

**WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**BUDGET AND PRECEPT INFORMATION FOR 2015-2016**

	2014/15 ORIGINAL	2014/15 REVISED (Dec 2014)	2015/16 ESTIMATE
	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Audit	1,600	1,500	1,600
Bank Charges	200	200	200
Election Fee	6,000	6,000	8,000
Expenses (Staff)	100	20	100
Expenses (Councillors)	260	40	150
Insurance	3,300	3,200	3,200
Lottery Fee	20	20	20
Pension	709	709	709
Postage	1,200)	1,200	1,200)
Petty Cash	500 )	100	500)
Press/Advert	100	00	100
Printing & Stationery	2,100	1,800	2,100
Office Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500
Room Hire	100	100	100
Subscriptions	1,864	1,790	1,830
Telephones	800	550	700
Training	400	100	500
Data Protection Fee	35	35	35
<b>SALARIES &amp; HMRC PAYMENTS (net figures)</b>			
	30,620	30,400	31,300
<b>CIVIC COSTS</b>			
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 S145</b>			
Civic Events )	1,800	1,500)	1,950)
WW1 event )	1,500	700)	00)
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SS15 (5)</b>			
Mayoral Allowance	3,825	3,825	3,825
<b>HIGHWAYS ACT 1980</b>			
Boundary Signs	1,000	00	1,000
Linear Park	3,000	3,000	3,000
LNR Improvements	3,000	3,000	3,000
Footpaths Repairs	3,000	3,000	3,000
Solar Signs	1,500	1,200	1,500
Solar Signs (move etc.)	1,000	750	1,000
<b>(SECTION 274A)</b>			

**LOCAL GOV. RATING ACT 1997 SECTION 31**

CCTV & Crime Prev.	14,000	19,000	14,000
Upgrade/new cameras	4,000	4,000	6,000
Homewatch	400	00	300

**MISC. PROVISION ACT 1976 SECTION 19 (d)**

Get Active W'hton Project	43,200	43,200	39,900
Youth/Sport Rec. Facilities	3,000	3,000	3,000

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 144**

Town Guide/Website	1,500	500	1,500
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 137**

Grants	3,000	3,000	3,000
Senior Citizens Projects	6,000	5,000	6,000
Xmas Lights/expenses	6,000	5,500	6,000
Civic Medal/Young Cit.	00	00	50
Regalia/ Repairs	00	00	1,000
North West in Bloom	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pretoria Pit Mem/events	235	235	250

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1948 SECTION 133**

War Memorial	400	400	401
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Net Payments	153,768	151,074	154,520
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**CALCULATION OF REVENUE BALANCE****CASH BALANCES AT 1.4.2014**

	<b>£</b>
Current Account	315 +
Liquidity Capital Account	2,409 +
Liquidity Reserve Account	34,172 +
Fixed Rate Bond	20,000 +
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	56,896
VAT reclaimed from 2013/14	3,789 +
Precept 2014/15	129,049+
Interest to date	110+
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	189,844
Less Revised Estimate for 2014/2015 requirements	151,074 -
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Estimated Balance available at 1.4.2015	38,770
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## PRECEPT REQUIRED FOR 2015/16

	£
Estimated Payments for 2015/16	154,520
Working Balance	9,000
Contingencies	1,000
Additional Contingency for unexpected expenses	5,000
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Total Revenue Resource requirements	169,520
Less Estimated Balance available on 1.4.2015	38,770-
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Amount to be met from Precept	130,750
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**THE 2015-2016 PRECEPT IS £1,701 (1.3%) MORE THAN THE 2014-2015 PRECEPT BUT THERE IS ALMOST NO INCREASE IN THE COUNCIL TAX BANDS BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE COUNCIL TAX PAYERS**

## SUPPORTING NOTES

### ELECTION FEE

The 2015 election fee budget is currently £8,000 (working on £8,000 required for 2015 election)

### SALARIES

2.2% increase in accordance with NJC 2014-2016 National Salary award.

### TOWN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

No increase

### UPGRADE/NEW CCTV CAMERAS

£2,000 has been allocated towards new/upgraded CCTV cameras (£6,000 now in budget)

### PAST MAYOR'S BADGES

A further stock of Past Mayor's Badges is required after May, 2015 and £1,000 has been allocated in the budget.

### WAR MEMORIAL

£401 has been allocated for the enhancement of the WW2 names on the War Memorial.

### GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON YOUTH PROJECT

£3,300 reduction in the 2015-16 budget.

### ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY

£5,000 for any additional schemes or unexpected expense