

# Braunstone Town Council



## Council Tax Services 2021/2022

### **Braunstone Civic Centre**

Kingsway, Braunstone Town, LE3 2PP

**Tel:** 0116 2890045

**Email:** [enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk)

#### **Function rooms for up to 200 people!**

• Weddings • Parties • Conferences • Events • Community group meetings • Receptions • Dances • Exhibitions •

#### **Civic Community Lounge - Licensed Bar**

- Mon-Thurs 12:00-15:00, 17:00-23:00 •
- Fri-Sat - 12:00-23:30 • Sun - 12:00-22:30 •



### **Thorpe Astley Community Centre**

Lakin Drive, Thorpe Astley, LE3 3RU

**Tel:** 0116 2890704

**Email:** [enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk)

#### **Function rooms for up to 80 people!**

• Meeting rooms • Large main hall • Full sized football pitch • Full sized tennis courts • Multi use games area •



### **Braunstone Town Community Library**

On the grounds of Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, LE3 2PP

**Tel:** 0116 3055909

- Daily newspapers • Internet access •
- Photocopier • Computer access •

#### **Opening times:**

- Mon 2-7PM • Tues 2-5PM • Weds 10-12Noon, 2-5PM • Thurs 2-5PM • Fri 10AM-12Noon, 2-5PM • Sat 10AM-1PM • Sun CLOSED •



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Budget 2020/2021				Budget 2021/2022		
Exp.	Inc	Net Exp	Services	Exp	Inc	Net Exp
£90,091.70	£1,560.00	£88,531.70	Corporate Management	£96,371.13	£1,560.00	£94,811.13
£215,824.77	£91,971.00	£123,853.77	Braunstone Civic Centre	£232,915.69	£84,484.00	£148,431.69
£99,988.33	£40,538.00	£59,450.33	Thorpe Astley Community Centre	£111,249.82	£36,488.00	£74,761.82
£833,609.60	£636,963.00	£196,646.60	Open Spaces and Parks	£473,543.47	£261,263.00	£212,280.47
£117,863.26	£9,652.00	£108,211.26	Library/Customer Services	£73,959.60	£9,723.00	£64,236.60
£53,132.99	£100.00	£53,032.99	Community Development	£70,301.41	£100.00	£70,201.41
£37,837.35	£2,260.00	£35,577.35	Planning and Environment	£38,497.87	£2,260.00	£36,237.87
		£665,304.00				£700,961.00
Deduct from Reserves		£9,000.00		Deduct from Reserves		£9,000.00
Deduct from Library Transfer Grant		£10,000.00		Deduct from Library Transfer Grant		£10,000.00
NET PRECEPT		£646,304.00		NET PRECEPT		£681,961.00

## **Priorities for 2021/2022**

### Shakespeare Park

The Town Council continues to invest in the redevelopment of sporting and play facilities at Shakespeare Park. Once completed, the Town Council will work with the Bowls and Football Clubs to ensure the facilities can be accessed by the community, and new sports clubs are established.

### Community Centres

The Town Council is working on improvements to our community facilities at both Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre; this includes improvements to the Civic Centre toilets, enabling the Civic Community Lounge to provide food services, and improving community rooms and conferencing facilities.

### Quality of Life Services

The Town Council continues to support initiatives such as crime reduction and grants for community groups, as well as supporting the Local Area Coordinators. The Town Council also seeks to play its part on tackling climate change and poor air quality.

### Enhancing a Socially Inclusive and Vibrant Community

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, many community groups and organisations have been unable to meet resulting in additional loneliness and isolation particularly among the most vulnerable. The Town Council will work to ensure that community groups are sustainable once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. In the long term the Town Council will seek to address any gaps in services that occur. The Town Council will respond to the evolving and changing situation by developing and supporting the Covid-19 Community Response.

### Meet the needs of Thorpe Astley residents by facilitating the delivery of services and events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre

Consider ways to reduce isolation and provide better access to services for Thorpe Astley residents by providing a vibrant community centre with community groups offering a range of activities for the Thorpe Astley community.

### Braunstone Town Library

Responsibility for the management of Braunstone Town Library transferred to the Town Council in October 2019, ensuring the service is safe and will be retained. Unfortunately, plans to enhance the Library as a community facility have been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During 2021/22 the Town Council will seek the views of the community in order to shape the future of the Library.

### Thorpe Astley Open Spaces

The Town Council has been responsible for the management and maintenance of Thorpe Astley open spaces since 2014. The Town Council has completed the legal transfer of all open spaces at Thorpe Astley with the exception of Thorpe Astley Park. During 2021/22, improvements will be made to the Culvert and Thorpe Astley Park will be transferred to the Town Council's ownership. The Council will then identify future improvements needed to the parks and open spaces in Thorpe Astley.

### Lubbesthorpe

The Town Council continues monitor the impact of the Lubbesthorpe construction, particularly the new road to Thorpe Astley. The Town Council is working with the developer and Blaby District Council to landscape the land adjacent to the M1 to provide protection for residents from the new road.

### Efficient Services

Having made £35,700 in ongoing savings since 2015/2016 without impacting on the delivery of services, the Town Council continues to look to make efficiency savings while maintaining existing services. Given the financial uncertainties identified in the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning analysis, the Council will seek a saving of £18,486 over the next two financial years.

### Responding to Climate Change

In recent years the impact of climate change has become increasingly visible and awareness more widespread. During 2021/22, the Town Council will develop a Strategy and an Action Plan in order to address the impact of its own activities on the climate.