NORTHALLERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8QR



Area Concerned	Precept for 2025 2026 Financial Year
Council Function	Local Government Finance Act 1992 s41 Requirement to set a precept
Summary	A budget has been prepared for approval, which the council needs to consider and then set a precept which will support this budget by 31.12.2024.
Information	The Finance Committee recommends a precept of £468,500 is required for the financial year 2025-26. This represents an increase in Council Tax for Band 'D' residents of £6.04 per year, or just less than 12 pence per week. The main considerations in coming to this recommendation are: • The full implementation of the National Joint Council Pay Award for 2025-25 and the increase in employers National Insurance contributions, ensuring that our staff are appropriately rewarded; • The need for repair work for the Town Hall roof to maintain this important public asset; • Increases in utility costs for running the Town Hall; • Increases in costs for maintenance and supplies for the public toilets, which are an important contributor to a vibrant Town Centre, including the Town's status as a coach-friendly town; • Increases in costs of general maintenance supplies, waste disposal and essential tree work. Increases in these costs are partially mitigated by increased income from rental of the Upper and Lower Halls, reductions in the budget for civic events, cutbacks to plans for future extensions of Christmas lighting and a reduction in community grants and donations.
Other Considerations	Covered by Finance Committee.
Risks to Council	Inability to deliver basic services, should the council precept not cover anticipated expenditure.
Council Decision	To increase the precept to £468,500
Minute Reference	24 115 3
Date	16th December 2024