

The total precept for 2023/23 is proposed at £55,522.00. The proposed increase in precept is 0.54%. This is an increase of £0.52p (0.77%) on a Band D property. The changes are as follows:

- Increase in Clerk's Salary to allow for national pay rise;
- Increase in audit fees;
- Increase in grants due to Cost of Living crisis;
- Decrease from last year's budget for repairs and maintenance due to loss of Bartons Ground and review of reserved budgets on seats, trees and The Pound;
- Decrease from last year's budget for capital expenditure on noticeboards, Elections and EV Charge points. The EV charge point cost is likely to be met by Dorset Council. There is an increase in the play area budget as some items in the play area will need replacing;
- A budget has been created for the King's Coronation.