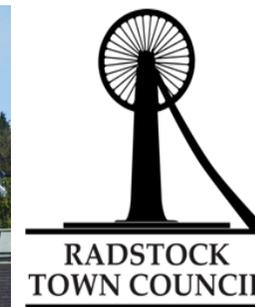


Expenditure	£
Allotments	2,000
Capital Expenditure	41,598
Civic Support	700
Community Support	24,750
Democratic Process	3,650
General Parks and Play Areas	11,000
Memorials	11,250
Central Services	95,015
Public Conveniences	19,900
Radstock Recreation Ground (Southfields)	20,300
Town Environment	7,000
Services to be devolved	5,985
Income	
Interest	400
Allotments Rent Receivable	550
Income from Trust	600
Total Budget Requirement (expenditure - income)	241,598
Town Council Precept	221,328
Precept Support Grant	20,270
Total Precept Requirement	241,598

Radstock Town Councillors

Ward	Councillors	Telephone
Radstock Centre	Cllr Chris Dando	01761 432918
	Cllr Elizabeth Derl-Davis	01761 439119
	Cllr Rupert Bevan	07980 607127
	Cllr Colin Currie	01761 420296
Haydon	Cllr Mike Boulton	01761 436681
	Cllr Gary Dando	01761 432739
Writhlington	Cllr Nick Toogood	01761 436341
	Cllr Keith Tyrrell	07583 255272
	Vacant	
Clandown	Cllr Bruce Shearn	01761 751117
	Cllr John Whittock	01761 432622



2017 - 2018 Precept Explained

Radstock Town Council has 11 elected councillors (volunteers) who serve and protect the interests of our local community. The Council sets a policy framework, strategic plan and budget providing services direct to local people. It also supports other community ventures, working in partnership with other organisations, and gives grants to local groups. The Council serves a population of approximately 5,000 people (about 2,500 households).

Most of the Council's income is raised through a levy on each residential property in the area. This is called the "precept". However, the Council also receives income from the use of some of its facilities, like rent for allotments and from various grants.

Precept for 2017 – 2018

The Town Council is very aware of the economic climate and has therefore worked very hard to keep its spending to a minimum. This year the Town Council has reiterated its resolution to maintain a Council Tax freeze, carefully setting it's budget to ensure that individual households will continue to pay the same amount of precept to the Town Council. The Town Council's precept—the portion the Town Council receives of the Council Tax you pay— has now remained at the same level for four years.

The Town Council's precept for 2017—2018 is £221,328 representing a Band D equivalent of £133.85 per annum. The Town Council also receives a Council Tax support grant of £20,270, making its total available budget £241,598.

Local Services for Local People

The Town Council administers the following services and facilities from its offices at Leigh House, Radstock:

- Tom Huyton Memorial play park at Somervale Road
- Radstock Memorial Garden, at Waterloo Road
- Recreation grounds at Southfield (Writhlington) and Church Street
- War memorial at Waterloo Road
- Public Conveniences at Somervale Road
- Bus Shelters and Public seats
- Litter and dog waste bins
- Jubilee Crescent
- Allotments at Haydon



The voice of the local community

The Council is consulted on all planning applications, including local and strategic plans by Bath and North East Somerset Council. The Council is also consulted on all proposals affecting the Radstock area, policies and plans by various bodies such as Bath and North East Somerset Council, health service organisations or Government Departments.

Working in Partnership

The Council works in partnership with a number of other organisations, sometimes providing funding in support of events and facilities. These include:

- Radstock in Bloom Committee
- Somer Valley Partnership
- St Nicholas' Parochial Church Council
- Radstock Trinity Methodist Church
- Radstock and Westfield Development Advisory Group.
- Radstock Museum
- The Big Local



Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are normally held once a month in Radstock Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Radstock, commencing at 7.00pm. Meetings are generally open to the public and there is an opportunity for members of the public to ask a question on matters of relevance.

If you would like to speak at a Council meeting, please contact the Town Clerk's office before 12 noon on the Thursday before the meeting. Public notices of meetings are on the Council's notice board at Leigh House and in various locations around the area. Please contact the office or see our website for a schedule of the main meetings.

Projects for 2017/2018

The Council will continue to focus heavily on delivering its strategic plan. This will include the installation of an outdoor gym at Southfields Recreation Ground, and a community orchard at Church Street recreation area. In its continued support of the town's regeneration it is looking at the provision of a community hub in the town centre. It will continue to be pro-active supporter of the community activities building on the success of past events which included a highly successful Christmas tea party for senior citizens at the end of 2016.

The Council is registered as part of the Dementia Action Alliance and continues to work closely with partners and continues its support of the local Alzheimer's "Singing for the Brain" activity which takes place fortnightly at Writhlington Village Hall.

Income and Expenditure

The Town Council is required, each year, to give details to the local community of its proposed income and expenditure. The Town Council's primary source of income is the precept levied on each residential property. The Council hopes to increase income from grants from outside sources for specific projects, particularly where the Town Council's expenditure is on the provision of local services and facilities. As much of this work is labour intensive, staff costs inevitably form a significant proportion. The Town Council's anticipated income and expenditure figures for 2017/2018 Financial Year is shown overleaf.
