Notes on the Annual Precept Review for Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby Parish council for the Parish Council Precept for the Financial Year 2025-26 – Updated 29th October 2024

Introduction

We are now in receipt of the NYC Parish council Precept Calculator for the financial year 2025-26. As a PC we need to decide on the level of precept we want to apply within the overall NYC council Tax bill for 2025-26.

The current state of play for 2024-25 is as follows:

We currently receive a Precept of £16015
This is based on a Band D charge of £15.97 and a number of Band D equivalent households of 1002.97

The precept sum is the product of the number of Band D equivalent homes and the Band D charge i.e., £15.97 x 1002.97.

Additionally, we have also now received confirmation from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) that we will also receive the Model Agreement payment. This has now been initially set at £5175.54. we have also now had confirmation that this. Is the final year that the Model Agreement will be in place so there will be no payment under the exiting agreement after the 2025-26 financial year. It is not at all clear what will happen after that; as stated in the NYC letter, " the details about any future proposals will be developed for implementation in 2026/27". That. Is the sum total of. The information provided.

With the Model Agreement funding we have a total available income of £21059.39 in 2024-25. If there is no change to the gross amount of perception 2025-26 we will have an overall budget of £21190.54.

Options

1. To maintain the precept at its current level of £16015 the Band D Charge would reduce by £0.82 to £15.15, due to the increase in Band D properties to 1057.

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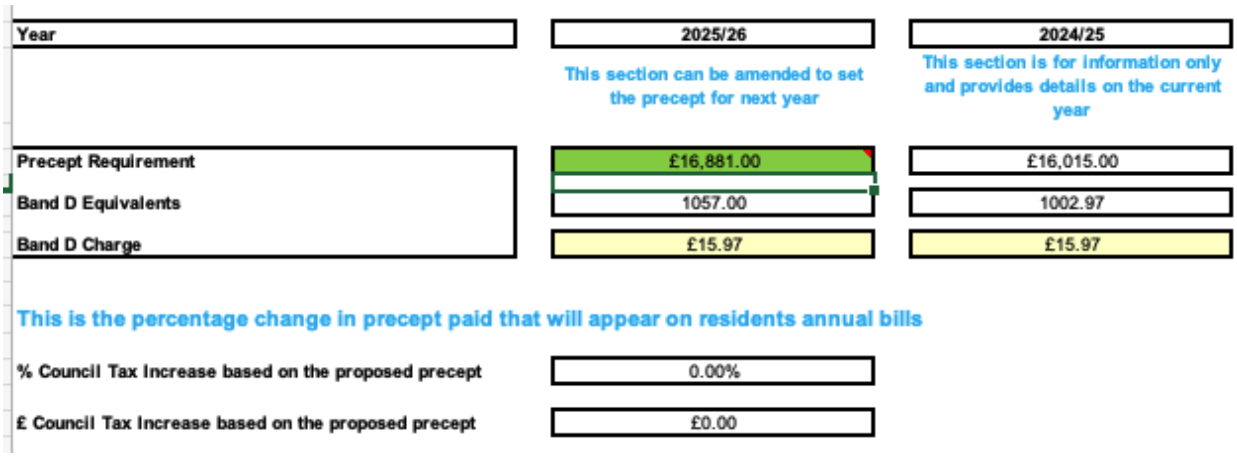
Precept Requirement	£16,015.00	£16,015.00
Band D Equivalents	1057.00	1002.97
Band D Charge	£15.15	£15.97

This is the percentage change in precept paid that will appear on residents annual bills

% Council Tax Decrease based on the proposed precept	(5.13%)	Reduction in Council Tax
£ Council Tax Decrease based on the proposed precept	-£0.82	Reduction in Council Tax

2. To maintain the current Band D charge at £15.97 per Band D Property. This would deliver a Precept income to the Parish Council of £16881, an increase to the Parish Council Budget of £866 or 5.41%



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% Council Tax Increase based on the proposed precept	0.00%	
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This would provide an overall budget for the Parish Council of £22056.54

3. To increase or decrease the Band D equivalent by some other amount

Clearly it is difficult to make a decision without having a clear steer on the future of our current responsibilities under the Model Agreement but it is clear that there will be no similar payment mechanism after the 2025-26 financial year. As per my previous briefing note our spending in the current financial year within the terms of the Model Agreement currently stand (end of September) at £1472.
Again, as per my previous briefing note our projected spend, which would be the amount of Model Agreement payment if it were to be continued, that we could get for next year would be:

Total Projected Spend	£3,212.69
Administration at 11.1%	£356.97
Total Model Agreement Expenditure	**£3569.94**

As we would have to return the underspend our comparable income for 25-26 would be £19584.94. To cover that we would need to increase the Band D equivalent payment to £18.53. This would be an increase of £2.56 or 16.03% to the current Band D equivalent charge if this were done as a single action for the 25-26 Council Tax precept. Alternatively, this could be split over the CouncilTax precept set for 25-26th d 26-27 to provide us with the funds to undertake the current levels of activity paid for. By the ModelAgreement funding if we were to retain responsibility for this after the discontinuation of the NYC funding.