

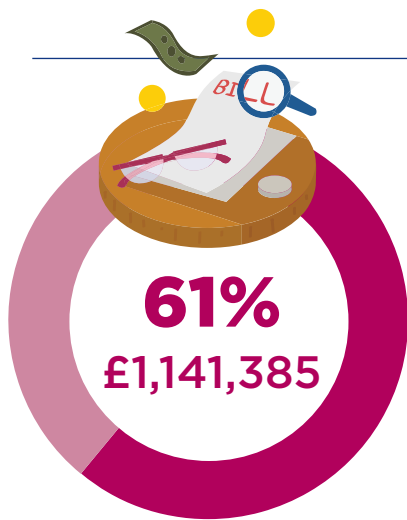
ANNUAL COUNCIL BUDGET 2019-2020

Delivering, enhancing and protecting community facilities

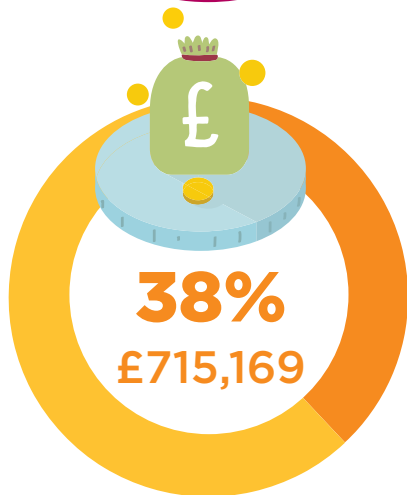


TOTAL REVENUE ANNUAL BUDGET

£1,882,554



of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayers precept. The Town Council does not receive any portion of business rates nor government grants.



of the budget comes from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafes.



of the budget will be from the Town Council's reserves to enable financial adjustments without increasing rates during the construction phase of the new Bat & Ball Centre.

What will it cost Sevenoaks town taxpayers per average Band D Household:



£118.43
PER YEAR

£2.28
PER WEEK

**An increase of £3.48
per year or 7p per week
compared to 2018 - 2019**

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

However, exceptions enable community facilities to continue to be provided even if not commercially viable. This includes 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

In 2014 Sevenoaks Town Council set out an ambitious £4m Community Investment Plan to restore and improve community facilities. In order to achieve this assets have been disposed of to enable reinvestment and grants obtained to the sum of £2m +.

The Bat & Ball Station refurbishment has taken place, a new 3G Football Pitch installed, additional play equipment supplied, improvements to Sencio Leisure Centre funded, new public toilet and park improvements provided at Greatness Recreation Ground, introduction of the award-winning No. 8 bus, producing Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks, feasibility work and funding obtained for the new Bat & Ball Centre construction to commence in June 2019.

Sevenoaks Town Council is mindful of the financial resources required to maintain current community facilities and meet the ambitions of its Community Investment Plan adaptable for future opportunities which benefit residents of the town. For this reason, it continues to maintain its 'Development Fund' which enables development work to be undertaken to provide a higher success rate when applying for grants and loans if required to assist with essential cash flow for major capital projects.

Sevenoaks Town Council is also committed to providing funds and support to assist voluntary groups who do so much for the town.

COMMUNITY SERVICES £1045k (55%) (NET COST £368k)	ADMINISTRATION & FACILITATION £616k (33%) (NET COST £578k)	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT £165k (9%)	LOCAL REPRESENTATION £57k (3%)
Public Open Space - £356k (net cost £302k)	Council Administration £493k (net cost £472k)	Development Fund £108k	Planning £36k
Community Events - £102k (net cost £35k)	Council Offices - £64k (net cost £47k)	Local Grants to voluntary organisations £57k	Democracy costs £21k
Cemetery - £102k (net cost £12k)	IT - £24k		
Community Venues £368k (net income £11k)	Insurance - £20k		
Markets £81k (zero net cost)	Professional Fees - £15k		
Youth Provision £36k (net cost £30k)			



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