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Audlem Parish Council Precept 2023/24

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What is a Precept?

In simple terms, it's the amount of money that a Town or Parish Council requires to carry out the activities they undertake on behalf of their community.

What activities?

Amongst other things, Audlem's precept goes towards the running of the toilets, the cleaning of the village centre by the lengthsman, the maintenance of the village assets such as the Conservation Area, Buttermarket, Turnpike Field, Longhill Moss, employing a part-time Clerk to run the Council, the repayment of the loan for the Turnpike Field.

Why the big increase in 2023/24?

As a result of the alleged fraudulent activity with the Council's finances leaving the Council with virtually no money, three factors have caused this one-off increase. They are:

- the need to repay the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, which is currently paying this year's bills – estimated £36,000
- the legal requirement to have a reserve in order to pay any committed expenditure for a minimum of three months – target £20,000
- the fact that the 2022/23 precept was £20,615 lower than it should have been because money was planned to be taken from the then reserves.

What about the following year?

This increase is a one-off and it is anticipated in 2024/25 the precept will return to a 'normal' level. Should any of the missing money be recovered, the precept will be reduced accordingly.

For more information see APC Website:-

APC Precept 23/24 <https://www.audlempc.co.uk/lib/apc-precept-202324-F715866.pdf>

APC Budget 23/24 <https://www.audlempc.co.uk/lib/apc-budget-23-24-F717679.pdf>