

PRECEPT- VARIATIONS FROM 2024/25 to 2025/26

detail	2024 / 25	2025 / 26	Reason for Variance
PRECEPT	£ 12,916.00	£ 25,852.00	<p>In December 2023 Abberley Parish Council purchased 13.79 acres of land for Section 106 - Public Open Space. From there the Parish Council has been transforming this arable land into a community Public Open Space. A project which is long-term and is about applying for further grant funding as well as managing Further Section 106, CiL funding that is still coming through and applying for grants to upgrade and develop the land. This has meant a considerable increase in the work of the parish and to undertake this has meant a large increase in precept by 100%. Abberley PC was previously in the lowest quartile of Parish Councils in Worcestershire, increasing their precept each year minimally to survive. A large increase was required as the Parish Council made a jump from a turnover of £16k in 2022/23 to £212,493 in 2023/24 (the year the land was purchased), to £58k in 2024/25 to £53k turnover 2025/26. Added workload, responsibility to the clerk significantly increased costs for the Clerk and funding required to sustain progress on projects to develop the arable land into Public Open Space</p>