



Lydney Town Council

PRECEPT 2024/25

January 2024

Lydney Town council seeks to continue the development of local services and to support various activities and developments associated with Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust and Lydney Recreation Trust.

As such Lydney Town Council have Resolved on Monday 8th January 2024 that the precept for local services be set at £777,449 (an increase of 4.75% for 2024/25), which is based on the estimate expenditure as set out below.

Summary of Estimated Expenditure 2024/25	Allocated £'s
Establishment Running Costs Including employment costs; legal fees; staff/councillor training; advertising, health and safety; insurances; auditors; stationary; website; Civic events	£487,892.00
Vehicle Costs Including running costs; fuel	£28,500.00
Cemetery Costs Including maintenance of graveyards, St Mary's Wall/Churchyard; additional burial space; Green Burial site	£11,000.00
Amenities & Allotments & Events Including grass cutting; litter picking; dog bins; street furniture; floral displays; wild flowers; tree inspections; play area maintenance; notice boards; Christmas illuminations; maintenance events budget Christmas Lights events, activities; arts events	£96,262.00

General Finance Costs	
Including electoral costs; Neighbourhood Development Plan;	£12,100.00
Community Grants and Donations	
Including awards to the community & charitable organisations; youth grant; Service Level Agreements; youth work	£188,345.00
General Planning	
Including CCTV, general highways maintenance (under LTC responsibility), bus shelters;	£6,750.00
Total Expenditure	£830,849.00
Estimated Income Event/ Allotments Projects (minus from £830,849.00)	£33,400
Lydney Town Council are using General Reserves (minus from £830,849.00)	£20,000
PRECEPT Total for 2024/25	£777,449

Unlike the larger District and County Councils Lydney Town Council receives no funding from Central Government, so the net costs of our services are funded entirely from the council taxpayers of Lydney.

Lydney Town Council's precept is just one element of the overall budget for Gloucestershire County Council.

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The small element of your overall council tax bill which comes our way is based on a Band D property of £222.18 per annum which is an annual increase to £10.08, monthly increase of £0.84, which equates to a weekly increase of £0.19, for 2024/25.

To offset the increase, the council is using £20,000 of its General Reserves to assist with minimising the impact on local residents.

- The council promotes the interests of Lydney Town Council in its representations to other bodies and works in partnership with the District Council, and other agencies to provide and supplement local government services within Lydney.
- The Town Council is consulted on all planning applications made in respect of properties in Lydney and written representations are submitted to the FODDC planning department.
- Various meetings of the Town Council are open to the press and public and all meetings are publicised on the Town Council's website [Home, Lydney Town Council](#)
- There is an opportunity for members of the of the public to raise any concerns or queries that they have regarding Town Council activities.
- The council undertakes the Annual Parish (Town) Assembly, scheduled for Wednesday 24th April 2024 at Lydney Town Hall, High Street, Lydney GL15 5DY commencing at 6pm.
- The Annual Parish (Town) Assembly is where councillors present the annual work of the council and where local residents can gain a further understanding as to how the council is assisting, with other key partners and agencies, to support local residents.
- Residents can also keep up-to-date with council events and business through our Facebook page.

<http://tinyurl.com/Lydney-Town-Council-Facebook>

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