

2023/24 Precept Statement

Cinderford Town Council met on 25th January 2023 and agreed the 2023/24 precept as £477,131- a 16.12% increase over last years precept of £410,882. This gives a band D charge of £192.66, a 14.58% increase over last years Band D charge of £168.15.

The Band D annual increase is £24.51 or, a weekly increase of 47pence. Most people in Cinderford will not pay the full increase as these figures are based on a band D property and the majority of properties in Cinderford are in Band A and B.

Since the last budget, Cinderford Town Council now owns the Dockham Road building which will become a community building with established tenants. As landlords, the Town Council are obliged to fulfil their obligations to install a compliant fire alarm system, undertake necessary roof repairs and conduct ongoing property maintenance. The Council are delighted to be owners of the Dockham Road building as it will house Forest Voluntary Action Forum and provide a much needed base for Citizens Advice. During what are such challenging times for many, we believe that securing access to vital community services within Cinderford Town Centre represents a very worthwhile investment for the Town. At the new Hub people will be able to access housing support through CCP, weight management and stop smoking advice through Healthy Lifestyles, welfare and legal advice with Citizens Advice, and volunteering and community development support through FVAF. A community pantry will be available numerous days of the week for anyone that might be struggling. The Hub will also host a wide variety of community events, drop-in services, and for the first 6 months operate a banking drop in service with Lloyds Bank. Further down the line we will see the introduction of a community growing space and kitchen to help develop food skills and educational opportunities. If it wasn't for this investment it is likely that these services will be lost not only to Cinderford, but also the Forest of Dean.

This financial year, the Council is also conducting some internal works to The Wesley. Purchased by the Town Council in 2022, The Wesley has become a Community and Arts Centre for the Forest of Dean and has established itself as a popular and welcome asset with over 200 hours use a month by members of the local community and groups.

Forward Budget Detail - By Centre

	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
100 Income						
1076 Precept	410,882	477,131	0	0	0	0
1080 Bank Interest	0	150	0	0	0	0
1310 Levelling Up Income	0	300,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	410,882	777,281	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	410,882	777,281	0	0	0	0
110 Staff Costs						
4000 Salaries	128,000	160,000	0	0	0	0
4010 LGPS Pension	25,500	30,000	0	0	0	0
4020 PAYE & NIC's	30,000	34,500	0	0	0	0
4060 Payroll Charges	1,300	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	184,800	225,500	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(184,800)	(225,500)	0	0	0	0
120 Admin & Central Services						
4100 Phone & Internet	500	2,000	0	0	0	0
4105 Mobile Phones	500	384	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	500	1,000	0	0	0	0
4115 Equipment Maintenance	500	200	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	500	100	0	0	0	0
4125 Insurance	500	22,500	0	0	0	0
4130 Printing / Publications	500	3,000	0	0	0	0
4135 Postage	500	25	0	0	0	0
4140 Website Costs	500	2,250	0	0	0	0
4145 Photocopier Costs	500	1,200	0	0	0	0
4150 Office Stationery	500	350	0	0	0	0
4155 Computer	500	2,250	0	0	0	0
4160 Subscriptions	500	7,500	0	0	0	0
4165 Training Councillor	1,000	1,500	0	0	0	0
4170 Training Staff	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4175 Travel	500	75	0	0	0	0
4180 Audit Fees	2,000	1,750	0	0	0	0
4185 Legal & Professional Fees	0	3,000	0	0	0	0
4190 Election Costs	0	11,285	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
4195 Mayors Allowance	500	500	0	0	0	0
4260 Bank Charges	0	200	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	11,500	62,069	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Net Income over Expenditure	(11,500)	(62,069)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
140 Events						
1155 Cindyfest Income	0	500	0	0	0	0
1170 Miscellaneous Income	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	1,000	1,500	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	0	100	0	0	0	0

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	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	150	0	0	0	0
4125 Insurance	300	600	0	0	0	0
4300 Christmas Light Installations	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0
4305 Christmas Event & Lights	15,000	1,500	0	0	0	0
4315 Cindyfest Event	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0
4320 Heritage Event	100	50	0	0	0	0
4325 Town Crier	2,000	100	0	0	0	0
4335 Waste Collection	300	1,250	0	0	0	0
4340 Security	300	1,500	0	0	0	0
4345 Equipment Hire	200	200	0	0	0	0
4350 Medical Expenses	500	750	0	0	0	0
4360 Youth Contingency	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	32,200	19,700	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(31,200)	(18,200)	0	0	0	0
200 Town & Open Spaces						
1200 Hanging Baskets	0	150	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	150	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	0	3,800	0	0	0	0
4115 Equipment Maintenance	0	300	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	4,500	0	0	0	0
4125 Insurance	0	250	0	0	0	0
4200 Vehicle Costs	14,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4201 Fuel - Vehicle & Machinery	0	1,600	0	0	0	0
4205 Machinery Maintenance	0	500	0	0	0	0
4210 Uniforms	0	500	0	0	0	0
4215 Bus Shelters	500	500	0	0	0	0
4225 Grass Cutting	7,500	5,000	0	0	0	0
4230 Planting	1,000	5,500	0	0	0	0
4235 Climate Emergency Fund	2,500	500	0	0	0	0
4240 CCTV	6,500	4,000	0	0	0	0
4250 Contingency Budget	24,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	500	150	0	0	0	0
4415 Town Gardening	500	750	0	0	0	0
4420 Tree Work	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0
4430 Cleaning Materials	0	2,500	0	0	0	0
4480 Muga	0	100	0	0	0	0
4485 Defibrillator	0	300	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	59,000	38,750	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(59,000)	(38,600)	0	0	0	0
210 Skate Park						
1351 PLWB Skatepark	0	200,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	200,000	0	0	0	0
4080 PLWB Repayments	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
4110 New Equipment	20,000	200,000	0	0	0	0
4490 Annual Inspections	0	250	0	0	0	0

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	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
Total Overhead Expenditure	20,000	225,250	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Net Income over Expenditure	(20,000)	(25,250)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
220 Play Areas						
4110 New Equipment	19,250	2,000	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	250	2,000	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	0	300	0	0	0	0
4490 Annual Inspections	500	1,500	0	0	0	0
4600 Accessible Equipment	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	20,000	10,800	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(20,000)	(10,800)	0	0	0	0
300 Rheola House						
1300 Rental Income	20,986	12,000	0	0	0	0
1305 Room Hire	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0
1315 Utilities Recharges	9,485	9,485	0	0	0	0
Total Income	31,971	22,985	0	0	0	0
4115 Equipment Maintenance	0	150	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
4125 Insurance	3,600	0	0	0	0	0
4400 Water	1,862	1,500	0	0	0	0
4405 Light	3,047	3,000	0	0	0	0
4410 Heat	3,048	5,000	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	0	500	0	0	0	0
4475 Levelling Up Expenditure	23,666	90,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	41,223	105,150	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(9,252)	(82,165)	0	0	0	0
305 St Annais House						
1300 Rental Income	22,986	30,000	0	0	0	0
1305 Room Hire	500	2,000	0	0	0	0
1315 Utilities Recharges	9,485	9,485	0	0	0	0
1350 Chamber Hire	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	33,971	42,485	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4115 Equipment Maintenance	3,000	4,000	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	3,500	0	0	0	0
4125 Insurance	1,600	0	0	0	0	0
4185 Legal & Professional Fees	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
4400 Water	1,862	2,200	0	0	0	0
4405 Light	3,047	3,500	0	0	0	0
4410 Heat	3,048	4,500	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	0	4,129	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	17,557	23,829	0	0	0	0

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Net Income over Expenditure	16,414	18,656	0	0	0	0
310 The Tower & Triangle						
1300 Rental Income	7,000	6,800	0	0	0	0
1315 Utilities Recharges	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	7,000	8,800	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4400 Water	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
4405 Light	0	2,500	0	0	0	0
4410 Heat	0	1,750	0	0	0	0
4470 Town Clock	0	500	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	1,000	7,750	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	6,000	1,050	0	0	0	0
315 6 Market Street						
4080 PLWB Repayments	30,360	30,360	30,360	0	0	0
4405 Light	0	600	0	0	0	0
4475 Levelling Up Expenditure	23,667	210,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	54,027	240,960	30,360	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(54,027)	(240,960)	(30,360)	0	0	0
320 The Wesley						
1300 Rental Income	0	250	0	0	0	0
1305 Room Hire	0	10,000	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	10,250	0	0	0	0
4110 New Equipment	0	21,000	0	0	0	0
4115 Equipment Maintenance	0	100	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
4400 Water	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
4405 Light	0	6,000	0	0	0	0
4410 Heat	0	15,000	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	0	3,500	0	0	0	0
4475 Levelling Up Expenditure	23,667	0	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	23,667	51,600	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(23,667)	(41,350)	0	0	0	0
325 Dockham Road						
1300 Rental Income	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Income	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
4110 New Equipment	0	35,000	0	0	0	0
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	15,000	0	0	0	0
4185 Legal & Professional Fees	0	3,500	0	0	0	0
4490 Annual Inspections	0	200	0	0	0	0

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	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
Total Overhead Expenditure	0	53,700	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(28,700)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
330 The Pavilion						
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	250	0	0	0	0
4400 Water	0	175	0	0	0	0
4411 Business Rates FODDC	0	83	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	1,000	508	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,000)	(508)	0	0	0	0
335 Forest Fitness Centre						
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(2,000)	0	0	0	0
340 War Memorial						
4120 Repairs & Maintenance	0	500	0	0	0	0
4450 Poppy Appeal / Wreath	0	35	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	0	535	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(535)	0	0	0	0
500 Grants & Donations						
4500 Grants Contingency Fund	2,000	5,000	0	0	0	0
4505 Forest Youth Association	6,500	6,500	0	0	0	0
4510 Music Festival	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
4515 Citizen Advice Bureau	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0
4520 Artspace	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4530 CANDI	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4535 St Johns Churchyard	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
4540 FOD Opp Centre (Fireworks)	500	0	0	0	0	0
4545 Wesley Players	400	400	0	0	0	0
4550 Forest Sensory Services	250	250	0	0	0	0
4555 FOD Health Forum	200	200	0	0	0	0
4560 Donations S137	2,000	3,000	0	0	0	0
Total Overhead Expenditure	18,850	20,350	0	0	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(18,850)	(20,350)	0	0	0	0
Total Budget Income	484,824	1,088,451	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Expenditure	484,824	1,088,451	58,360	28,000	28,000	28,000
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	(33,360)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)

