Barlaston Parish Council - Annual Budget, Precept & Reserves

Precept information: For the current financial year (2026/27), the Parish Council has set a precept of £109,361, compared to £107,633 in the previous year. This is calculated using a tax base of 1,042.91 , giving a Band D equivalent charge of £104.86, which represents an increase of 1.3% compared with last year.

BUDGET 2026/27

INCOME	**2025/26**	**2026/27**
Precept	107,633	109,361
Grants	13,989	14,234
Other Income	5,420	2,900
Village Hall	1,137	-
	128,179	**126,495**

EXPENDITURE	**2025/26**	**2026/27**
Administration & Governance		
Staffing Costs	29,011	35,000
Training	1,625	2,000
Expenses and Allowances	310	400
Insurance, Office & Running Costs	13,973	10,495
Legal & Consultancy	3,239	3,000
Neighbourhood Plan	-	6,000
Maintenance & Services		
Grounds and General Maintenance	19,505	26,170
Waste/Civic Amenity	2,096	2,300
Community & Engagement		
Community Events/Grants	7,681	19,000
Projects & Capital Purchases		
New Projects/Major Repairs and Improvements	10,279	10,000
Village Hall	1,137	-
	88,856	**114,365**

RESERVES

As part of sound financial management, the Council is required to maintain general reserves equivalent to 3 - 12 months of operating expenditure. This provides financial resilience for unforeseen costs or emergencies. Alongside this, earmarked reserves are held for specific agreed purposes and planned projects, which are listed below.

	2025/26	**2026/27**
Earmarked Reserve - Election	7000	10000
Earmarked Reserve - Asset Replacement	5000	6000
Earmarked Reserve - Playpark	82650	140000
Earmarked Reserve - Village Hall	53273	0