

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES 2026/27 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

At a meeting of Council held on 25 February 2026 Ledbury Town Council approved its 2026/27 budget and precept.

The total budget for 2026/27 will be £815,859. For a Band D equivalent property, this represents a 7.6% increase in the annual parish precept to £213.75. This is an increase of £15.04 over 2025-26, or approximately £1.25 per month.

The budget has been developed to support the Council's strategic priority of building a stronger, more inclusive community, with a particular emphasis on children and young people.

Key areas of investment include:

- Enhanced youth provision and engagement
- Support for community facilities and preventative services
- Tackling hardship and inequalities
- Environmental sustainability initiatives
- Events, markets, and support for the local economy

The Council has recognised that strengthening local services and expanding community-facing provision requires increased staffing capacity and operational resilience

The budget also provides for continued management and maintenance of important local assets, including the cemetery, heritage buildings, woods, play spaces and the recreation ground, public conveniences, event spaces, a marriage ceremony room, and other community facilities.

In addition, provision has been made to ensure the Council is prepared for potential future service transfers and responsibilities, including play areas and other public spaces, should the need arise.

The Council believes the approved budget strikes a careful balance between local ambition and financial responsibility. It addresses current service pressures, supports vulnerable residents, and prepares the organisation for future challenges, while maintaining transparency in the use of public funds.

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