

## LEIGH ON SEA TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT 2024-25

Leigh on Sea Town Council has reviewed expenditure and is mindful of the current “Cost of Living” crisis and the potential impact on residents. For this reason, last year’s budget has been restated with only a small addition to cover staff increments. The Council has good reserves and is confident there is sufficient funding to continue to provide good services for its’ residents. Councillors and staff continue to work diligently to serve residents and provide events and facilities to a high standard.

The precept for 2024/25 is £466,655.63 which equates to Band D council tax figure of £51.75, a small increase of 2.31% on the 2023/24 Band D figure of £50.58.

Leigh on Sea Town Council continues to provide services which include the following:

*Help, support and provide information for our residents on a huge range of issues*  
*Maintain our role as statutory consultee on planning, highways and licensing issues*  
*Working with and supporting volunteers and community partners/groups*  
*Helping to protect the environment and heritage of Leigh*  
*Undertaking Community Infrastructure Levy projects for the benefit of Leigh and our residents*  
*Provision of a Special Constables programme for the Leigh Town Council area*  
*Providing and managing community facilities in particular the Community Centre, Skate Park, Strand Wharf, Bell Wharf Beach paddling pool, 17 acres of Allotment sites and the café within the community centre*  
*Community engagement with our residents using various methods - face to face, social media, websites and a new community engagement app*  
*A community news magazine twice a year and a newsletter in the local press*  
*Events and activities throughout the year*  
*Fortnightly Over 60’s Social Lunch Club to combat isolation in our community*  
*Christmas Lights and Library Gardens Christmas tree and displays*  
*Supporting the Arts in Leigh*  
*Representing our residents to other authorities*  
*Support to Youth Clubs*  
*A Council run Community Centre Children’s’ Holiday Programme*  
*A Community Trips Scheme supporting elderly residents and providing social contact*  
*A local employer of staff to facilitate and manage all Council services, the Community Centre and cafe*  
*Continue with repairs and improvements at the Community Centre*  
*Grant Award Fund to support the work of other community groups and people in the Leigh Town Council area*  
*Support sun cream dispenser project at Bell Wharf Beach*  
*Summer hanging flower baskets in various locations*  
*Maintain the tidal paddling pool at Bell Wharf Beach*

Budgeted expenditure	£505,380.00 +
5% inc to staff team	<u>£ 18,266.65</u>
Total expenditure	£523,646.65
Less proj income (I&E)	<u>£ 57,503.48</u>
	£466,143.17

In line with Southend City requirements, the precept must be divisible by 9 and was resolved as £466,655.63 (£51.75 x 9017.50) and Band D council tax figure of £51.75