



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Report to Resources Committee

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Subject	Draft Budget Consideration 2026-27 to 2028-29

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Following the Resources Committee of 19th September 2025, to present a revised draft budget in which the proposed precept demand for the financial year 2026-2027 is reduced from 17% to 12%.
2. This reduction has been achieved by cutting the £10,000 allocation to the Community Development EMR to £0 and reducing the allocation to discretionary grants by circa £6,000.

CONSIDERATIONS

3. Members are reminded of the significant changes to the previous budget which also have implications for future years arising out of:
 - Loss of Grant support from Calderdale MBC per year £44,151
(this has an EMR which is mitigating this loss for the next 2 years at £11k per year)
 - Grounds Maintenance Contract Commitment tbc
 - Bowls Pavilion Running Costs (see Appendix 1) £30,000
 - Bandstand Running Costs (see Appendix 1) £20,000
4. Members are reminded that an Earmarked Reserve of £44,151 was established to help manage the reduction in grant support from Calderdale MBC this currently has £26,484 and the draft budget has £11k being used to reduce the increase requirements for the next 2 years.

5. Members are reminded that the current precept of £458,694 will result in the annual precept charges by property band as follows:-

Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£60.01	£70.01	£80.01	£90.01	£110.01	£130.01	£150.02	£180.02

6. To inform Members that the above options translate into the following summary for 2026-27.

Draft Budget Summary	
Income	-£467,394
Expenditure	£563,157
Net increase in budget	£95,763
Use of EMR	-£40,720
Increase after use of EMR	£55,043
% Increase in Precept required	12%
Weekly increase in Band D	0.21
Annual increase	£10.80

7. The following assumptions have been made in respect of annual increases.

	27/28	28/29
Cost type	year 2	year 3
Staff annual salary award	8%	8%
Employer pension increase	3%	3%
ENI cont rate	15.05%	15.05%
Income Tax threshold	12570	12570
Third party contractors	5%	5%
Grants	2%	2%
Inflation	7%	7%
Controllable	3%	3%
Energy	100%	50%
PCSO	10%	10%
Precept	112%	107%
Elections	15%	15%

8. The budget is made of several known operational costs that without which, the core function of the town council cannot be delivered e.g. staffing and operational costs.
9. There remain significant areas of discretionary expenditure which, if Members wish, could be reduced or removed entirely to achieve a budget with no precept increase. To bring the precept demand down to 12%, a reduction of £6,348 has been applied to discretionary spend compared with the first draft presented on 10th September. The table below shows the revised discretionary spend now proposed for 26/27.

Summary of Discretionary Grant Spend 26/27	
Heading	Amount
Town Centre /Security/PCSO's	£52,159
Donations and Grants	£12,500
TH Hire Refund Grants	£5,000
Education non L/A	£3,000
Events grants	£10,000
Tourism (TIC - 20% reduction grant as per policy)	£10,281
Entertainment Arts & Recs	£10,011
CROWS	£2,250
Foodbank Support	£10,000
Tod in Bloom Support	£10,000
Climate Grants	£5,000
Total	£130,201

10. Whilst these represent circa 26% of Precept received, these provisions go to the core of the Town Council's ethos as an enabling and facilitating council seeking to strongly support its community.
11. Included in the budget are other items regarding provision into Earmarked Reserves.
- Festive lights replacement £8,300
(saving to replace in year 8 – in year 4 of this)
 - Elections for 2026/27 £10,000
(to provide for 4 yearly election costs & limited casual vacancies).
 - Defibrillators £2,000
12. Assuming the tax base is unaltered, the impact of Precept increase in incremental steps would be as follows:

Increase increments			Assumes tax base of 5095.58							
	26/27		Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept							
Precept	Increase	% increase	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£458,694	£0	0.00%	£60.01	£70.01	£80.01	£90.01	£110.01	£130.01	£150.02	£180.02
£481,629	£22,935	5.00%	£63.01	£73.51	£84.01	£94.51	£115.51	£136.52	£157.52	£189.02
£504,563	£45,869	10.00%	£66.01	£77.01	£88.01	£99.01	£121.01	£143.02	£165.02	£198.02
£513,737	£57,795	12.00%	£67.21	£78.41	£89.61	£100.81	£123.21	£145.62	£168.02	£201.62
£527,498	£68,804	15.00%	£69.01	£80.51	£92.01	£103.51	£126.51	£149.52	£172.52	£207.02
£532,085	£73,391	16.00%	£69.61	£81.21	£92.81	£104.41	£127.61	£150.82	£174.02	£208.82
£536,672	£81,877	17.00%	£70.21	£81.91	£93.61	£105.31	£128.71	£152.12	£175.52	£210.62
£550,433	£91,739	20.00%	£72.01	£84.01	£96.01	£108.01	£132.01	£156.02	£180.02	£216.02
£573,368	£114,674	25.00%	£75.01	£87.51	£100.01	£112.51	£137.52	£162.52	£187.52	£225.03
£596,302	£137,608	30.00%	£78.01	£91.01	£104.01	£117.01	£143.02	£169.02	£195.02	£234.03
£619,237	£160,543	35.00%	£81.01	£94.51	£108.01	£121.51	£148.52	£175.52	£202.52	£243.03
£642,172	£183,478	40.00%	£84.01	£98.01	£112.01	£126.01	£154.02	£182.02	£210.02	£252.03
£931,149	£216,733	45.00%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

		Council Tax Band annual increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept								
		Increase	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		0%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		5%	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00	£4.50	£5.50	£6.50	£7.50	£9.00
		10%	£6.00	£7.00	£8.00	£9.00	£11.00	£13.00	£15.00	£18.00
		12%	£7.20	£8.40	£9.60	£10.80	£13.20	£15.60	£18.00	£21.60
		15%	£9.00	£10.50	£12.00	£13.50	£16.50	£19.50	£22.50	£27.00
		16%	£9.60	£11.20	£12.80	£14.40	£17.60	£20.80	£24.00	£28.80
		17%	£10.20	£11.90	£13.60	£15.30	£18.70	£22.10	£25.50	£30.60
		20%	£12.00	£14.00	£16.00	£18.00	£22.00	£26.00	£30.00	£36.00
		25%	£15.00	£17.50	£20.00	£22.50	£27.50	£32.50	£37.50	£45.01
		30%	£18.00	£21.00	£24.00	£27.00	£33.00	£39.00	£45.01	£54.01
		35%	£21.00	£24.50	£28.00	£31.50	£38.50	£45.51	£52.51	£63.01
		40%	£24.00	£28.00	£32.00	£36.00	£44.00	£52.01	£60.01	£72.01

		Council Tax Band weekly increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept								
		Increase	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		0%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		5%	£0.06	£0.07	£0.08	£0.09	£0.11	£0.13	£0.14	£0.17
		10%	£0.12	£0.13	£0.15	£0.17	£0.21	£0.25	£0.29	£0.35
		12%	£0.14	£0.16	£0.18	£0.21	£0.25	£0.30	£0.35	£0.42
		15%	£0.17	£0.20	£0.23	£0.26	£0.32	£0.38	£0.43	£0.52
		16%	£0.18	£0.22	£0.25	£0.28	£0.34	£0.40	£0.46	£0.55
		17%	£0.20	£0.23	£0.26	£0.29	£0.36	£0.43	£0.49	£0.59
		20%	£0.23	£0.27	£0.31	£0.35	£0.42	£0.50	£0.58	£0.69
		25%	£0.29	£0.34	£0.38	£0.43	£0.53	£0.63	£0.72	£0.87
		30%	£0.35	£0.40	£0.46	£0.52	£0.63	£0.75	£0.87	£1.04
		35%	£0.40	£0.47	£0.54	£0.61	£0.74	£0.88	£1.01	£1.21
		40%	£0.46	£0.54	£0.62	£0.69	£0.85	£1.00	£1.15	£1.38

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. The forecast option for 2026/27 are based on what is known at the time, but going forward also includes an element of inflationary increases, as outlined in point 7.
14. The tax band for this projected budget is based on the 2025/26 figure as the 26/27 figure will not be available until January 2026 and the Town Council must submit its precept request in February 2026.
15. The proposed options budget do not include a cost for the Project Manager for the Town Deal projects as these would be covered by the funding received in relation to this project or will end on project completion.
16. A budget provision of £10,000 has been put in place for Todmorden in Bloom to make this a annual payment to be reviewed every year if TIB still require it.
17. A budget provision of £10,000 has been put in place for foodbanks to make this an annual payment to be reviewed every year as required. This amount will be split across both foodbanks with one receiving £7,000 and the other receiving £3,000.

18. A budget for Mayors day has be included of £750 which would mean the formal Mayor Making could take place during the annual meeting when the legal requirements for the Council are done based on the 2025 event. Any changes to the previous arrangements would require a budget change.
19. The proposed budget includes use of £11,000 phased EMR plus £24,720 building retention EMR from the Town Deal.

RECOMMENDATION

20. That Members of the Resources Committee consider the budget presented and, subject to confirmation of the tax base, recommend it to Full Council for approval for 2026/27.
21. That the Committee recommend to Full Council that the Council requests to CMBC a precept of £513,137.
22. Members note that a circa 12% increase in the Precept would be required for 2026/27, based on the proposed budget and last year's tax base. It is important to note that this percentage figure may vary dependant on the tax base provided by CMBC but unable to be guaranteed however the amount required in point 21 of this report is an accurate figure of the Councils precept requirement.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

23. The Resources Committee is delegated to review the annual budget and provide a recommendation to Full Council, which is responsible for determining the Precept for the ensuing financial year.
24. That due to the percentage increase being based on the 25/26 tax base, the 12% is an estimate but the figure required is accurate. Due to CMBCs process the Town Council does not receive an update on the tax base until less than a month before we are required to submit the precept request which means the final percentage increase can not be confirmed. This is why the recommendation is for Resources Committee to recommend the required figure to Full Council for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

25. None directly arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

26. None from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

27. Budget provision of £12,000 in total has been made in this report relating to Climate Emergency activity subject to Members deciding to continue with this and includes £5000, for Climate related grants.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

28. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

29. Appendix 1 – Estimated Pavilion Running Costs Bandstand Running Costs
 Appendix 2 - 3 year Budget Summary
 Appendix 3 – 3-year budget detail

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