

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Development Committee

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Decision Report

Budget 2026/2027

Recommendation

Committee to consider the Officers' budget proposals for 2026/27, for recommendation to the Governance Committee.

Ward

Not ward specific.

Risk Management

To consider budget proposals which are in line with Council objectives, for submission to the Governance Committee, as within the budget process for 2026/27.

Objective

To promote the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the town and its community, in keeping with the Council's governance arrangements.

Report

This report covers the Officers' proposals for the 2026/27 budget. They are based upon rolling forward the commitments from the current year and any agreed/potential changes for next year regarding increased costs/popularity and inflation, particularly in relation to events.

Shown on Appendix 1 are the items included within the Committee's responsibility, by budget heading. Within this appendix are the proposed events which have been discussed at the previous meeting of this Committee.

At the previous Committee on the 25 September, it was proposed that we organise another event to further recognise Armed Forces Day and we have included £5k to cover this. In carrying out initial discussions with the Army and NCC, it was felt that there were other options that they wished to consider. It is therefore proposed that we continue these

discussions and report back to either an Events working group or the next Committee.

I have also included within the budget proposals a contingency amount of £5k to cover the administration of the Neighbourhood Plan, if approved. The plan is in its draft stage at the moment and once approved by Town Council will be submitted to NCC for further action. This contingency would cover the administrative work necessary to monitor all planning applications against the plan once it is an adopted document. This would then inform Officers during the year as to the extent of resources required, which could then be subsequently built into any staffing budget in the following year.

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk
18 November 2025

Probable Spend 2025/26 and Proposed Budget 2026/27

Blyth Town Council For the year ended 31 March 2026

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Appendix 1

	25/26 BUDGET	SPEND TO DATE	PROBABLE SPEND	26/27 BUDGET
Expenditure				
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
CDC - EVENTS				
11001 - Easter Event	4,000.00	4,463.78	4,000.00	6,000.00
11002 - Quayside Festival	22,000.00	22,396.65	22,396.00	20,000.00
11003 - Blyth Live Music Festival	61,000.00	54,948.25	61,000.00	60,000.00
11004 - Summer Events	6,500.00	10,250.75	10,250.00	10,000.00
11005 - Blyth Town Carnival	18,000.00	16,405.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
11006 - Media Day	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	3,000.00
11007 - Fireworks Event	31,000.00	30,104.20	31,000.00	35,000.00
11008 - Christmas Light Switch-On Event and Santa	17,500.00	7,915.06	17,500.00	27,000.00
11009 - Silent Disco 26/27	-	-	-	8,000.00
11010 - Sandcastle Competition 26/27	-	-	-	2,000.00
11011 - Armed Forces Day 26/27	-	-	-	5,000.00
11013 - Contingencies - Events	4,500.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	4,500.00
11012 - Blyth Celebrates - Income	-	(11,500.00)	-	-
11015 - Blyth Celebrates Expenditure	-	9,511.15	-	-
11014 - Events General -Licences, PRS insurance,non-specific purchases	9,000.00	6,810.13	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total CDC - EVENTS	176,300.00	156,704.97	181,346.00	207,500.00
CDC - COMMUNITY GRANTS				
Councillor Small Schemes				
12110 - Cllr Cartie Small Schemes	2,000.00	272.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12104 - Cllr Swinhoe Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12101 - Cllr Erskine Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,145.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12114 - Vacant (B&KB) Small Schemes	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
12103 - Cllr Campbell Small Schemes	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
12109 - Cllr Carr Small Schemes	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
12107 - Cllr Nicholson Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,780.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12111 - Cllr Woods Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,399.85	2,000.00	2,000.00
12102 - Cllr Nisbett Small Schemes	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12113 - Cllr Tracey Elliott Small Schemes	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
12115 - Cllr Peart Small Schemes	2,000.00	974.72	2,000.00	2,000.00
12112 - Cllr Barry Elliott Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12105 - Cllr Johnson Small Schemes	2,000.00	399.86	2,000.00	2,000.00
12106 - Cllr Rolls Small Schemes	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
12108 - Cllr Jones Small Schemes	2,000.00	371.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

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12116 - Cllr Baker Small Schemes	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Councillor Small Schemes	32,000.00	10,342.43	32,000.00	32,000.00
12012 - Community Support Grants	141,300.00	85,589.70	141,300.00	147,000.00
Total CDC - COMMUNITY GRANTS	173,300.00	95,932.13	173,300.00	179,000.00
CDC - OTHER				
13013 - Heritage Projects	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
13014 - Neighbourhood Planning	2,000.00	-	3,000.00	5,000.00
13015 - Blue Plaques	-	-	1,000.00	2,000.00
13016 - Festive Lighting	42,000.00	3,299.00	37,000.00	42,000.00
13017 - Contingency - CDC Other	200.00	-	-	200.00
Total CDC - OTHER	45,200.00	3,299.00	41,000.00	50,200.00
CDC - EVENTS INCOME				
15007 - Easter - Donations	(690.00)	(400.00)	(400.00)	(300.00)
15008 - Easter - Vendors Income	(350.00)	(704.17)	(704.00)	(750.00)
15009 - Quayside - Donations	(750.00)	(667.50)	(668.00)	(750.00)
15010 - Quayside - Vendors Income	(3,550.00)	(1,790.00)	(1,790.00)	(1,700.00)
15011 - Blyth Live - Donations	(3,500.00)	(4,167.33)	(4,167.00)	(3,500.00)
15012 - Blyth Live - Vendors Income	(3,500.00)	(3,483.32)	(3,483.00)	(3,500.00)
15013 - Summer Events - Donations	-	-	-	-
15014 - Summer Events - Vendors Income	-	-	-	(500.00)
15015 - Fireworks - Donations	(2,750.00)	-	-	(3,000.00)
15016 - Fireworks - Vendors Income	(2,200.00)	(3,525.00)	(3,525.00)	(3,000.00)
15017 - Christmas- Donations	(220.00)	-	-	(220.00)
15018 - Christmas - Vendors Income	(280.00)	(1,416.66)	-	(780.00)
Total CDC - EVENTS INCOME	(17,790.00)	(16,153.98)	(14,737.00)	(18,000.00)
Total COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	377,010.00	239,782.12	380,909.00	418,700.00

	25/26 BUDGET	SPEND TO DATE	PROBABLE SPEND	26/27 BUDGET
PRECEPT				
15001 - Parish Precept	(1,490,046.00)	(1,490,046.00)	-	-
Total PRECEPT	(1,490,046.00)	(1,490,046.00)	-	-
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	669,220.00	247,840.48	-	-
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	557,409.00	260,414.18	-	-