

FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL 2019 – 2020

Ratified by the Precept working Group: Cllrs Rogers, Barrowclough, Anderton, Stirzaker, and Tilling (M. Conn observing) on 10/10/18. Approved by Fleetwood Town Council 13th November 2018, agenda item 2825.

The following budget proposal was agreed by the Precept working group on 10th October 2018 and is presented to full council for approval on 13th November.

Taking into account predicted expenditure for the remainder of the 2018/19 financial year, the estimated cash reserve the council will have on 1st April 2019 is £169,000. The working group propose this reserve is utilised to provide:

- The remainder of the Museum grant for 2019/20 not covered by the bid (£26,000)
- Any additional community spend that may arise from grant aid applications/other projects beyond the £20,000 proposed allocation.
- Potential development of the Marsh Nature Park (in addition to essential running costs), should council move forward with a long-term lease agreement.

This will still leave a healthy reserve as a financial buffer, and more importantly avoid an increase in the precept burden on Fleetwood tax payers.

The 2018/19 precept amount was £167,615.00. This calculation represents a 0.009% decrease on the precept per household for 2019/20.

Income that cannot be taken into account in calculation as it is not guaranteed:

- *Grants obtained by, or donations to FTC*
- *Fundraiser and bucket collection amounts*
- *VAT reclaimed as the amount cannot be accurately predicted until the end of the financial year.*

<u>FIXED COSTS</u>	<u>CALCULATION NOTES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Salaries/NI/PAYE and pension contributions</u>	<i>Calculated at April 2018 pay scales plus 2 % contingency/increase in pay scales. Workplace pension based on legal percentage contribution rates for employers.</i>	
Clerk & CDO salaries	37,440.48+ 2%	38,190
HMRC PAYE and NI Contributions	7,541.52 +2%	7,692
Employee Pension Contributions	<i>Assuming CDO opt-out, and taking into account increase in employer contribution from 2% to 3% from 1st April 2019</i>	1050
<u>Other</u>	<i>Based on full 2017/18 expenditure plus 2%</i>	
Insurance and Professional Fees	1,625 +2%	1,658
Subscriptions	1958+2%	1,997
Training	<i>Estimated on expenditure in 2017/18 and spend in this financial year, with the expectation that newly elected councillors in May 2019 will require the new councillors training course</i>	1,000
Consumables	1,400 +2%	1,428
Website/Newsletter/Adverts	2,000 +2%	2,040
Office Costs/Utilities/Rates/web cam	<i>7,230 +2% + 500 CAB (Based on full 2017/18 figs plus 2%. Also includes adjustment for the cessation of CAB contributions to utilities costs, and an upwards adjustment of £1000 for any maintenance or repairs to the building)</i>	7,875
Cleaning contractor	51 weeks at £26	1,326
Fleetwood Museum	<i>Fixed annual grant – currently £66,000. The remaining £26,000 to come out of existing reserves.</i>	40,000
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£104,256</u>

<u>Community</u>		
Community Projects and grant aid	<i>based on 2018/19 spend and recurring applications. Any applications over the budget allowance to be considered on merit and additional funds to be taken from the reserve if approved by council.</i>	20,000
Junior Swim & Splashpad budget	<i>1st of 4 years agreed subsidy</i>	4,243
Festive Lights committee budget	<i>Reduced from 2018/19 as the committee reserves are estimated to carry over to 2019 as £12,000 on current predicted expenditure and income.</i>	10,000
Christmas Trees x 5	<i>Paid for from the main council budget</i>	6,000
Fleetwood In Bloom	<i>2018 budget plus 2%</i>	5,100
Community Payback Contract	<i>2018 budget plus 2%</i>	3,000
Allotments Maintenance	<i>All allotment costs should be covered by tenant rental charges</i>	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£48,343</u>
<u>Projected Potential expenditure</u>		
Fleetwood Marsh Nature Park	<i>Based on 2018 expenditure there is an annual maintenance requirement of £8800 - assuming FTC take on custodianship in 2019 and implement improvements identified from consultation(in partnership with Regenda who have funds available for the site). If FTC decide against custodianship, the amount to be off-set against the 2020/2021 budget.</i>	10,000
Loneliness and Isolation youth strand	<i>An upcoming Regenda led 2 year project in partnership with the Westview community centre, to be presented for information to FTC on 13th Nov with the possibility of a first year match funding request in 2019/2020.</i>	5,000
Contingency	<i>Any contingency requirements to be taken from existing reserves</i>	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£15,000</u>
OVERALL TOTAL		£167,599