

Town & Parish Councils

District Council Discretionary Funding
Future Proposals

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2012/13 - How it Was

Council Tax Benefit

- A National Scheme
- Administered locally by the District Council
- Funded 100% Nationally by Dept. Works & Pensions (£3.697 billion (England))
- Benefit awarded in New Forest approx. £9.7 million (Approx 9% of total Council Tax of £107 million)
- Council Tax includes £4.8 million of Town and Parish Precept (Share of Benefit approx. £430,000 i.e. 9% of £4.8 million)

2013/14 – Current Position

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

- A locally approved (except protection for pensioners and most vulnerable) and locally administered scheme
(Task & Finish Group recommendation to Cabinet & Full Council)
- **NOW** financed locally (by a reduction in Council Taxbase)
- **General** grant paid by Dept.of Communities and Local Government
 - National funding (England) provided £3.3 billion (approx 10% less)
 - Included within total local government funding of circa. £26.1 billion (2014/15 - £23.9 billion; 2015/16 – further reduced by £2.1 billion)
- Grant paid direct to Billing and Major Precept authorities **BUT** not to Town and Parishes (Historically not received Grant)

2013/14 – Current Position

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- Government later identified an amount they identified for Town and Parishes and included within District Council general grant settlement (£392,000)
- NFDC “passported” all of identified amount to Towns and Parishes (plus a share of one off Transitional Grant £11,000 – NFDC scheme specific)
- District Council also reviewed Council Tax Discounts increasing Council Taxbase

How Discretionary Grant and Council Tax Work

	2012/13	2013/14
Total Spending	£4,775,734	£4,836,727
Grant	<u>Nil</u>	<u>£403,634</u>
Precept	<u>£4,775,734</u>	<u>£4,433,093</u>
Spend change	-	+£60,993
	-	+1.3%
Taxbase	73,274	67,703
Change	-	-7.6%
Band D CT	£65.18	£65.48

2014/15 – The Future

1. Funding (Austerity)

- Government cutting funding to all public bodies
- District Council overall Funds (including Council Tax) cut by over 3%

2. Government Not Identified Funds for Town And Parish Councils

- No Funds separately identified
- “Local circumstances and decisions affecting tax base will determine the level of funding to be passed down to individual parish councils” – Brandon Lewis MP

District Council Financial Plans 2013 to 2017

District Council will:

- Set budget in February 2014 for 2014/15
- Agree revised Council Tax Reduction scheme in December 2013
- Confirm Discretionary Grant to Town and Parish Councils in December 2013
- Plans provide for a grant in 2014/15 of £300,000 a reduction of 2% in total Town and Parish spending
- Following years provide for a similar % reduction

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Taxbase

What's Happening

- Local Council Tax Discounts & Reductions
- Local Collection Performance
- Local Growth
- Local Improvement 1%+

Overall Provisional Town and Parish Position 2014/15

	2014/15
Taxbase (Provisional)	68,500
Multiply Individual Band D C tax	<u>c£65.48</u>
Precept	£4,488,473
Grant	<u>£300,000</u>
Total Spending	<u>£4,788,473</u>

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Precept	<u>£4,775,734</u>	<u>£4,433,093</u>	<u>£4,488,473</u>
Spend change	-	+£60,993	-£48,254
	-	+1.3%	-1.0%
Taxbase	73,274	67,703	68,500
Change		-7.6%	+1.2%
Band D CT	£65.18	£65.48	£65.53

Impact of provisional tax base change and grant allocation in 2014/15

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
				col A*C			Variation
	Band D Tax	Grant Allocation	Provisional Tax base	Precept	Grant Allocation	Total Spend	in total spend
	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15
	£	£		£	£	£	£
			68500.00				
Ashurst & Colbury	27.73	858	907.1	25154	638	25791	41
Beaulieu	15.10	258	510.7	7712	192	7904	-96
Boldre	18.47	931	1,042.0	19246	692	19938	70
Bramshaw	16.55	242	341.9	5659	180	5838	23
Bransgore	44.31	5486	1,771.0	78473	4077	82551	-947
Breamore	21.82	256	175.2	3823	190	4013	13
Brockenhurst	31.65	1912	1,836.1	58112	1421	59533	15
Burley	17.00	732	770.9	13105	544	13649	-51
Copythorne	12.40	626	1,194.4	14811	465	15276	-50
Damerham	33.12	597	225.0	7451	444	7895	-105
Denny Lodge	31.15	221	147.1	4583	164	4747	38
East Boldre	37.38	981	379.0	14167	729	14896	-104
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	31.71	600	591.7	18762	446	19208	33
Exbury & Lepe	39.79	355	108.7	4327	264	4591	-109
Fawley	95.91	48956	4,438.1	425660	36386	462046	-7610
Fordingbridge	84.14	16226	2,187.0	184012	12060	196072	-2354
Godshill	46.16	512	220.3	10168	381	10549	-99
Hale	31.63	367	257.8	8153	273	8426	-13

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	Band D	Grant	Provisional	Precept	Grant	Total	in total
	Tax	Allocation	Tax base		Allocation	Spend	spend
	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15	2014/15
	£	£		£	£	£	£
Hordle	38.98	5957	2,339.3	91186	4428	95613	-975
Hyde	13.58	72	515.7	7003	54	7057	57
Hythe & Dibden	74.85	48897	7,215.2	540055	36343	576398	-7124
Lymington & Pennington	93.12	57828	6,780.5	631401	42981	674382	-9069
Lyndhurst	46.30	3382	1,364.9	63197	2514	65710	47
Marchwood	98.57	11015	2,043.9	201463	8187	209650	-1906
Martin	26.36	211	188.3	4963	157	5120	-100
Milford on Sea	33.52	3325	2,736.4	91723	2471	94194	-123
Minstead	25.68	332	361.5	9283	247	9530	30
Netley Marsh	14.00	481	806.7	11294	358	11652	66
New Milton	48.30	47074	10,124.7	489025	34988	524013	-6187
Ringwood	73.21	40341	5,052.1	369862	29983	399846	-1255
Rockbourne	73.76	376	163.6	12068	279	12347	14
Sandleheath	18.44	167	273.5	5044	124	5168	-13
Sopley	66.39	1620	284.9	18917	1204	20121	-149
Sway	28.60	2052	1,653.7	47295	1525	48820	-430
Totton & Eling	107.49	99963	9,142.8	982758	74297	1057056	-9844
Whitsbury	21.29	114	99.3	2115	85	2200	0
Woodgreen	25.88	311	249.0	6443	231	6674	13
Whole District	65.48	403634	68500.0	4488473	300000	4788473	-48254

Questions ?