

	Proposed Income	Proposed Expenditure	Proposed Income	Proposed Expenditure
	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26
General Purposes				
Revenue	242,180	888,248	281,136	924,854
New Initiatives etc.		123,945		87,750
Earmarked Reserve Projects		10,500		12,500
Sub Totals		1,022,693		1,025,104
Environment and Leisure				
Revenue	115,304	379,496	128,284	415,510
New Initiatives etc.		10,786		81,420
Earmarked Reserve Projects		43,000		56,000
Sub Totals		433,282		552,930
Luxfords Restaurant				
Revenue	230,600	258,957	255,600	284,387
Earmarked Reserve Projects		500		0
New Initiatives		0		0
Sub Totals		259,457		284,387
Gross Income/Expenditure	588,084	1,715,432	665,020	1,862,421
		1,127,348		1,197,401
Net Budget Requirement		1,127,348		1,197,401
Tax Base	5933.4		6000.4	
Band 'D' Council Tax		£190.00		£199.55

5.03% increase
£9.55 increase

Proposed Income	Proposed Expenditure
2025/26	2025/26
281,136	959,856
	87,750
	12,500
	1,060,106
128,284	483,589
	81,420
	56,000
	621,009
255,600	305,788
	0
	0
	305,788
665,020	1,986,903
	1,321,883
	1,321,883
6000.4	
	£220.30

15.95% increase
£30.30 per annum per household (£3.03 extra per month)

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GP							
	5609	C/C Wood Pellets	10,000	3,334	10,000		*YTD - 2 pellet deliveries, not yet paid Dec delivery. Should work out approx. 3 per winter.
	5610	C/C Rates	35,500	32,416	37,250		Increased slightly to take account of any increases in 2025.
	5611	C/C Electricity	9,000	8,613	11,000		Increased slightly to take account of the new contract.
	5612	C/C gas	4,500	2,420	4,000		Gas costs steadying out.
	5613	C/C water	2,800	2,304	3,200		Due to see an increase in 2025, reflective of this.
	5617	C/C Refuse collection	1,350	974	1,400		Plan to review waste contract.
	5620	C/C Regular Maintenance Contracts	18,000	10,643	16,000		Costs steadying out as a result of contracts being reviewed.
	5660	C/C Repairs & Renewals	25,000	13,921	25,000		
	5610 - 5676	Civic Centre	106,150		107,850	107,850	
	5744	The Source rates	1,000	5,706	3,000		Still awaiting outcome of Valuation Office for demolition of Hub
	5743	The Source	0	2,111	750		*YTD - had unforeseen works since demolition.
	5743 - 5747	The Source	1,000		3,750	3,750	
	5760	F/H rates	3,100	2,178	2,700		OK
	5761	F/H electricity	2,500	1,789	2,600		OK
	5762	F/H gas	1,200	433	0		No gas supply at Foresters Hall, just awaiting removal of meters.
	5763	F/H water	250	219	325		Anticipating increase in 2025.
	5765	F/H regular maintenance	2,500	1,858	2,500		OK
	5766	F/H repairs	3,000	4,161	3,000		This should steady out after substantial work undertaken in 2024.
	5760 - 5769	Foresters Hall	12,550		11,125	11,125	
	5720	Victoria Pavilion rates	4,500	4,098	4,650		Allowing for slight increase.
	5721	V/P electricity	5,000	4,987	7,000		Use of electricity has increased with usage of the building and charges
	5722	V/P gas	4,000	1,765	3,000		Due to new heating system, gas usage should improve.
	5723	V/P water	1,500	1,303	1,650		Allowing for slight increase
	5725	V/P regular maintenance	3,500	4,357	4,000		Works were undertaken in 2024 to improve internal condition/compliance
	5726	V/P repairs	3,500	1,267	3,000		OK
	5719 - 5729	Victoria Pavilion	22,000		23,300	23,300	
		Ridgewood Village Hall	0		0		
	5711	W/P Pavilion electricity	0	1,048	1,500		To be confirmed if on new utilities contract
	5713	W/P Pavilion water	0	740	1,000		To be confirmed if on new utilities contract
	5715	W/P Pavilion regular maintenance	0	783	0		
	5716	W/P Pavilion repairs	0	0	0		
	5709 - 5718	West Park Pavilion	0	0	0		
		Total West Park	0		2,500	2,500	
		Income					
	4610	Weald Hall	-35,000	-21,710	-36,000		Changes to regular hirers in 2024 has made predictions difficult for 2025.
	4615	Weald Hall - Commercial	-3,000	-274	-4,000		
	4620	Council Chambers	-10,500	-6,423	-11,000		
	4625	Council Chambers - Commercial	-2,800	-564	-3,000		
	4630	Ashdown Room	-10,200	-7,977	-10,500		
	4635	Ashdown Room - Commercial	-3,800	-940	-4,000		
	4640	Green Room	-14,000	-6,825	-14,500		
	4650	Oakleaf Room	-17,000	-12,217	-17,000		
	4660	Mayors Parlour	-13,500	-6,830	0		Town Clerk moving into MParlour Jan 25, following reconfiguration of offices.
	4670	Equipment hire	-1,400	-2,265	-3,500		
	4671	Martlets Room	-6,500	-3,769	-18,500		Regular hirer of MParlour will now be using the Martlets Room from Jan 25
	4675	Old TC Office (CC Room Rental)	-7,200	-5,400	-7,200		Longer term room rental
		Nightingale Room	0	0	-5,000		

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4673	Community Toilet scheme	-1,130	-915	-1,220		
	Sundry income	0	-90	-250		
4610 - 4700	* Civic Centre	-126,030		-135,670	-135,670	
4690	*Quickborn Suite	-9,000	-6,625	-9,000	-9,000	
4796	Hub Site	0		0		
4797	Hub site (Community Fridge recharge of services)	-300	0	-550		March 2024, recharged for £500 in line with elec charges.
4798	Source re-charge of services	-2,000	-304	-2,000		Includes elec recharges of Source.
	Source rent	-3,000	-1,456	-3,000		Lease due for renewal March 2026
4796 - 4798	* The Hub	-5,300		-5,550	-5,550	
4760	F/H regular users	-15,000	-9,751	-15,750		Campaign due to start in Jan 25 on building/room hire availability.
4761	F/H occasional users	-100	-683	-800		
4762	F/H commercial	-1,500	-779	-1,575		
4760 - 4763	* Foresters Hall	-16,600		-18,125	-18,125	
4719	V.P Sussex Support Service Rent	-10,500	-7,875	-11,000		Lease in process of being renewed.
4720	Victoria Pavilion	-250	-371	-1,000		Promotion of ground floor space availability should increase usage.
4721	V/P repayment of electricity	-2,000	-1,742	-3,600		Reflects increased usage and subsequent recharges.
4726	Victoria Garages (Cricket)	-200	-100	-350		Review of garage leases due in 2025.
4723	V/P repayment of gas	-1,600	-51	-250		Reflects new system and reduced usage.
4720 - 4723	* Victoria Pavilion	-14,550		-16,200	-16,200	
4781	* Ridgewood Village Hall	-1,350	0	-2,100		Insurance recharge is much higher in 2025, due to premium split.
4710	* West Park Pavilion	-6,600	-2,583	-7,200		To be confirmed based on utility discussions.
4677	* FiT Payments - Civic Centre	-5,000	-3,880	-7,500		
	* RHI Payments - Civic Centre	-11,000	0	-11,000		Have yet to claim for winter 2024/25.
	TOTAL	-23,950		-27,800	-27,800	
	Planning and Development Services					
	Economic Development					
5530/5532	Festive Lights					
5530	Festive Lights	15,000	8,168	16,000		Considered priority by residents. Increase funds available for more across the roads.
5532	Festive lights electricity	500	0	500		
	TOTAL	15,500		16,500	16,500	
	Income					
4530	* Festive Lights	-2,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	Seen increase in contribution from Chamber of Commerce.
	CENTRAL SERVICES					
	Corporate and Democratic Core					
	Corporate Management					
	Administration and Hospitality					
5410	Admin - general	2,500	2,295	2,700		General administrative costs have increased.
5412	Admin - telephones	5,250	5,608	6,000		Contract costs have increased slightly.
5413	Admin - photocopier	2,500	2,105	3,000		Contract costs have increased slightly.
5415	Postage	160	176	200		Postage costs albeit very minimal usage, have increased
5416	Stationery	1,900	1,313	1,900		OK
5410- 5417	* Administration	12,310		13,800	13,800	
5435	* Hospitality	100	153	175		
5455	Health and Safety	3,500	527	2,750		Tend to utilise separate building nominal codes.
5425	* Recruitment	500	115	750		Need to invest more in recruitment, to attract the right people for the right jobs
5425	* General	250	0	250		
	Accountant, Audit and Internal Audit Fees	0	0	0		
5475	* Accountant Fees	5,100	5,150	5,500		
5495	* External Audit Fees	2,250	2,100	2,200		
5494	* Internal Audit Fees	2,500	1,313	2,100		In line with 2024 costs.
5497	Professional Fees	11,000	7,562	11,000		Plus funds allocated in new initiatives.
5793	Subscriptions	4,600	4,805	5,750		This will include new OTISS software subscriptions for asset mgt.

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5794	Training	6,000	4,950	7,000	Priority to place more focus on training and inductions.
5430	Office Equipment	11,000	14,886	17,000	This reflects increase in annual IT support, Wi-Fi and security costs plus any new equip
5460	Insurances	43,500	47,574	49,000	To reflect increased insurance costs
5577	Newsletter	5,100	3,600	5,100	
5490	Protective Clothing	300	116	300	
7903. 2300	Loan Costs	39,800	19,360	38,100	
5580 - 5590	Bank and Credit Charges	0	0	0	
5581	Bank charges	960	557	960	
	TOTAL	136,460		147,935	147,935
	Income				
4403/4410	* Training/Administration	-400	-302	-400	
4579 - 4583	* Bank Interest				
4580	Bank Interest (Business Reserve)	-13,000	-3,981	-6,000	Reflects interest income during 2024.
4581	Bank Interest - Capital Reserve	0	-12,822	-20,000	
4583	Interest Misc (Fixed rate bond)	-7,000	-15,056	-14,076	
	TOTAL	-20,400		-40,476	-40,476
	Democratic Representation and Management				
5543	Members Allowances	16,987	10,642	14,864	5% increase x 10 Cllrs
5544	Members Expenses	110	0	116	5% increase
5465	Mayors Allowance	1,987	1,576	2,086	5% increase
5470	Elections	0		0	
	TOTAL	19,084		17,065	17,065
	Income	0			
	Net Expenditure				
	Grants and Partnerships				
5480	Grants Section 142 - Wealden Citizens Advice SLA	19,000	19,000	23,000	WCA requested £28k. Meeting their request halfway.
5485	Grants - General Power of Competence	25,000	22,222	22,500	Slight reduction of main community grant pot to assist with increases in SLAs
5487	Wealden Volunteering SLA	8,000	8,000	8,500	Wealden Volunteering requested £9k. Meeting their request halfway.
	TOTAL	52,000		54,000	54,000
	Income	0			
	Net Expenditure				
	Other Buildings and Services to the Public				
5730-5732	Cemetery Buildings East & West	0	0	0	
5730	Cemetary Buildings rates	950	775	925	
5732	Cemetary Buildings repairs/contracts	750	0	750	
	Signal Box, Osborn Hall, Foresters Hall Chapel	0	0	0	
5735	Signal Box Repairs/contracts	2,500	3,012	2,500	
	* Osborn Hall	0		0	
5750	All buildings cleaning materials	2,500	2,293	2,750	
5770	* Foresters Hall Chapel	0	0	0	Costs can be incorporated into Foresters Hall expenditure.
5772-5774	2a Vernon Road	1,000	1,072	1,000	
5790	Bridge Cottage	0	0	0	
	TOTAL	7,700		7,925	7,925
	Income				
4730	* Cemetery Building East	-5,500	-4,125	-6,000	Opportunity to review rental value when re-letting
4775-4776	* Signal Box + Insurance recharge	-6,000	0	-3,000	Hope to have plan for re-let late 2025/26 if not before.
	Signal Box, Osborn Hall, Foresters Hall Chapel				
4780	* Osborn Hall	-1,050	-1,043	-900	Insurance recharge lower in 2025, as premium split is lower.
	* Foresters Hall Chapel	-1,150	-863	-1,150	

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4771	* 2a Vernon Road	-7,800	-5,450	-9,300	
4783	* Bridge Cottage + Insurance recharge	-2,850	-2,846	-4,965	Reflects insurance recharge with premium split for 2025.
	TOTAL	-24,350		-25,315	-25,315
	SALARIES				
5680 - 5682, 5795	Caretakers/Other Buildings				
5680	Caretakers - salaries	106,403	76,903	96,758	96,758
5686	Casual Caretakers	1,500	6,472	10,000	10,000
5681	Caretakers - National Insurance	6,648	5,240	10,014	10,014
	Caretakers - Pension	21,387	13,236	19,448	19,448
5540 - 5542	Administration	0		0	
5540	Office staff - salaries	280,594	196,820	285,936	311,468
5541	Office staff - National Insurance	30,563	19,959	36,515	40,345
5542	Office staff - pension	56,400	39,355	57,473	62,605
5547	WPA NHS Top-Up	2,340	1,399	2,958	3,468
	TOTAL	505,834		519,103	554,106
	Total Revenue Expenditure	890,588		924,854	959,856
	Total Income	-242,180		-281,136	-281,136
		648,408		643,718	678,720
	Saving for Long Term Earmarked Projects				
	Elections	1,500		1,500	Saving for future elections
	W Hall Floor	0		0	
	Civic Centre communal carpet - 10 year project	500		500	Saving
	5 yearly EICR's for all outlets	2,500		2,500	Saving
	Future reconfiguration or renovations to existing buildings	0		0	
	Civic centre lift upgrade	5,000		2,000	Saving
	Climate change carbon emissions reduction projects e.g. solar panels	0		0	
	Air Con units for Civic Centre in preparation for warmer months	0		0	
	Improve internal decoration of Victoria Pavilion	0		0	
	Insurance Reinstatement Valuation	0		5,000	
	Security upgrade Civic Centre	1,000		1,000	
		10,500		12,500	12,500
	Total New Initiatives 2025/26				
	Building Maintenance	93,605		55,000	Detail of which to be agreed. Further fire safety works, 2A Vernon Rd, VPav and CC.
	Upgrade of Mayoral chain	0		750	
	Professional expertise for major projects and policy reviews	0		30,000	
	New parish noticeboards for new developments	0		2,000	
	New tables and table trolleys for Weald Hall, Ashdown Rm and Green Rm	10,000		0	
	Server upgrade and small office computer upgrade	4,500		0	
	Signal Box	10,000		0	Additional funds for Signal Box refurbishment may be required.
	Market Asset Valuation	3,500	5,000	0	
		121,605		87,750	87,750
		1,022,693		1,025,104	1,060,106

Total	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26
Total Revenue Expenditure	890,588	924,854	959,856
Total Long Term Earmarked Reserve Projects	10,500	12,500	12,500

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Total New Initiatives	121,605		87,750	87,750
Total Budget Expenditure	1,022,693		1,025,104	1,060,106
Total Income	-242,180		-281,136	-281,136
Net Expenditure	780,513		743,968	778,970

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		CULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING SERVICES					
		Cultural and Related Services					
		Recreation and Sport - Leisure and Recreation Grounds					
E & L	5120	Playing Fields and Pitches	19,000	8,194	17,500		*YTD - Play Area inspections, line marking machine and ground works to be undertaken still.
E & L	5122	Playing Fields and Pitches - Electricity	2,350	1,004	2,500		
E & L	5176	Play Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	4,000	3,166	8,000		Substantial repairs required to individual pieces of equipment due to vandalism and age.
E & L	5203	Grounds Maintenance - Contract	0	0	0		
E & L	5204	Grounds Maintenance - General	5,000	4,304	7,500		
E & L	5201	General Equipment Repairs and Hire	7,000	3,242	7,000		Need to allow for equipment and machinery to be regularly serviced now its being used more.
E & L	5202	New Equipment	5,000	5,887	6,500		
E & L		Vehicle Running Costs	0	0	0		
E & L	5269	* Transit	2,000	1,640	0		
E & L	5279	* Movano	2,000	2,155	1,500		
E & L	5275	*Tractor	2,000	1,681	2,150		
E & L	5271	Ford Ranger	2,000	1,401	0		This will be replaced by the new Toyota Hilux Ranger vehicle in Spring 2025.
		Vehicle running costs (x3 new vehicles - possible tyres, fuel for Ranger etc)	0	0	2,500		
		Vehicle PCP Arrangements	0	0	7,500		Remaining funds for 2025-26 after use of earmarked reserves allocated for vehicle replacements
	5283	Rainwater Harvester Maintenance	1,200	2,252	2,400		Two tank cleans/services per annum recommended
		Grass Cutting Mower maintenance	1,500	559	1,500		
		TOTAL	53,050		66,550	66,550	
		Income					
E & L	4110	* Sport Income	-16,000	-1,171	-20,000		*YTD - Invoices still to be issued for seasonal hire (Cricket and football clubs).
E & L	4120	* Event Income	-6,500	-6,855	-7,250		
		TOTAL	-22,500		-27,250	-27,250	
		Net Expenditure	30,550		39,300	39,300	
		Public Open Spaces, Planting and Allotments					
E & L	5100	Allotments	3,500	-376	3,500		*YTD in credit, due to credits received for water bills. Plan to carry out fencing works.
E & L	5231	Hempstead Meadows and West Park LNRs + sites of conservation interest	3,000	2,184	4,000		Increased focus and priority to be given to Boothland Wood and Nature reserves.
E & L	5295	Litter Bins	1,000	0	1,000		
	5296	Litter Collection, Open Spaces	12,000	8,400	11,000		Will be reviewing waste contract for Uckfield TC including Civic Centre and Cemetery.
E&L	5375	Repair & replacement of street furniture	1,500	0	2,500		Further attention to be given to assets in 2025/26.
E & L	5330	Corporate Signage	1,000	217	1,000		Remaining funds to be used towards interpretation boards in Nature Reserves.
E & L	5058	Protective Clothing	1,000	1,285	2,000		
E & L	5280	Fencing	1,000	664	3,000		Outstanding fencing works on Town Council land.
E & L	5299	Horticulture - Bedding	300	258	300		
E & L	5285	Tree Surveying and general works	12,000	11,945	11,000		This covers the cost of the tree surgeon retainer and surveying. Substantial works to be funded from specific new initiative funding and earmarked reserves.
	5033	HMLNR & WPLNR	500	0	500		*YTD - being used towards interpretation boards at woodlands.
		TOTAL	36,800		39,800	39,800	
		Income					
E & L	4100	* Allotments	-11,000	-10,624	-12,000		
	4101	*Allotment Deposits	-1,000	-1,406	-2,000		
	4275	* Environment Sundry Income	-200	-87	-200		
E & L	4123	West Park Culvert Maintenance Agreement with WDC	-400	-400	-500		
		TOTAL	-12,600	-12,517	-14,700	-14,700	
		Net Expenditure	24,200		25,100	25,100	
		Culture and Heritage					
E & L	5394	Twining Hospitality	0	0	0		Utilise funding from reserves if required.
E & L	5300	Civic Centre Events	15,000	8,649	15,000		
	5301	Performing Rights Society	2,000	569	2,000		
	5302	Event Advertising /Marketing	3,000	2,211	3,000		
	5078	Weald on the Field and Revival	10,000	11,420	11,500		
		TOTAL	30,000		31,500	31,500	
E & L	4050	Civic Centre Events	-25,000	-8,499	-25,000	-25,000	*please note that bank reconciliations have not been completed for Nov or Dec with income from Nov/Dec events
	4270	Farmers Market Income (The Source Car Park)	0	-420	-720	-720	

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	4387	Weald on the Field	-5,000	-3,405	-5,500	-5,500	
		Total income			-31,220	-31,220	
		Net Expenditure	0		280	280	
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		Planning and Development Services					
		Economic Development					
E & L	5370	Town Security CCTV	2,650	3,662	2,900		*YTD - infrastructure improvements with upgrade. Funding received from Home Office and CoC
E & L	5373	Floral Displays Town Centre Baskets & Troughs	3,600	3,572	3,750		
		Display on Tesco Roundabout	0	0	750		For a further £750 we can add planting and maintenance to Tesco roundabout.
		TOTAL	6,250		7,400	7,400	
E & L	4350	Income - Roundabout	-864	-864	-864		
E&L	4390	CCTV - Chamber of Commerce (contribution to cost of running 1 x camera)	-450	-1,258	-610		* income in 2024, includes grant funding towards infrastructure improvements from Home Office.
		Total	-1314		-1474	-1474	
		Net Expenditure	4,936		5,926	5,926	
		Environmental and Regulatory Services					
E & L		Cemetery Services					
	5181	* Grave Digging	5,000	2,880	6,000		*YTD - won't have yet received November/December invoices
	5180	* Rates/Water	1,500	1,098	1,500		
	5182	*Litter	3,000	1,875	3,000		
	5186	* Maintenance	200	186	200		
		TOTAL	9,700		10,700	10,700	
		Income					
E & L	4180	* Cemetery - Interments	-36,000	-26,451	-37,000		
	4181	* Cemetery - Memorials	-6,800	-6,225	-10,000		Includes income for memorial benches
	4182	* Cemetery - Sundry Income	-200	0	-200		
	4183	* Cemetery - Maintenance Charge	-4,200	-2,651	-4,400		
		TOTAL	-47,200		-51,600	-51,600	
		Net Expenditure	-37,500		-40,900	-40,900	
		HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES					
		Highways and Transportation					
		Street Lights - Supply, Maintenance and Repairs					
E & L	5080	* Supply & Maintenance	11,000	0	12,000		Invoice usually received at year end.
E & L	5081	* Repairs	15,000	34,701	15,000		*YTD - backlog from 2023, processed during 2024. Overspend covered by streetlighting earmarked reserves
E & L	5372	Climate Change Working Group Activities	0	0	0		
E & L	5086	Bus Shelters	500	54	1,000		
		TOTAL	26,500		28,000	28,000	
		Income					
E & L	4370	* Climate Change Working Group events (e.g. Eco EXPO)	-100	0	-450		Eco EXPO planned for September 2025. Min of £15 per pitch multiplied by 27.
E & L	4295/4240	* Delegated Functions	-1,590	-1,060	-1,590		*slight reduction for Q3 due to closure of bus station during works.
		TOTAL	-1,690		-2,040	-2,040	
		Net Expenditure	24,810		25,960	25,960	
E & L	5360	Salaries Groundsmen	137,626	100,515	143,420	194,922	
	5361	Groundsmen - NI	12,716	9,268	21,710	27,935	
	5362	Groundsmen - Pension	33,734	24,696	35,121	45,473	
	5230	Salary Ranger	33,120	24,601	31,310	31,310	
		TOTAL	217,196		231,560	299,639	
		TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE	379,496		415,510	483,589	
		TOTAL INCOME	-115,304		-128,284	-128,284	
		TOTAL	264,192		287,226	355,305	

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General Purposes				
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New Initiatives etc.		123,945		87,750
Earmarked Reserve Projects		10,500		12,500
Sub Totals		1,022,693		1,025,104
Environment and Leisure				
Revenue	115,304	379,496	128,284	415,510
New Initiatives etc.		10,786		81,420
Earmarked Reserve Projects		43,000		56,000
Sub Totals		433,282		552,930
Luxfords Restaurant				
Revenue	230,600	258,957	255,600	284,387
Earmarked Reserve Projects		500		0
New Initiatives		0		0
Sub Totals		259,457		284,387
Gross Income/Expenditure	588,084	1,715,432	665,020	1,862,421
		1,127,348		1,197,401
Net Budget Requirement		1,127,348		1,197,401
Tax Base	5933.4		6000.4	
Band 'D' Council Tax		£190.00		£199.55

5.03% increase
£9.55 increase

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2025/26	2025/26
281,136	959,856
	87,750
	12,500
	1,060,106
128,284	483,589
	81,420
	56,000
	621,009
255,600	294,713
	0
	0
	294,713
665,020	1,975,828
	1,310,808
	1,310,808
6000.4	
	£218.45

14.98% increase
£28.45 per annum per household (£2.85 extra per month)

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	5610	C/C Rates	35,500	32,416	37,250		Increased slightly to take account of any increases in 2025.
	5611	C/C Electricity	9,000	8,613	11,000		Increased slightly to take account of the new contract.
	5612	C/C gas	4,500	2,420	4,000		Gas costs steadying out.
	5613	C/C water	2,800	2,304	3,200		Due to see an increase in 2025, reflective of this.
	5617	C/C Refuse collection	1,350	974	1,400		Plan to review waste contract.
	5620	C/C Regular Maintenance Contracts	18,000	10,643	16,000		Costs steadying out as a result of contracts being reviewed.
	5660	C/C Repairs & Renewals	25,000	13,921	25,000		
	5610 - 5676	Civic Centre	106,150		107,850	107,850	
	5744	The Source rates	1,000	5,706	3,000		Still awaiting outcome of Valuation Office for demolition of Hub
	5743	The Source	0	2,111	750		*YTD - had unforeseen works since demolition.
	5743 - 5747	The Source	1,000		3,750	3,750	
	5760	F/H rates	3,100	2,178	2,700		OK
	5761	F/H electricity	2,500	1,789	2,600		OK
	5762	F/H gas	1,200	433	0		No gas supply at Foresters Hall, just awaiting removal of meters.
	5763	F/H water	250	219	325		Anticipating increase in 2025.
	5765	F/H regular maintenance	2,500	1,858	2,500		OK
	5766	F/H repairs	3,000	4,161	3,000		This should steady out after substantial work undertaken in 2024.
	5760 - 5769	Foresters Hall	12,550		11,125	11,125	
	5720	Victoria Pavilion rates	4,500	4,098	4,650		Allowing for slight increase.
	5721	V/P electricity	5,000	4,987	7,000		Use of electricity has increased with usage of the building and charges
	5722	V/P gas	4,000	1,765	3,000		Due to new heating system, gas usage should improve.
	5723	V/P water	1,500	1,303	1,650		Allowing for slight increase
	5725	V/P regular maintenance	3,500	4,357	4,000		Works were undertaken in 2024 to improve internal condition/compliance
	5726	V/P repairs	3,500	1,267	3,000		OK
	5719 - 5729	Victoria Pavilion	22,000		23,300	23,300	
		Ridgewood Village Hall	0		0		
	5711	W/P Pavilion electricity	0	1,048	1,500		To be confirmed if on new utilities contract
	5713	W/P Pavilion water	0	740	1,000		To be confirmed if on new utilities contract
	5715	W/P Pavilion regular maintenance	0	783	0		
	5716	W/P Pavilion repairs	0	0	0		
	5709 - 5718	West Park Pavilion	0	0	0		
		Total West Park	0		2,500	2,500	
		Income					
	4610	Weald Hall	-35,000	-21,710	-36,000		Changes to regular hirers in 2024 has made predictions difficult for 2025.
	4615	Weald Hall - Commercial	-3,000	-274	-4,000		
	4620	Council Chambers	-10,500	-6,423	-11,000		
	4625	Council Chambers - Commercial	-2,800	-564	-3,000		
	4630	Ashdown Room	-10,200	-7,977	-10,500		
	4635	Ashdown Room - Commercial	-3,800	-940	-4,000		
	4640	Green Room	-14,000	-6,825	-14,500		
	4650	Oakleaf Room	-17,000	-12,217	-17,000		
	4660	Mayors Parlour	-13,500	-6,830	0		Town Clerk moving into MParlour Jan 25, following reconfiguration of offices.
	4670	Equipment hire	-1,400	-2,265	-3,500		
	4671	Martlets Room	-6,500	-3,769	-18,500		Regular hirer of MParlour will now be using the Martlets Room from Jan 25
	4675	Old TC Office (CC Room Rental)	-7,200	-5,400	-7,200		Longer term room rental
		Nightingale Room	0	0	-5,000		

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4673	Community Toilet scheme	-1,130	-915	-1,220		
	Sundry income	0	-90	-250		
4610 - 4700	* Civic Centre	-126,030		-135,670	-135,670	
4690	*Quickborn Suite	-9,000	-6,625	-9,000	-9,000	
4796	Hub Site	0		0		
4797	Hub site (Community Fridge recharge of services)	-300	0	-550		March 2024, recharged for £500 in line with elec charges.
4798	Source re-charge of services	-2,000	-304	-2,000		Includes elec recharges of Source.
	Source rent	-3,000	-1,456	-3,000		Lease due for renewal March 2026
4796 - 4798	* The Hub	-5,300		-5,550	-5,550	
4760	F/H regular users	-15,000	-9,751	-15,750		Campaign due to start in Jan 25 on building/room hire availability.
4761	F/H occasional users	-100	-683	-800		
4762	F/H commercial	-1,500	-779	-1,575		
4760 - 4763	* Foresters Hall	-16,600		-18,125	-18,125	
4719	V.P Sussex Support Service Rent	-10,500	-7,875	-11,000		Lease in process of being renewed.
4720	Victoria Pavilion	-250	-371	-1,000		Promotion of ground floor space availability should increase usage.
4721	V/P repayment of electricity	-2,000	-1,742	-3,600		Reflects increased usage and subsequent recharges.
4726	Victoria Garages (Cricket)	-200	-100	-350		Review of garage leases due in 2025.
4723	V/P repayment of gas	-1,600	-51	-250		Reflects new system and reduced usage.
4720 - 4723	* Victoria Pavilion	-14,550		-16,200	-16,200	
4781	* Ridgewood Village Hall	-1,350	0	-2,100		Insurance recharge is much higher in 2025, due to premium split.
4710	* West Park Pavilion	-6,600	-2,583	-7,200		To be confirmed based on utility discussions.
4677	* FiT Payments - Civic Centre	-5,000	-3,880	-7,500		
	* RHI Payments - Civic Centre	-11,000	0	-11,000		Have yet to claim for winter 2024/25.
	TOTAL	-23,950		-27,800	-27,800	
	Planning and Development Services					
	Economic Development					
5530/5532	Festive Lights					
5530	Festive Lights	15,000	8,168	16,000		Considered priority by residents. Increase funds available for more across the roads.
5532	Festive lights electricity	500	0	500		
	TOTAL	15,500		16,500	16,500	
	Income					
4530	* Festive Lights	-2,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	Seen increase in contribution from Chamber of Commerce.
	CENTRAL SERVICES					
	Corporate and Democratic Core					
	Corporate Management					
	Administration and Hospitality					
5410	Admin - general	2,500	2,295	2,700		General administrative costs have increased.
5412	Admin - telephones	5,250	5,608	6,000		Contract costs have increased slightly.
5413	Admin - photocopier	2,500	2,105	3,000		Contract costs have increased slightly.
5415	Postage	160	176	200		Postage costs albeit very minimal usage, have increased
5416	Stationery	1,900	1,313	1,900		OK
5410- 5417	* Administration	12,310		13,800	13,800	
5435	* Hospitality	100	153	175		
5455	Health and Safety	3,500	527	2,750		Tend to utilise separate building nominal codes.
5425	* Recruitment	500	115	750		Need to invest more in recruitment, to attract the right people for the right jobs
5425	* General	250	0	250		
	Accountant, Audit and Internal Audit Fees	0	0	0		
5475	* Accountant Fees	5,100	5,150	5,500		
5495	* External Audit Fees	2,250	2,100	2,200		
5494	* Internal Audit Fees	2,500	1,313	2,100		In line with 2024 costs.
5497	Professional Fees	11,000	7,562	11,000		Plus funds allocated in new initiatives.
5793	Subscriptions	4,600	4,805	5,750		This will include new OTISS software subscriptions for asset mgt.

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5794	Training	6,000	4,950	7,000	Priority to place more focus on training and inductions.
5430	Office Equipment	11,000	14,886	17,000	This reflects increase in annual IT support, Wi-Fi and security costs plus any new equip
5460	Insurances	43,500	47,574	49,000	To reflect increased insurance costs
5577	Newsletter	5,100	3,600	5,100	
5490	Protective Clothing	300	116	300	
7903. 2300	Loan Costs	39,800	19,360	38,100	
5580 - 5590	Bank and Credit Charges	0	0	0	
5581	Bank charges	960	557	960	
	TOTAL	136,460		147,935	147,935
	Income				
4403/4410	* Training/Administration	-400	-302	-400	
4579 - 4583	* Bank Interest				
4580	Bank Interest (Business Reserve)	-13,000	-3,981	-6,000	Reflects interest income during 2024.
4581	Bank Interest - Capital Reserve	0	-12,822	-20,000	
4583	Interest Misc (Fixed rate bond)	-7,000	-15,056	-14,076	
	TOTAL	-20,400		-40,476	-40,476
	Democratic Representation and Management				
5543	Members Allowances	16,987	10,642	14,864	5% increase x 10 Cllrs
5544	Members Expenses	110	0	116	5% increase
5465	Mayors Allowance	1,987	1,576	2,086	5% increase
5470	Elections	0		0	
	TOTAL	19,084		17,065	17,065
	Income	0			
	Net Expenditure				
	Grants and Partnerships				
5480	Grants Section 142 - Wealden Citizens Advice SLA	19,000	19,000	23,000	WCA requested £28k. Meeting their request halfway.
5485	Grants - General Power of Competence	25,000	22,222	22,500	Slight reduction of main community grant pot to assist with increases in SLAs
5487	Wealden Volunteering SLA	8,000	8,000	8,500	Wealden Volunteering requested £9k. Meeting their request halfway.
	TOTAL	52,000		54,000	54,000
	Income	0			
	Net Expenditure				
	Other Buildings and Services to the Public				
5730-5732	Cemetery Buildings East & West	0	0	0	
5730	Cemetary Buildings rates	950	775	925	
5732	Cemetary Buildings repairs/contracts	750	0	750	
	Signal Box, Osborn Hall, Foresters Hall Chapel	0	0	0	
5735	Signal Box Repairs/contracts	2,500	3,012	2,500	
	* Osborn Hall	0		0	
5750	All buildings cleaning materials	2,500	2,293	2,750	
5770	* Foresters Hall Chapel	0	0	0	Costs can be incorporated into Foresters Hall expenditure.
5772-5774	2a Vernon Road	1,000	1,072	1,000	
5790	Bridge Cottage	0	0	0	
	TOTAL	7,700		7,925	7,925
	Income				
4730	* Cemetery Building East	-5,500	-4,125	-6,000	Opportunity to review rental value when re-letting
4775-4776	* Signal Box + Insurance recharge	-6,000	0	-3,000	Hope to have plan for re-let late 2025/26 if not before.
	Signal Box, Osborn Hall, Foresters Hall Chapel				
4780	* Osborn Hall	-1,050	-1,043	-900	Insurance recharge lower in 2025, as premium split is lower.
	* Foresters Hall Chapel	-1,150	-863	-1,150	

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4771	* 2a Vernon Road	-7,800	-5,450	-9,300	
4783	* Bridge Cottage + Insurance recharge	-2,850	-2,846	-4,965	Reflects insurance recharge with premium split for 2025.
	TOTAL	-24,350		-25,315	-25,315
	SALARIES				
5680 - 5682, 5795	Caretakers/Other Buildings				
5680	Caretakers - salaries	106,403	76,903	96,758	96,758
5686	Casual Caretakers	1,500	6,472	10,000	10,000
5681	Caretakers - National Insurance	6,648	5,240	10,014	10,014
	Caretakers - Pension	21,387	13,236	19,448	19,448
5540 - 5542	Administration	0		0	
5540	Office staff - salaries	280,594	196,820	285,936	311,468
5541	Office staff - National Insurance	30,563	19,959	36,515	40,345
5542	Office staff - pension	56,400	39,355	57,473	62,605
5547	WPA NHS Top-Up	2,340	1,399	2,958	3,468
	TOTAL	505,834		519,103	554,106
	Total Revenue Expenditure	890,588		924,854	959,856
	Total Income	-242,180		-281,136	-281,136
		648,408		643,718	678,720
	Saving for Long Term Earmarked Projects				
	Elections	1,500		1,500	Saving for future elections
	W Hall Floor	0		0	
	Civic Centre communal carpet - 10 year project	500		500	Saving
	5 yearly EICR's for all outlets	2,500		2,500	Saving
	Future reconfiguration or renovations to existing buildings	0		0	
	Civic centre lift upgrade	5,000		2,000	Saving
	Climate change carbon emissions reduction projects e.g. solar panels	0		0	
	Air Con units for Civic Centre in preparation for warmer months	0		0	
	Improve internal decoration of Victoria Pavilion	0		0	
	Insurance Reinstatement Valuation	0		5,000	
	Security upgrade Civic Centre	1,000		1,000	
		10,500		12,500	12,500
	Total New Initiatives 2025/26				
	Building Maintenance	93,605		55,000	Detail of which to be agreed. Further fire safety works, 2A Vernon Rd, VPav and CC.
	Upgrade of Mayoral chain	0		750	
	Professional expertise for major projects and policy reviews	0		30,000	
	New parish noticeboards for new developments	0		2,000	
	New tables and table trolleys for Weald Hall, Ashdown Rm and Green Rm	10,000		0	
	Server upgrade and small office computer upgrade	4,500		0	
	Signal Box	10,000		0	Additional funds for Signal Box refurbishment may be required.
	Market Asset Valuation	3,500	5,000	0	
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