21 per week)**



An increase of £4.42 per year or 9p per week compared to 2017-18

Average Band D Household:

Wherever possible, the council aims to provide community facilities at zero net cost to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

However, exceptions to this include maintenance of public open spaces and play areas, which do not generate income as they are free for public use.

Capital investment plans are funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), grants and asset disposals.

Where the money goes:

Sevenoaks Town Council has made public its ambitious Community Investment Plan to provide new community facilities including a new Bat & Ball Centre, new sports facilities and continued investment in the Stag Theatre.

In addition, since 2014, further opportunities to benefit the community have come available. This includes refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station, for which the Town Council successfully obtained a Heritage Lottery grant of £756k, and various proposals within the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan.

The Town Council also sold the Raley's site and is reinvesting funds into future community assets, including £95k towards Sencio Leisure Centre.

The Council is mindful of the financial resources required to maintain current community facilities and meet the ambitions of the Community Investment Plan. For this reason, inclusion of a 'Development Fund' enables new projects and loans to be provided to release essential cash flow.

Sevenoaks Town Council is also committed to ensuring that current community facilities are refurbished and maintained for future generations (e.g. new public toilets at Greatness Recreation Ground) and that funding is not reduced for voluntary groups who do so much for Sevenoaks.



Community Services - £866k (52.4%) (net cost £370k)

- Public Open Space - £353k (net cost £311k)
- Community Events - £101k (net cost £31k)
- Cemetery - £94k (net cost £20k)
- Cafes & Facilities - £86k (zero net cost)
- Markets - £82k (zero net cost)
- Community Centre - £59k (net income -£6k)
- Youth Provision - £49k (net cost £14k)
- Bat & Ball Cafe - £42k (zero net cost)

Administration & Facilitation - £560k (33.9%) (net cost £493k)

- Council Admin - £444k (net cost £391k)
- Council Offices - £54k (net cost £40k)
- IT - £29k
- Insurance - £17k
- Professional Fees - £16k

Community Investment - £171k (10.4%)

- Development Plan - £108k
- Local Grants Scheme - £63k



Local Representation - £55k (3.3%)

- Planning - £35k
- Democracy Costs - £20k



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