



## Great Sankey Parish Council Budget 2025-26

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	335,000
Admin	67,521
Community centres	58,500
Open spaces	58,400
Facilities investment (including new Estates Office)	68,400
Community fund	47,500
Council vehicles	17,500
Election costs	6,000
PCSO	44,100
Misc. expenses	13,750
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>716,671</b>

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept (£55.88 per Band D household)	622,671
Community centres	80,000
Misc. income	14,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>716,671</b>

### **Budget 2025-26** – why has the precept been raised?

The Parish Council has increased the precept by £7.29 per annum per Band D household with proportionate increases in the other bands. The council is committed to keeping its precept level as low as possible for residents whilst providing services which benefit communities and contribute to the well-being of residents.

Great Sankey Parish Council operates 5 community centres across the parish which provide quality, affordable space for a variety of community groups, charitable organisations and small businesses. The community centres provide childcare options at reasonable cost, as well as health and wellbeing benefits to residents with fitness groups and social clubs for all ages.

Great Sankey Parish Council also manages a number of open spaces: Tim Parry Recreation Ground, Lingley Green, Vicarage Community Park, the Parish Playing Field and Childs Wood Field. The council has made significant improvements to these outdoor spaces over the last couple of years with its in-house grounds team, particularly at Tim Parry Recreation Ground, Lingley Green and Vicarage Community Park and is determined to continue this good work at other sites. Feedback from residents has highlighted the difference such spaces make to people and the way they view their local area, and the council believes that investment in open spaces is increasingly important as housing density increases.

The increase in the precept is necessary because of the increasing operating costs for the community centres and open spaces. Hire rates have been increased from April 2025 to alleviate these costs, but kept as low as possible to avoid undue difficulties for customers. The council also has ongoing projects to address the drainage on the Parish Playing Field so that the space can be enjoyed all year round, to create community facilities at the unused Sankey Station buildings and to provide a permanent Estates Office at Childs Wood Field with associated community space alongside.