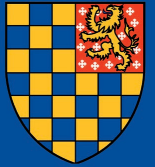


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Budget for 2022 to 2023: how do we spend it?



OUR SERVICES

What do we do?

The majority of the council's budget is spent on providing indoor and outdoor venues in the town. At the heart of Lewes Town Council's contributions to public life are the unique and historic Town Hall, the 900-year-old All Saints Centre and the newly modernised Malling Community Centre. These buildings offer affordable, safe spaces for community groups and organisations to meet and work, and provide venues for weddings, civic events, plus regular markets and fairs. We look after historical areas like Landport Bottom, the Priory and Pells that enhance the diversity and splendour of the town. The council also provide over 200 allotments to residents, as well as amenities like CCTV, bus shelters and benches.

OUR PEOPLE

Your councillors

An important part of the role of the Town Council is to represent the views of the town, influencing town planning and tourism and the civic administration budget supports these democratic services. There are eighteen councillors who sit on Lewes Town Council, who are all members of their local communities and act as a first port of call for residents. Councillors raise issues locally, and work with Lewes District Council, East Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park amongst many other bodies to make the voices of the people of Lewes heard. Town Council staff deliver our services to the residents of Lewes and fulfil the objectives of the Council.



In setting the budget the Council worked hard to balance its desires to help ease financial strains on its residents, as well as ensuring Lewes' facilities and services, valued by so many, remain to be enjoyed by everybody in the town.

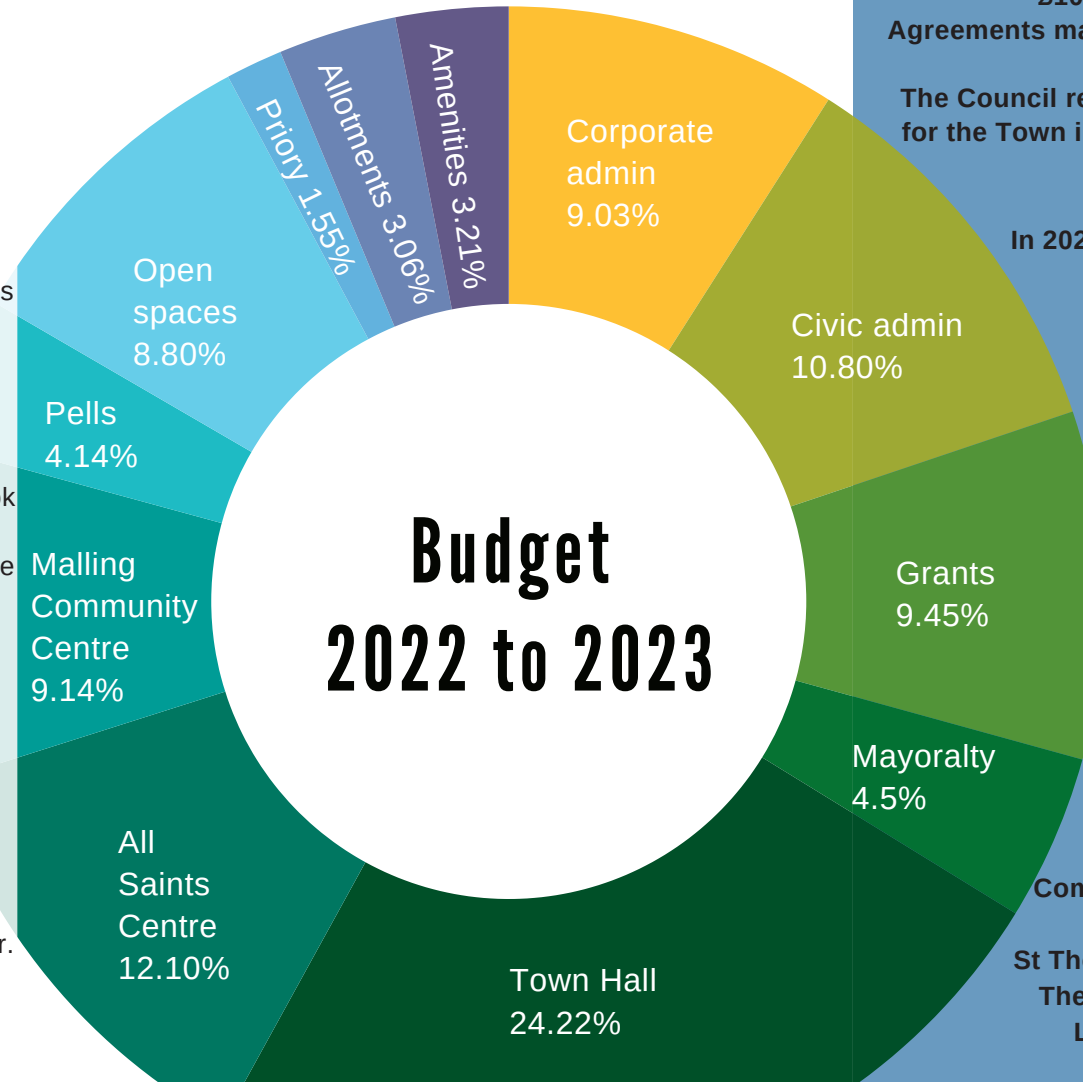
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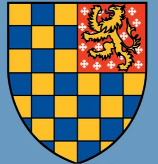
The Town Council has agreed its budget for the forthcoming year and, like previous years, key services such as allotments, grants and community centres have been protected whilst allowing new projects to be delivered.

New initiatives for 2022 include contributing to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, a roll of honour book to commemorate those who lost their lives in war, as part of a celebration of the centenary of the Lewes War Memorial, and supporting the council's aspirations to tackle climate change in Lewes.

The costs of delivering services has increased with inflation, and this as well as these new initiatives has led to an increase in the budget. For 2022 to 2023 Council set its precept (budget derived from council tax) at £1,259,778, an increase of 4.28% from the previous year. This translates to, using Band D households as an example, an increase of £8.55 per year or just 16p a week.



OUR GRANTS



Despite a move to reduce spending where possible, it was a priority to continue support for local community service provision, with a figure of over £100,000 for Grants and Service Funding Agreements maintained in the 2022 to 2023 precept.

The Council recognised the value these funds have for the Town in supporting the economy, transport, culture, safety and support networks particularly for the vulnerable.

In 2021 to 2022, we awarded over 50 grants to groups including:

- Citizens Advice Lewes
- CLTA and Compass bus services
- Lewes Chamber Music Festival
- Proms in the Paddock
- Green United
- Priory Cricket Club
- Go Local - Lewes Library of Things
- Lewes Music Group
- Wallands School
- Lewes Climate Festival
- Trinity Youth REcycling
- WellbeingTree
- Southover Good Neighbours
- Lewes Area Access Group
- Foundry Healthcare
- Affinity Rowing Club - Ouse Regatta
- Community Transport for the Lewes Area
- Battle of Lewes
- St Thomas a Becket Church - Clock Tower
- The Sussex Association For Spina Bifida
- Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group
- Lewes School Uniform Bank

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