



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Subject: **Budget Recommendations 2021-2022.**

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Cttee.

Date: 27 January 2021.

Deputy Town Clerk (RFO).

Item no: 4A

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS 2021-2022

INCOME

Precept 2020/21 £941,003.00.

VAT Refund received £51,562.28.

General Income received £13,025.17.

Including refunds, parking payments for use of Radford House car park by construction company and bank interest.

Custom House: £7,325.00 (£16,700 budget 2020-2021).

Income reduced due to COVID-19.

Chamber Hire £0. (£1,000 budget 2020-2021).

No income due to COVID-19.

Allotments: £18,046.50 (£18,000 budget 2020-2021).

Many payments are now received via BACS and therefore coming in much quicker than previous years.

VIC: £0. (£8,500 budget 2020-2021).

No income due to COVID-19.

Amenities & Environment Cttee Allotments Income Budget recommendation:

Allotment plot and water fees to remain at £22.00 for a quarter plot; £44.00 for a half plot and £88.00 for a whole plot for 2021-22.

Recommendation: Committee to decide income budget recommendations to Council.

EXPENDITURE Establishment or household expenditure:

STAFF COSTS – pay, pensions, HMRC, training, advertising, training and safety gear;

2020/21 Budget: £330,000.
Current expenditure: £246,300.17.

Staff remuneration to be dealt with at Item x.

Recommendation: Committee to decide recommendation to Council.

ADMINISTRATION: - equipment, I.T & telecoms, stationary, subscriptions, office catering;

2020/21 Budget: £30,000
Current expenditure: £18,994.99

Recommendation: **Increase of 2% to £30,600.**

RTC PROPERTY: - Custom House - cleaning, repairs, rent, electricity, gas, water, legal, business rates, Radford House – cleaning, repairs, electricity, water; Charlotte Court – maintenance of the Court; Albion Gardens

2020/21 Budget: £160,000 – includes;
Custom House £105,000 (includes £40,000 rent).
Radford House £30,000.
Charlotte Court £5,000.
Albion Gardens £20,000.
Sinking Fund £20,000.

Current expenditure: £54,275.14 – Custom House including £40,000.00 rent paid.
£7,716.00 – Custom House exterior repairs & painting from sinking fund.
£20,551.75 – Radford House.
£1,492.27 – Charlotte Court.
£282.00 – fire extinguisher testing and replacement.

Total expenditure to date: £84,317.16.

Recommendation: **Increase of 2% to £163,200.**

STORAGE AND VEHICLES: - tax, insurance, fuel , general maintenance, parking, containers, electricity to containers.

2020/21 Budget: £50,000 to allow for purchase of new vehicles up to £35,000.
And £15,000 Revenue.
Current expenditure: £13,953.26.
Recommendation: **Revenue to be increased by 2% to £15,300.**

ALLOTMENTS: - water, repairs, key deposit refunds, invoice costs, Site Rep expenses, legal costs, electronic administration package.

2020/21 Budget: £10,000.00 plus £8,000.00 Capital.
Current expenditure: £12,809.41 Revenue. £174.00 Capital.
Total: £12,983.41.

Amenities & Environment Cttee Budget recommendation:

That the Allotment Expenditure Budget remains at **£18,000.00.**

DEMOCRACY: - elections, meeting expenses, noticeboards and public engagement;

2020/21 Budget: £15,000.
Current expenditure: £0.
Recommendation: **Increase of 2% to £15,300.00.**

FINANCE: insurance, bank charges, audit fees, accounts package.

2020/21 Budget: £12,000.00.
Current expenditure: £13,074.74 – includes accounts package paid for 2021/22 accounting year.
Recommendation: **Increase of 2% to £12,240.00.**

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CIVIC: Mayoral events / functions, insignia, Cinque Ports, Twinning and Mayoral allowance (paid as required and not as a lump sum to the Mayor).

2020/21 Budget: £15,000.00.

Current expenditure: £3,881.88.

Allocation to 5 charities: £3,000.00 as agreed by Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes cttee on 25 November 2020 is included in the current expenditure but is yet to be released.

Amenities & Environment Cttee Budget recommendation;

That the Civic Budget for 2021/22 remains at **£15,000.00**.

TOWN PROMOTION: - Active Ramsgate and Activities, Town Promoter, Website;

2020/21 Budget: £60,500.

Current expenditure: £43,477.58.

Town Promotion Committee Budget recommendations;

Active Ramsgate £18,500

Active Ramsgate Activities £15,000

Town Promoter £25,000

Website £ 2,000

Total for this budget heading; **£60,500.00**.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE: running costs, sale of goods, capital expenditure.

2020/21 Budget: £12,000.00.

Current expenditure: £697.81.

Visitor Information Centre is currently closed due to COVID-19.

Town Promotion Committee Budget recommendations;

That the VIC Budget for 2021/22 is; **£12,000.00**.

EVENTS FUNDING:

2020/21 Budget: £72,500.
Current expenditure: £17,657.

£15,000 is set aside for Royal Harbour 2021.

Town Promotion Committee Budget recommendation:

That the Events Funding budget 2021/21 is; **£72,500.00** *

* **£5,000.00 is to be allocated for the Royal Harbour 2021 event (total set aside will now be £20,000.00 including the allocated £5,000.00 2021/22).**

***£7,500.00 is to be set aside for the potential Operation Dynamo event in 2021 which was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.**

COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS: - Ramsgate Fund and Ward Funding.

2020/21 Budget: £35,000.00 Ramsgate Fund.
Current expenditure: £11,406.62.
Further applications coming to Council on
3 February 2021.

Current expenditure: £8,000.00 Ward Funding.
£3,877.79.

Recommendation: Committee to decide recommendation to Council.

DECORATIVE LIGHTS: - revenue and capital spend for Town / Christmas lights.

2020/21 Budget: £26,520.00.
Current expenditure: £12,955.54.

Amenities & Environment Cttee Allotments Budget recommendation:

That the Decorative Lighting budget 2021/22 is increased by 1% to **£26,785.00.**

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS: revenue and capital spend covering the town, St Laurence Churchyard, Eskdale Avenue, flower beds, palms, waste clearance in all areas as required.

2020/21 Budget: £60,000.00.
Current expenditure: £27,449.66.

Amenities & Environment Cttee Budget recommendation;

The Town Improvements budget 2021/22 remains at **£60,000.00.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: consultation and meeting expenses.

2021/22 Budget: £20,000.00.
Current expenditure: £0.

Planning & Infrastructure Cttee Budget recommendation;

The Town Improvements budget 2021/22 **up to £20,000.00.**

RESTRICTED GRANTS FUNDING: Thanet Citizens Advice Bureau received £20,000.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2021/21 Budget: £20,000.00.
Current expenditure: £20,000.00.

Recommendation: Committee to decide recommendation to Council.
