



HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL

2024/2025 Precept Summary

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<p>Hessle Town Council has set the Precept for the 2024/2025 Financial Year at £330,374.00.</p> <p>Whilst East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) is responsible for many of the larger infrastructure and strategic issues that affect the town, Hessle Town Council works hard to represent the views of local people and support Hessle during these very difficult and challenging times for us all.</p> <p>Toward the end of each Financial Year, Hessle Town Council has to produce a projected budget for the following year. From this, we ask ERYC to place a charge on every Council Tax Payer within the four wards of Hessle. This money goes towards our running costs expenditure and is called the Precept.</p> <p>Residents can find the amount of Precept they pay on their Council Tax bill, which includes payments to ERYC (including Adult Social Care and Special Expenses), Humberside Fire and Rescue, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Hessle Town Councillors strive to increase the services it can provide and have again resolved to allocate funds held in reserves (previously unspent money), whilst increasing spending on other budget lines in order to continue to support projects that help to make Hessle a happy,</p>	<p>friendly and economically sustainable place in which to live, work and visit.</p> <p>The 2024/2025 Budget has been especially challenging, particularly with the cost of essential services and goods increasing significantly which are beyond our control. In previous years the Council has managed to absorb these additional costs, but it has become apparent that it is unable to sustain this level of funding indefinitely in order to maintain financial stability for the long term and to deliver the minimum level of provision required to continue providing/running things such as the 183 Hessle Town Bus Service, funding the Community Centre Organisation, a Youth Worker for the Youth Club, all maintenance costs for Tower Hill Park to name but a few.</p> <p>We understand that any increase in taxes is difficult and worrying at this time, but we want to assure you that the Town Council is committed to using these funds responsibly and transparently. We will continue to work diligently to find cost-effective solutions and explore alternative funding sources.</p> <p>Your understanding and support during these challenging times are greatly appreciated and for providing input as we work together to ensure the continued prosperity of our community.</p> <p>The final breakdown overleaf shows in more detail how the Town</p>	<p>Council will allocate the Precept, reserves and other income.</p> <p>Hessle Town Council endeavours to get the best value for taxpayers and by leasing/taking over control of open spaces from the East Riding Council, such as Tower Hill Park, this saves Hessle Taxpayers money on the Special Expenses charged (ERYC charges for services such as the maintenance of parks, open spaces and closed churchyards) and which is charged on top of general council tax charges. By Hessle Town Council taking over Tower Hill Park in 2022, this saved 11% on a Band D property special expenses charges.</p> <p>This year based on a Band D property, each household will pay £61.10 per annum, which is a £12.44 increase per annum or £1.036p per month from 2023/2024. To put this into context, the national average charge for a Town & Parish Council Band D property in 2023/2024 was £78.79.</p> <p>Further information about Hessle Town Council can be found on our website: https://www.hessletowncouncil.gov.uk/</p> <p>If you have any questions, you can contact the Town Council Office or individual Councillors directly (please see website for all details).</p> <p>Further information about Council Tax charges can be found at the East Riding Council website: https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/council-tax/what-it-pays-for/</p>
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<i>Descriptions</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
		2023/2024	2024/2025
Staffing costs	Includes: Tax, National Insurance, Salaries, Pension Contributions, staff training, travel expenses for 8 members of staff (2 new members joining in 2024)	92,250	111,550
Town Hall running costs	Includes Electricity, Gas, Water, Annual Checks & Maintenance, Rates, Refuse charges, Licences, Fire Alarms, Security, Caretaker, repairs and minor items and cleaning materials	79,350	82,550
Less Town Hall Income	Income received from town hall lettings	(40,000)	(40,000)
Organisational and Office Costs inc. Newsletter etc.	Stationery, Newsletter, printing, postage, telephones, Internal & External Auditor fees, Bank & Payroll charges, technology (IT, infrastructure, website, internet) and annual subscriptions	25,440	31,100
Christmas Lights, Floral Displays	Annual displays, additional new displays, new lights and annual switch on event costs	29,000	34,000
CCTV Maintenance	Annual maintenance costs	3,700	3,700
Community Grant Donations	Includes: Small grant scheme for local organisations and annual grant funding for Youth provision and the Community Centre Organisation	21,000	23,500
Skate Park & MUGA maintenance	Annual maintenance and lease fees and contribution towards grant funding received for planned expansion and new equipment	7,000	6,500
Civic & Community events/projects	Mayoral annual Civic Service, Soap Box Derby, Hessle Feast contribution, Scarecrow trails, Tranby Lodge Gate	8,300	12,300
Allotments costs, less rents	Includes: Allotments upkeep, land leases, water and Allotment Warden	3,700	4,400
Town Hall PWLB costs	Public Works Loan annual repayment cost	64,675	63,274
183 Town Bus Service	Annual Town Bus Service	10,000	11,000
Litter Bins/Salt Bins/Bus Shelters/Notice Boards/Benches	To provide additional litter/salt bins and maintenance of existing bus shelters in the Square	5,000	8,000
Tower Hill Memorial Park	For annual general maintenance costs, grass cutting, hedge cutting and tree maintenance	10,000	10,000
Community Centre	Annual running costs	20,000	13,000
	Less allocation of funds from Reserves	(80,495)	(44,500)
Total		258,920	330,374