

## Precept Demand Supporting Statement

### Halstead Town Council

Budget <i>(Anticipated spend)</i>	Prior Financial Year 2024/25	Current Financial Year 2025/26
<b>Gross Expenditure by category</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	238,054.00	284,448.00
Administration	34,371.00	41,608.00
Queens Hall & offices	24,370.00	25,954.00
Activities	27,000.00	26,750.00
Coach outings	10,000.00	11,000.00
Allotments	1,860.00	1,200.00
Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00
Civic	2,300.00	2,200.00
Environment & Courtaulds	18,200.00	19,400.00
Car parks	23,500.00	26,938.00
Empire Theatre	3,300.00	4,500.00
Public toilets	9,250.00	10,601.00
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>397,205.00</b>	<b>459,599.00</b>
<b>Gross Income by category</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest	-1,500.00	-1,545.00
Queens Hall & office	-16,000.00	-16,000.00
Coach outings	-13,000.00	-13,390.00
Courtaulds cost recovered	-1,776.00	0.00
Car parks	-123,782.00	-142,262.00
Tenancies	-34,465.00	-34,510.00
Allotments	-4,700.00	-4,841.00
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>-195,223.00</b>	<b>-212,548.00</b>
<i>(including Grants/ Government funding)</i>		
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>201,982.00</b>	<b>247,051.00</b>
Transfer to / <b>from</b> (+ / -) Earmarked Reserves	28,198.00	
Transfer to / <b>from</b> (+ / -) General Reserves		
<b>Total transfer to / <b>from</b> (+ / -) Reserves</b>	<b>28,198.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Precept required <i>(balancing figure)</i></b>	<b>230,180.00</b>	<b>247,051.00</b>
Tax Base	4452.22	4550.59
Band D rate	51.70	54.29

#### Explanation of Variances

We have increased the staff costs significantly, in view of another expected pay request from the unions, the National Insurance increases, and the fact that we are having to hire a new receptionist for 5 days a week instead of 3.