

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council Precept 2025-26

Leigh on Sea Town Council appreciates that households within our boundary pay an additional Council tax. This element is the only amount that is fully spent on Leigh-on-Sea which the Town Council has full control over. Taking into consideration the turbulence over the past year and thinking about the financial impact on all its residents the Council has tried to keep the increase to the bare minimum. Councillors and staff continue to provide an outstanding service for the residents; providing events and facilities to an excellent standard and looking forward to expanding what they do.

The precept for 2025/26 is £484,790.13 which equates to Band D council tax figure of £53.25, a small increase of 2.9% on the 2024/25 Band D figure of £51.75.

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, and 17 acres of Allotment sites.*
- *Community engagement with our residents using various methods - face to face, social media, websites.*
- *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 and the Community Centre.*
- *Continue with repairs and improvements at the Community Centre.*
- *Grant Award Fund to support the work of other community groups and organisations in the Leigh Town Council area.*
- *Summer hanging flower baskets in various locations.*
- *Maintain the tidal paddling pools at Bell Wharf Beach and Gypsy Bridge.*