



HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL

2023/2024 Precept Summary

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Hessle Town Council has set the Precept for the 2023/2024 Financial Year at £258,919.86.

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.

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 toward our running costs expenditure and is called the Precept.

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.

Hessle Town Councillors strive to increase the services it can provide and have resolved to allocate some of the funds held in reserves (previously unspent money), whilst increasing spending on other budget lines to support projects that help to make Hessle a happy, friendly and economically sustainable place in which to live, work and visit.

The 2023/2024 Budget has been challenging, particularly with increased fuel and other costs. Therefore the decision was made to reduce expenditure for the floral displays in the town centre and the Christmas lights event, but continue to maintain funding for the purchase of additional litter and salt bins, upgrade and provide further CCTV cameras to help the Police and to continue running the 183 Hessle Town Bus Service and the Monthly Market (ERYC Licence & approval pending). In April 2022, the Town Council finally secured the lease from East Riding Council and took over Tower Hill Park and therefore now has the responsibility for all the maintenance costs. The Town Council also negotiated the acquisition of the Community Centre in 2022, which following some necessary refurbishment will continue to be a valuable Community resource.

The financial breakdown overleaf shows in more detail how the Town Council will allocate the Precept, reserves and other income.

Hessle Town Council always strives to get the best value for Taxpayers and this year based on a Band D property, each household will pay £48.66 per annum, which is a **£2.31 increase per annum** from 2022/2023. To put this into context, the national average charge for a Town & Parish Council Band D property in 2022/2023 was £77.21.

Further information about Hessle Town Council can be found on our website: <https://www.hessletowncouncil.gov.uk/>

If you have any questions, you can contact the Town Council Office or individual Councillors directly (please see website for all details).

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/>



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<i>Descriptions</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
		2022/2023	2023/2024
Staffing costs	Includes: Tax, National Insurance, Salaries, Pension Contributions, staff training and travel expenses and provision in 22/24 for 2 additional members of staff	104,604	92,250
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	63,100	79,350
Less Town Hall Income	Income received from town hall lettings	(40,000)	(40,000)
Organisational and Office Costs inc. Newsletter etc.	Stationery, printing, postage, telephones, Internal & External Auditor fees, Bank & Payroll charges, technology (IT, infrastructure, website, internet) and annual subscriptions	24,100	25,440
Christmas Lights, Floral Displays	Annual displays, additional new displays, new lights and annual switch on event	41,000	29,000
CCTV Maintenance & additions	Annual maintenance costs and provision for new cameras	5,000	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	21,000
Skate Park & MUGA maintenance	Annual maintenance and lease fees and contribution towards grant funding received for planned expansion and new equipment	7,000	7,000
Civic & Community events/projects	Mayoral annual Civic Service, Soap Box Derby, Hessle Feast contribution, Scarecrow trails, Tranby Lodge Gate	26,050	8,300
Allotments costs, less rents	Includes: Allotments upkeep, land leases, water and Allotment Warden	4,800	3,700
Town Hall renovation costs	Public Works Loan annual repayment cost	42,500	64,675
183 Town Bus Service	Annual Town Bus Service	10,000	10,000
Litter Bins/Salt Bins/Bus Shelters/Notice Boards	To provide additional litter/salt bins and maintenance of existing bus shelters in the Square	7,500	5,000
Tower Hill Memorial Park	For annual maintenance costs and funding towards the restoration and revitalisation of the whole park and Memorial garden.	15,000	10,000
Community Centre	Annual running costs	10,000	20,000
	Less allocation of funds from Reserves	(99,220)	(80495)
Total		242,434	258,920