

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

15 January 2026

Decision Report 1

PRECEPT 2026/2027

Recommendation

Following a meeting of the Governance Committee on 6 January 2026, it is recommended that the Council resolve to agree the budget and to fix the precept on Northumberland County Council for 2026/27, at £1,526,573 which incorporates a 2% increase in Council Tax on 2025/26, as set out below.

Ward

Not Ward Specific

Risk Management

To comply with the legislative process of agreeing a Precept and Council Tax for Northumberland County Council to collect from the residents of the town.

Objective

To provide the financial resources to meet the Council's overall objectives.

Report

The Town Council in agreeing its budget and precept for 2026/2027 will receive funds from Northumberland County Council when it collects the council tax for the Blyth town area.

The Governance Committee when they considered the Budget and Council Tax figures on the 6 January, they agreed with previous committee recommendations and with the officers' proposals.

The summary of recommendations to the Governance Committee are shown below:

Original Officers net budget submitted to the Governance Committee	£1,578,373
Governance Committee Amendments:	£0
Revised net budget	£1,578,373
Less Precept on NCC @ Band D 138.15 * x 11,050.11 (2025/26 Band D 135.44 x 11,001.52 tax base)	-£1,526,573
Use of Reserves	-£51,800
Total income	-£1,578,373

*rounded

For information, shown in the table below, is the estimated council tax for the Town Council based on the above information:

Band A	92.10
Band B	107.45
Band C	122.80
Band D	138.15
Band E	168.85
Band F	199.55
Band G	230.25
Band H	276.30

For information, shown in the table below are the estimated reserves when considering the probable spending for 2025/26 and the proposed budget and precept for 2026/27:

Projected Reserves 31/03/26	£1,120,808
Use of Reserves 2026/27	£51,800
Projected Reserves 31/03/2027	£1,069,008

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk

8 January 2026