

PC237 22b) Explanation regarding salaries

Following the last meeting, clarification was sought about how the budget for salaries can cover the decision made by council to take on two assistants to the parish clerk.

See response below from the financial officer, which was sent to all councillors following the meeting:

*Dear All,*

*I have been finalising the 2022/23 year-end numbers today to provide some support over the wages for 2023/24 and have the following calculation:*

*Based on my calculation the salaries will come in at approximately £85,500 this includes a 6% uplift and pension; The precept was for £82,000 leaving a shortfall of approximately £3,500.*

*The finance & general-purpose account codes show an additional amount of income of £3,630.34 in unexpected interest. The department also shows an underspend for the year of £3,365 ringfencing a possible £6,995.34 for the increased amount.*

*We have also got precepted amounts for staff training and other staff costs in 2023/24.*

*Hopefully this clarifies everything and provides comfort in the decision made.*

*Kind Regards*