

Revenue Budget Summary - Members and Civic Expenses

Budget Description	Budget Holder
Members and Civic Expenses	Sharna Stretch Senior Administration Officer
<p>Purpose of the Budget:</p> <p>The purpose of the Members and Civic Expenses Budget is to provide the resources to facilitate the effective delivery of the costs of civic events and hospitality.</p>	
<p>Scope of Activity and Nature of the Service:</p> <p>The Members and Civic Expenses Budget provides for the costs of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Officer support to the mayor and all other councillors; (b) The provision of a taxi service for the Mayor and members' travelling expenses; (c) The payment of members' allowances and a mayors' allowance; (d) The training of members; (e) The organisation and running of the following civic events and functions:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Council Meeting; - Christmas Council Meeting; - Civic Carol Service; - Civic Ball; - Civic Service; - Mayor's at Home; - Remembrance Day (f) Civic hospitality for the Council and its guests; (g) The Council Donations Budget. <p>The Administration Section supports the Town Clerk in providing much of the day to day staffing support to members.</p> <p>The Members and Civic Budget is of a partly statutory and partly discretionary nature.</p> <p>The Council could not operate without effective democratic management by members and the support from officers.</p>	
<p>Contribution to Council Aims:</p> <p>The Members and Civic Budget contributes to the Council's Strategic Aim 1:-</p> <p><i>"To provide good quality governance and management of the Council"</i></p>	

Performance Measures and Indicators:

There are currently three targets within the Service Delivery Plan specifically relating to the Members and Civic

- Maintain training programme for Members which shows recommended courses with a regular reminder be
- Provide a programme of new Member Induction Training to cover all service areas, roles and responsibilities
- Hold a Parish Meeting.

Key Budget Changes for 2024/25:

The Members and Civic Budget has been increased by £600 to a net running cost of £81,250 per year.

This is due to Civic Functions costs and civic regalia insurance increases, with a small saving on members insur

Importance of Service to the Community:

Whilst there have not been any customer satisfaction surveys or consultation exercises carried out relating speci the Council, the role of the Town Mayor, and the provision of civic functions and hospitality helps to raise the pro

The most recent budget consultation exercise provided some negative feedback as to public satisfaction with Me local taxpayers and that spending should be reduced. This feedback has been taken into account in recent budg last few years.

External Funding and Fees and Charges:

Some income is raised through ticket sales in relation to the civic ball and this is used to offset the running costs