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FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 20 January 2026

Councillors,

You are summoned to a **Precept** meeting of the **Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

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Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Budget and precept 2026-2027

To receive a report from the Town Clerk and to agree the Town Council budget for the financial year 2026/2027.

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4. Precept 2026/27

To pass a resolution agreeing the Precept figure for 2026/27 as per the above discussions.



Twinned with Mouvaux, France;

Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany



Valmadrera, Italy



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5. Chair's announcements – for information only

6. Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council (preceded by an informal meeting):

Monday 23rd February 2026

Full Council:

Monday 16th March 2026

To:

All Councillors

Buckingham Town Council**Precept****Monday 26th January 2026**

Contact Officer: Town Clerk

Precept Report**1. Recommendations**

- 1.1. It is recommended that Members agree the attached budget for the 2026-2027 financial year.
- 1.2. It is recommended that the total funding requirement for 2026/27 to be levied on Buckinghamshire Council be set at £1,398,760, which rises a band D property from £233.28 to £246.25, an increase of £12.97 (5.56%) a year.

2. Information

- 2.1. Each Committee has seen and agreed its budget although there have been a few minor amendments as more information has become available. This budget is based on the recommendations from the Resources Committee held on the 12th January.
- 2.2. Wages are the largest part of our budgets and are hard to predict, as staff pay is not agreed until later in the year. This budget has been prepared with an estimate of 3.2% across the board. However, some staff will receive incremental increases, and other posts will be filled at the beginning of the pay band. Increases to NI have been accounted for.
- 2.3. This year, the Council Tax base figure provided by Buckinghamshire Council has increased slightly by 74.59
- 2.4. The general reserve is estimated at £470,100 (taking into account contract negotiations). It is recommended by the Resources Committee to use £14,000 of the general reserve. This would leave a general reserve of £456,100 which equates to between three and four months of expenditure. It is best practice that local councils hold a general reserve of between 3-12 months expenditure, with larger councils requiring nearer to 3 months.

Cost Code	Budget Code	Name	Notes	Budgeted Expenditure 2025 - 2026	Predicted Expenditure 2025 - 2026	Budgeted Income 2025 - 2026	Predicted income 2025 - 2026	Recommended budgeted expenditure 2026 - 2027	Recommended budgeted income 2026 - 2027	Reason
201	3995	NI Environment		26,112	26,112			27,200		Based on amended staffing plan
	3996	Pensions ERS Environment		62,851	62,000			64,500		Based on amended staffing plan
	4004	Salaries environment		253,650	253,650			264,500		Based on amended staffing plan
202	1051	Roundabout no. 1				2,881	1,440		3,014	New sponsor due to start in Jan
	1052	Roundabout no. 2				1,535	1,535		1,606	RPI increase as per contract
	1053	Roundabout no. 3				2,520	2,520		2,636	RPI increase as per contract
	1054	Roundabout no. 4				3,211	3,211		3,359	RPI increase as per contract
	1056	Roundabout no. 6				3,422	3,422		3,579	RPI increase as per contract
	1057	Roundabout no. 7				1,746	1,746		1,826	RPI increase as per contract
	4108	Roundabout		2,000	2,000			2,000		Can be held
203	4082	Allotments		2,350	2,350			2,458		Rename Bourton Rd allotments and increase of rpi as per agreement
205	4033	Waste disposal		6,081	6,081			6,294		Quote recieved
	4035	Machinery		2,973	2,973			2,973		Can be held
	4036	Fuel (Mower)		1,900	1,900			1,900		Can be held
	4037	Sundries		3,000	3,000			2,800		Slight reduction
	4063	Vehicle hire and running costs		7,000	7,000			7,000		Can be held
248	4013	Equipment purchase		5,462	5,462			5,462		Can be held - underspend to EMR 339 for stairs and fire alarm
	4055	Alarm		600	581			650		Slight increase
	4225	Rates		4,928	5,240			5,450		4% Increase
	4601	Repairs & maintenance fund		900	900			900		Can be held
	4602	Electricity		1,660	1,660			2,030		Increase due to new tariff
	4603	Water		635	635			700		10% increase expected
249	1085	Shopmobility income				245	250	250		Slight increase
	4602	Electricity		600	600			600		Can be held
	4603	Water		600	3,200			3,500		Significant increase expected as meter has been fitted.
	4608	Shopmobility		1,000	1,000			1,000		Can be held
	4612	Contractor charge		11,774	11,774			12,316		RPI % uplift in Mar (estimate 4.6%)
	4709	Maintenance		1,000	1,000			1,500		Add changing places equipment service
250	1026	Lace Hill Community Centre				42,000	39,000		41,000	Slight increase on predicted
	1027	Solar income				150	1,200		1,200	Awaiting new SEG tarriff (est £1200)
	4050	Lace Hill playing fields		555	555			555		Can be held
	4118	Solar panels		400	400			400		Can be held
	4158	Lace Hill gas		5,112	5,112			5,112		Fixed until 2028
	4159	Lace Hill electricity		7,202	7,200			8,000		New tariff - standing charge from 120p to 610p looking to change (downgrade) meter
	4160	Lace Hill water		1,124	1,124			1,236		Slight increase
	4161	Lace Hill Repair & Maintenance		4,800	4,800			5,000		Slight increase
	4162	Lace Hill Planned		8,200	8,200			8,200		Can be held
	4164	Lace Hill equipment		3,200	3,000			3,200		Can be held
	4225	Rates		0	10,354			10,768		4% increase - Note this came from gen reserve last budget
251	1030	Bowls income				644	644		673	RPI for september 4.5%
	1035	Tennis Court Rent				799	799		836	RPI for september 4.5%
	4601	Repairs & maintenance fund		4,088	4,088			4,100		Slight increase
	4602	Electricity		800	800			650		Reduction due to new tariff
	4603	Water		2,535	5,000			5,500		Substantial increase due to water meter
	4606	Bowls Club Maintenance		2,120	2,120			2,200		Slight increase
252	4601	Repairs & maintenance fund		11,000	11,000			51,000		Penstock to ponds bank repairs

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601	3992	Salaries Planning		39,989	39,989			41,590		Based on amended staffing plan
	3993	NI Planning		3,026	4,527			4,710		Based on amended staffing plan
	3994	Pensions ERS Planning		3,720	3,720			3,870		Based on amended staffing plan
	4624	Neighbourhood Plan		12,000	10,000			1,000		Rename NHP continuity
			TOTALS	58,735	58,236	0	0	51,170	0	
			Budget 2024 - 2025	58,735						
			Effective actual spend 2024 - 2025	58,236			effective budget 2026 - 2027	51,170		
			PREDICTED UNDERSPEND	499			BUDGET increase/decrease	-7,565		
										Budget to budget precept percentage increase
									0.00%	

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301	1028	Lace Hill events income				850	700		700	Slightly less than hoped.
	1062	Community Fair table income				230	230		230	Stable
	1066	Comedy night income				1,000	-		1,000	Not held
	1069	Charter fairs income				9,050	9,111		9,384	Slight increase RPI not yet known
	1091	Events Sponsorship Income				100	250		600	Staff tasked to increase
	1092	Events Stall Income				1,150	1,150		1,150	To be held
	1093	Dog Show Income				300	286		300	Significant prize sponsorship rather than cash
	1094	Skate Park Income				25	-		-	No stall holder - remove budget line
	1104	Remembrance Contributions				1,250	1,250		1,358	Screen booked
	3997	NI TC&E		8,055	8,055			8,377		Based on amended staffing plan
	3998	Pensions ERS TC&E		19,102	17,500			18,200		Based on amended staffing plan
	3999	Salaries TC&E		100,729	97,500			101,100		Based on amended staffing plan
	4042	Events equipment		1,500	1,500			1,000		Can be reduced as there is an EMR
	4094	Youth project		6,180	6,180			6,489		4% Increase
	4104	Town in Bloom		9,900	11,466			11,925		More expensive company chosen - over budget. Rename Baskets and Planters
	4107	Pride of Place		65	183			190		Rename - Buckingham in bloom
	4115	River rinse		464	400			470		Slight increase
	4128	Small Events		375	375			1,000		Capacity to grow these events
	4166	Lace Hill events		1,640	1,000			1,500		Can be reduced
	4201	Christmas lights		14,000	12,800			17,500		Old set of icicle lights need replacing - awaiting quote. Underspend to EMR
	4202	Firework display		7,500	7,500			7,800		4% increase
	4203	Community fair		310	310			322		Slight increase
	4205	Christmas parade		6,100	6,100			6,344		4% Increase to cover professional road closures
	4207	Remembrance parade		3,150	2,810			2,922		Less than expected - screen already booked for next year
	4208	Spring Fair		300	100					Remove and add into small events 4128
	4211	Band Jam		5,253	6,032			6,273		Overspend due to increased costs.

Summary 2026 - 2027 Budget

	2026 - 2027
Resources	
Income	33,525
Expenditure	558,747
Total	525,222
Environment	
Income	106,583
Expenditure	757,661
Total	651,078
Town Centre & Events	
Income	49,342
Expenditure	234,632
Total	185,290
Planning	
Income	0
Expenditure	51,170
Total	51,170
TOTAL	
Income	189,450
Expenditure	1,602,210
Total	1,412,760
From Reserve	14,000
Precept	1,398,760