

Expenses incurred in 2018/19 tax year	Budget 2018/19	Spend for 2018/19 tax year	Actual Variance against budget	Projected Spend 2018/19	Projected variance against budget £	Proposed budget 2019/20
Stationery	100.00	49.19	50.81	100.00	0.00	100.00
Notice Board Maintenance	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Audlem Community Responders	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Training	150.00	75.00	75.00	200.00	-50.00	150.00
Website Hosting	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
Information Commissioner	35.00	40.00	-5.00	40.00	-5.00	40.00
Contingency	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Wybunbury Parochial Church Council	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Neighbourhood Planning	500.00	493.00	7.00	493.00	7.00	500.00
Total	4571.00	3250.58	1,320.42	4618.98	-47.98	4692.00

NB: Minus denote overspend

4. Proposed Budget

The above end column is the proposed budget for 2019/20 based on 2018/19 actuals with small increases/decreases indicated across a number of lines. The end of year 2018/19 bank balance is projected to be approximately £3,300.

5. Precept Recommendation 2019/2020

An email from Cheshire East dated 5th November indicates that the tax base for Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council area is likely to be 244.89 compared to 246.66 currently. Cheshire East Council is due to fix its tax base for the financial year 2018/19 by resolution of the Council on 13th December 2018. Retaining the Parish Council's current year's precept value of £4,195 would increase Band D Council Tax to £17.13 per annum for 2019/20 (currently £17.01). If the precept were to rise to £4,692 in line with budget projections, Band D Council tax would be £19.16 per annum (11.8% increase).

Recommendation: To retain the current precept of £4195 for the 2019/20 year.

6. Royal Bank of Scotland

To note that the RBS Business Banking Switch is scheduled to launch in February 2019. RBS state that this scheme is designed to provide offers that are better than those normally available on the market and that they will contact the Parish Council with updates as the launch approaches.

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20th November 2018