

**Congleton Town Council**  
**Approved 2026-2027 Budget**  
**CTC/61/62/63/64/2526**  
**Approved on 22nd January 2026**

	CURRENT YEAR			Approved 2026-2027 BUDGET *3	Budget Incr/Decr *4	DRAFT	
	Projected *1	2025-2026 Budgeted*2	Variance			2027-2028 Forecast	Budget Incr/Decr*4
<b>Finance and Policy</b>							
101 Corporate Management Expenditure	274,461	291,787	- 17,326	301,295	9,508	306,758	5,463
101 Corporate Management Interest Income	34,000	30,000	- 4,000	30,000	-	25,000	5,000
101 Other Income	409	-	- 409	-	-	-	-
101 CIL Levy	294	-	- 294	-	-	-	-
102 Democratic Rep'n & Mgmt.	42,049	45,954	- 3,905	43,871	2,083	46,248	2,377
107 Grants (incl S137)	31,634	35,833	- 4,199	35,833	-	35,833	-
	<b>313,441</b>	<b>343,574</b>	<b>- 30,133</b>	<b>350,999</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>363,839</b>	<b>12,840</b>
<b>Community, Amenities and Services</b>							
215 Floral Displays	9,695	12,172	- 2,477	12,170	2	12,190	20
241 Allotments	560	1,010	- 450	1,310	300	1,310	-
301 Congleton Partnership	13,719	3,507	- 10,212	15,762	12,255	16,553	790
302 Community Development	121,841	125,130	- 3,289	129,896	4,766	136,891	6,995
300 Public Realm	4,000	5,000	- 1,000	5,500	500	5,500	-
303 Crime Reduction	10,926	11,426	- 500	11,926	500	16,500	4,574
305 Christmas Fayre & Lights	15,789	15,000	- 789	19,000	4,000	19,000	-
310 Neighbourhood Plan	2,000	5,500	- 3,500	500	5,000	500	-
321 Tourism	13,631	22,000	- 8,369	18,000	4,000	18,000	-
341 Youth	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
351 Luncheon Club	12,000	12,000	-	12,000	-	12,000	-
	<b>204,161</b>	<b>212,745</b>	<b>- 8,584</b>	<b>228,064</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>240,443</b>	<b>12,379</b>
<b>Town Hall and Assets</b>							
201 Congleton Pool	50,625	50,072	- 553	60,379	10,307	62,259	1,880
225 CIC Expenditure	171,159	96,785	- 74,374	120,212	23,427	124,511	4,299
CIC Income	77,061	11,550	- 65,511	11,550	-	11,550	-
	94,098	85,235	- 8,863	108,662	23,427	112,961	4,299
263 Public Toilets	6,900	8,900	- 2,000	15,900	7,000	30,700	14,800
270 Cenotaph [Moved to Public Realm for 26-27]	500	375	- 125	-	375	-	-
221 Town Hall							
Congleton Town Hall - Expenditure	262,792	253,392	- 9,400	273,927	20,535	282,526	8,600
Congleton Town Hall - Income	111,769	111,050	- 719	107,550	3,500	107,550	-
	151,023	142,342	- 8,681	166,377	24,035	174,976	8,600
<b>Streetscape</b>							
280 Streetscape - Expenditure	861,291	873,811	- 12,520	1,045,349	171,538	1,086,412	41,063
Streetscape - CEBC income	443,000	427,199	- 15,801	456,808	29,609	470,000	13,192
Streetscape - Other income	17,500	18,400	- 900	52,289	33,889	52,289	-
	400,791	428,212	- 27,421	536,252	108,040	564,123	27,871
<b>Total Town Hall and Assets</b>	<b>703,937</b>	<b>715,136</b>	<b>- 11,199</b>	<b>887,569</b>	<b>172,433</b>	<b>945,019</b>	<b>57,450</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,221,539</b>	<b>1,271,455</b>	<b>- 49,916</b>	<b>1,466,633</b>	<b>195,178</b>	<b>1,549,302</b>	<b>82,669</b>
<b>CAPITAL &amp; PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>							
109 Capital Expenditure (General)	5,000	5,000	-	7,500	2,500	15,000	7,500
Town Hall- Office IT	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Streetscape Equipment	5,113	5,000	- 113	5,000	-	-	5,000
From Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	-	17,500	7,500	15,000	2,500
From Earmarked Reserves	5,113	5,000	- 113	-	5,000	-	-
Town Hall Loan Repayments & Interest	21,778	21,778	-	21,777	1	21,778	1
Replenish Capital Equipment Reserve	25,000	25,000	-	27,500	2,500	25,000	2,500
Replenish Capital Reserve	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	-
Other Capital Replenish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PROJECTS</b>	-	-	-	55,000	55,000	85,000	30,000
Replenish General Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital and Project spend	<b>61,778</b>	<b>61,778</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,277</b>	<b>57,499</b>	<b>146,778</b>	<b>27,501</b>
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE (Precept)</b>	<b>1,283,317</b>	<b>1,333,233</b>	<b>- 49,916</b>	<b>1,585,910</b>	<b>252,677</b>	<b>1,696,080</b>	<b>110,170</b>
<b>*5 Projected under/overspend 25/26</b>	-	<b>49,916</b>	<b>*5</b>				
<b>Recommended General Reserve, based on Revenue expenditure</b>		<b>317,864</b>		<b>366,658</b>		<b>387,325</b>	
<b>Carry Forward Reserves/Difference</b>		343,771	25,907	393,687	27,029	393,687	6,362
<b>General reserve with rebuild/General Reserve Percentage</b>			27%	393,687	27%	393,687	25%
<b>ADJUSTED BASIS</b>		<b>2025-2026</b>		<b>26-27</b>		<b>27-28</b>	
Band D Equivalents: 25-26 tax base approved by CEBC		<b>11,355.29</b>	<b>*6</b>	<b>11,464.84</b>		<b>11,464.84</b>	
Precept per Band D Equivalent (£/annum)		<b>117.41</b>	<b>*7</b>	<b>138.33</b>	£ 20.92	<b>147.94</b>	£ 9.61
Precept per Band D Equivalent (£/week)		<b>2.25</b>	<b>*8</b>	<b>2.65</b>	£ 0.40	<b>2.84</b>	£ 0.18
			<b>*9</b>		17.82%		6.95%

- Notes**
- 1 Projected - this is the estimated projection for 31/03/25
  - 2 Budgeted - the 2025/26 budget
  - 3 This is the draft budget for 2026/27
  - 4 Budget Incr/Decr is the difference between this year's budget and next year's proposals
  - 5 Projected over/underspend at 31/03/2026
  - 6 This is the tax base figure given from Cheshire East Council and is the number of households that the Precept is divided by to give the annual amount per household
  - 7 £ 138.33 This is the 2026/27 proposed Band D cost to the council tax payer to the Town Council
  - 8 £ 2.65 This is the cost per week per band D household
  - 9.1 £ 20.92 Rise in Band D costs: per year per household
  - 9.2 £ 0.40 Rise in Band D costs: per week per household
  - 9.3 17.82% Rise in Band D costs as %
  - 10 Forecast for information purposes only, subject to change during budget setting for 27-28