



PRESS RELEASE: BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2022/23.

Every year, the Parish Council has to set a budget to cover the cost of its work and administration. The budget is funded by precept — the local tax included in your Council Tax — which is collected from parishioners by Brighton and Hove City Council.

The 2022/23 Budget.

The following provides the main assumptions that underpin the proposed budget for 2022-2023. The most important decision made is that the precept requirement will increase by 2%. This will enable the Parish Council to continue to improve services and amenities and begin to further develop and begin to implement plans for a new public open space at the southern end of the High Street, progress the other projects set out in our [Infrastructure Development Plan](#) and support local charities and good causes through grants and donations.

The key changes on planned expenditure for 2022/23 are set out below:

Operational Costs. This expenditure is expected to remain broadly the same although a contingency of just over £5500 has been added to take account of necessary unplanned expenditure and likely inflationary increases in fixed costs such as IT support, audit costs and payroll administration. **Overall budget increase of £4643 to £27,414.**

Other Costs. The budget shows a reduction compared to last year mainly because of lower expected expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan. The grants and donations budget has been increased by £1000. **Overall budget reduction of around £1000 to £8500.**

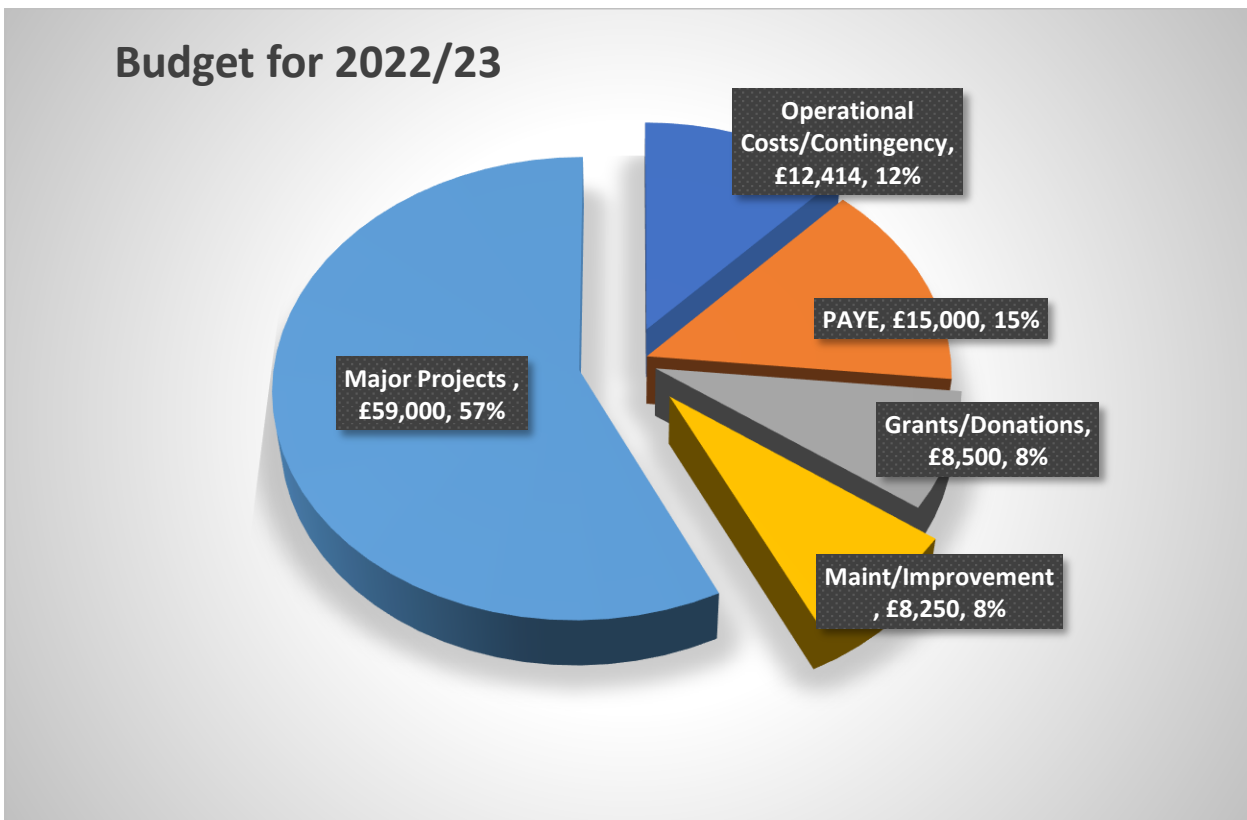
Maintenance and Improvement. The budget will be slightly reduced following the completion of the installation of posts to prevent parking the green outside the Bowls Club, renewal of posts on the Green and the installation of new village notice boards. **Overall budget decrease of £3000 to £8,250.**

Major Projects. A budget of £59,000 will enable plans to move forward on the Lower High Street project to improve access to and from the beach and the village for pedestrians and to provide an attractive and more flexible space for community events. In addition, funds are included to enable early work to bring the St Aubyns Field and Chapel into community use following the transfer of these buildings in 2023, provide a new path around the pond near the Plough public house and improve the brick paving surfaces around the village. Expected expenditure is lower than for 2022/23 following the completion of work to upgrade the street lamps around the Village. If the

work to refurbish Park Road Toilets has not been completed by March 2022, which now seems likely, the funds will be carried forward. **Overall budget decrease of £26,000 to £59,000**

Longer term project expenditure.

A number of the projects in the Infrastructure Development Plan will be implemented over a number of years, The Parish Council has therefore set aside just over £56,000 towards future projected expenditure.



Further details can be found on the [Financial Reports](#) page on the Parish Council Website.



If you have any comment or question about the budget or precept please contact the Parish Clerk - email chris.hayes@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk.