

261006 – Item 1 - Council Objectives

To prepare the budget for 2027/28, I need to know what the council's objectives are for the coming year. I have listed some the council have mentioned over the past year below, but it is important to think of potential projects to budget for them.

1. Community & Events

- Grants to community groups
- Christmas (including light installation)
- Support for local festivals, fairs, or community events
- Town Centre project – community consultation, room hire
- Public consultation or surveys for major projects
- Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting and / or volunteer party
- Asset Transfer (Toilets)

2. Open Spaces & Environment

- Open Spaces maintenance
- Allotments maintenance
- Playpark reserves – budget for future repairs/replacement
- Replace benches in Sentry
- Churchyard shed
- Biodiversity initiatives (planting, wildlife-friendly projects, pollinator areas)
- Tree planting or maintenance schemes

3. Governance, Training & Membership

- Subscriptions or membership fees (NALC, SLCC, Devon Association of Local Councils)
- Clerk or councillor professional development, including conferences (remember 2027 elections)

4. Emergency Planning & Safety

- Purchase emergency plan supplies – communications
- Emergency plan training or community resilience exercises
- VAS (£2,500 budget in 2026/27 with a further budget of £2,500 in 2027/28)

5. Digital & Equipment

- Digital infrastructure (software subscriptions, online payments)