

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council

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TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2023-24

INTRODUCTION

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council provides a range of services to residents. While the Town Council remains in a healthy financial position this year, the 2023-24 budget will see it exercise cautious financial management taking into consideration the current economic crisis and rising costs due to inflation.

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 2023-24 financial year the Town Council has requested a precept of £185,676.40. The Council has resolved to increase the precept this year, due to rising costs and inflation, so that it can continue to fulfil its duties to the Town and local residents. A 'Band D' equivalent property will be charged £45.50 which represents a 5.45% increase since 2022-23.

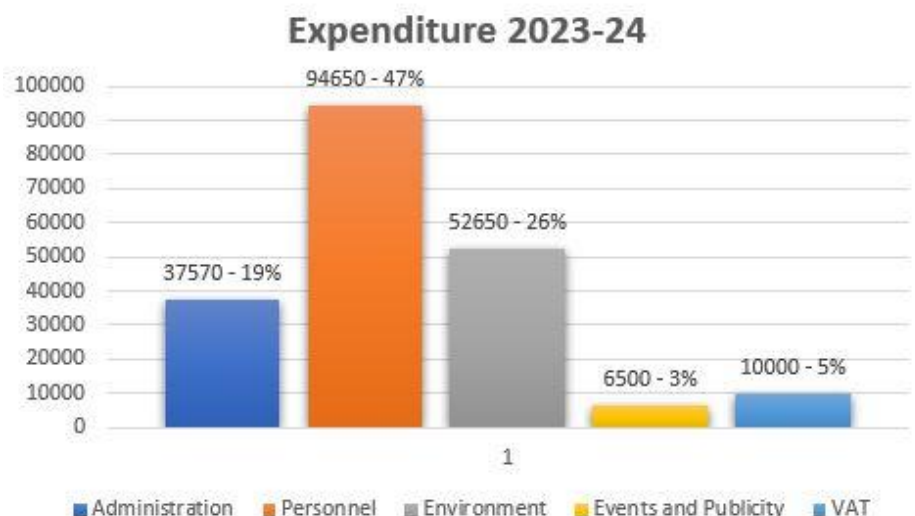
Financial Year	2022-23	2023-24
Receipts	£185,915	£205,196
Payments	£185,915	£205,196
Balance	£0	£0
Precept	£175,025	£185,676
Band D equivalent Properties	4056.2	4080.8
Amount per Band D Equivalent	£43.15	£45.50

RECEIPTS

The budgetary situation regarding receipts is straight-forward, with the precept making up 90.5%. The remaining 9.5% is formed of VAT reclaims, bank interest and event sponsorship.

PAYMENTS

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 Easter Egg Hunt, Scared Crow Weekend, Queens Jubilee Beacon Lighting and Christmas Lights Switch On and Ice Rink.
- Maintains space and equipment at Elloughton Road Play Area
- Maintains the War Memorial at Brough Corner
- Oversees the production and distribution of the Petuaria Press
- Commissions Christmas Lights and any other community décor
- Maintains street furniture such as seats, noticeboards, litter bins, lighting columns, grit bins

GRANT FUNDING

Every year the Town Council provides grants to groups and organisations that serve the local community. In 2022-23 grant funding was provided to: Elloughton cum Brough in Bloom, Wolds and Riverbank Countryside Society, Playing Fields Association and We do Tennis.

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. In 2022-23 community grant funding was provided to: Elloughton Village Hall.

PERSONNEL

The Town Council has a comparatively simple personnel structure with four members of staff: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Events and Communications Coordinator 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 12 Town Councillors serving the Town Council. 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.

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
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FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Precept can also be found on the Town Council's website at <https://www.elloughtonbrough-tc.gov.uk/finances-and-precept>.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Town Council or individual Councillors directly (see link: <https://www.elloughtonbrough-tc.gov.uk/towncouncillors>).