



Full Council Meeting

16th December 2025

Agenda Item 57

Declaration of Precept 2026/27

Full Council is recommended to approve that the Sutton Coldfield Precept for the 2026/27 financial year is £69.96 per Band D property which will generate £2,631,825

1. Purpose of Report

Following the Strategy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2025, Council is recommended to approve that the Precept for Sutton Coldfield for the 2026/27 financial year will be £69.96 per Band D Property, which will generate £2,631,825 based on the indicative Council Tax Database figures. This is to ensure that the statutory request to collect the precept can be made to the billing authority, Birmingham City Council (BCC), within the necessary deadlines.

2. Background

The precept has generated income over the last five years as detailed below.

Financial Year	Precept	Band D Property
2021/22	£1,830,335	£49.96
2022/23	£1,843,024	£49.96
2023/24	£1,859,411	£49.96
2024/25	£1,870,702	£49.96
2025/26	£2,250,599	£59.96

3. Calculation of Budget Requirement (Precept)

There is a statutory formula for the calculation of the local precept which is based on the number of equivalent Band D properties.

Firstly, the number of domestic “dwellings on valuation list”, is established. This number is then adjusted to take account of estimated council tax relief and council tax discounts etc. to arrive at the “equivalent number of chargeable dwellings”.

The statutory proportion and a 2.6% reduction for non-collection (based on Citywide rates) is then applied to arrive at the number of “equivalent Band D properties”. The indicative figures are that there are 37,619 equivalent Band D properties in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield, but this is subject to BCC approval in January 2026.

4. 2025/26 Precept

- 4.1 The 2025/26 Budget Requirement (Precept) was £2,250,599.
- 4.2 As in the case of Council Tax, the local Precept payable by household will vary according to the tax band of the property they live in.
- 4.3 Based on the 2025/26 Council Tax database (37,535 Band D equivalent properties), households in the Royal town of Sutton Coldfield paid the following precept for the Town Council.

Tax Band	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Precept	39.97	46.64	53.30	59.96	73.28	86.61	99.93	119.92

5. Proposed 2026/27 Precept

- 5.1 The Town Council adopted its Strategic Plan 2024-2028 in October 2024, following a period of public consultation carried out in September 2024.
- 5.2 The Strategic Plan includes a proposal to increase the Precept by £10 per year (for a Band D equivalent property) in each of the years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 in order to raise the necessary funding to better meet future aspirations for the town and support local communities.
- 5.3 The consultation included a question that asked respondents if they would support the proposed increase in the Precept if this was used to support or help avoid reductions in services currently provided by Birmingham City Council. There was a significant majority support for the use of the proposed increase in the Precept towards helping maintain libraries, community services, parks, play areas and open spaces in light of projected cuts by the City Council.
- 5.4 Should Town Council set the precept at £69.96 per Band D Property, this could yield a total Precept of £2,631,825 and would result in the following amounts to be paid per household.

Tax Band	Statutory Proportion (fraction)	Statutory Proportion (percentage)	Precept
Band A	6/9	67%	46.64
Band B	7/9	78%	54.41
Band C	8/9	89%	62.19
Band D	1	100%	69.96
Band E	11/9	122%	85.51
Band F	13/9	144%	101.05
Band G	15/9	167%	116.60
Band H	18/9	200%	139.92

6. Recommendations

Council is recommended to approve that the CEO be authorised to sign and serve a precept on Birmingham City Council in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, requiring the City Council to pay the Town Council the sum of £2,631,825 in respect of Council Tax for the Town, during the financial year 2026/27.

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