

Buckfastleigh – Where Next?

“Engaging our Community”

Welcome

...and thanks for coming...

*Please start filling in your contact details on the sheet provided...
we want to know your views and keep you in touch*

Get to know your table

Introduce yourself to the people at your table

Take turns:

- What's your name?
- Are you involved with any local organisations/projects?
- What brings you here tonight? What's your interest?

Please keep filling in your contact sheet through the evening and don't leave without doing it...

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Programme...

- 1) Why are we here?
- 2) What is the role of the Town Council?
- 3) Money – How much do we have? What do we spend it on?
- 4) What does the town need?
- 5) What will it cost & How do we get it done?
- 6) Where Next?

Why are we here?

We want to...

- Discuss What the Town Council is for...What it does and what it could do
- Show how the Town Council spends our money
- Identify & prioritise projects & activities that we want to start or keep
- Look at ways of delivering these and how they could be funded and run
- Identify the ones to aim for in 2017/18

Aims for this evening

- Have a clear idea of the role of the Town Council
- Knowing where the TC money comes from and how it is spent
- Have an idea of projects for the future
- Have a list of projects to keep/start in 2017/18
- Ideas for how to make these a reality

Buckfastleigh Town Council

- What is it good for?

Feedback?

Buckfastleigh Town Council

- What is it good for?

1) Represent our community...

- Liase with authorities – central & regional government, Health Service, Police etc...
- Communicate information that affects the community
- Advocate for the community (especially with these bodies)

Buckfastleigh Town Council

- What is it good for?

1) Represent our community

2) Work in partnership for community benefit...

- Partner with community groups, voluntary organisations, local authorities, neighbouring councils etc...
- Help make resources, facilities, skills & funding available
- Support to initiate, facilitate & resource community-led initiatives

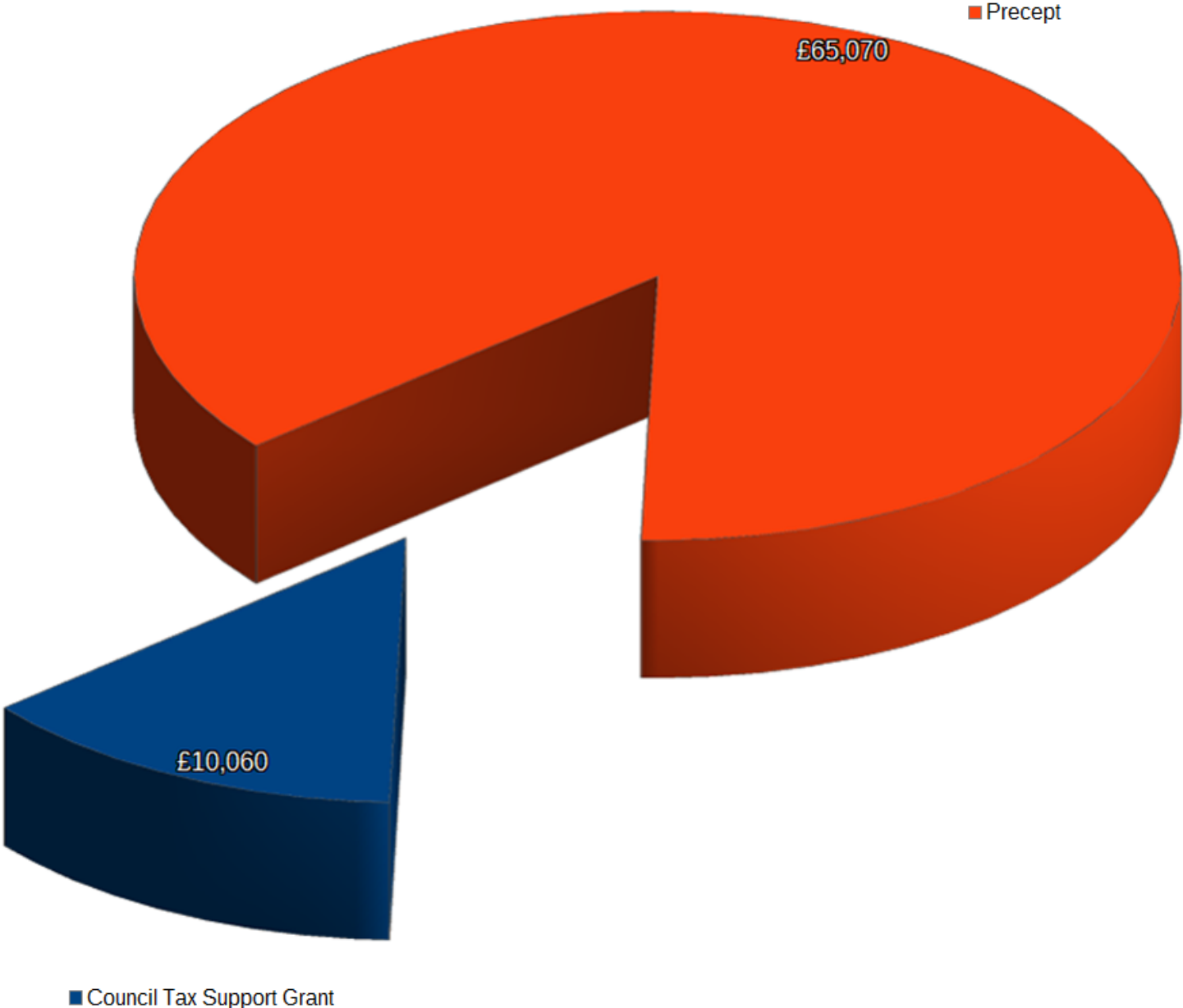
Buckfastleigh Town Council

- What is it good for?

- 1) Represent our community
- 2) Work in partnership for community benefit
- 3) Provide services & facilities directly to the community

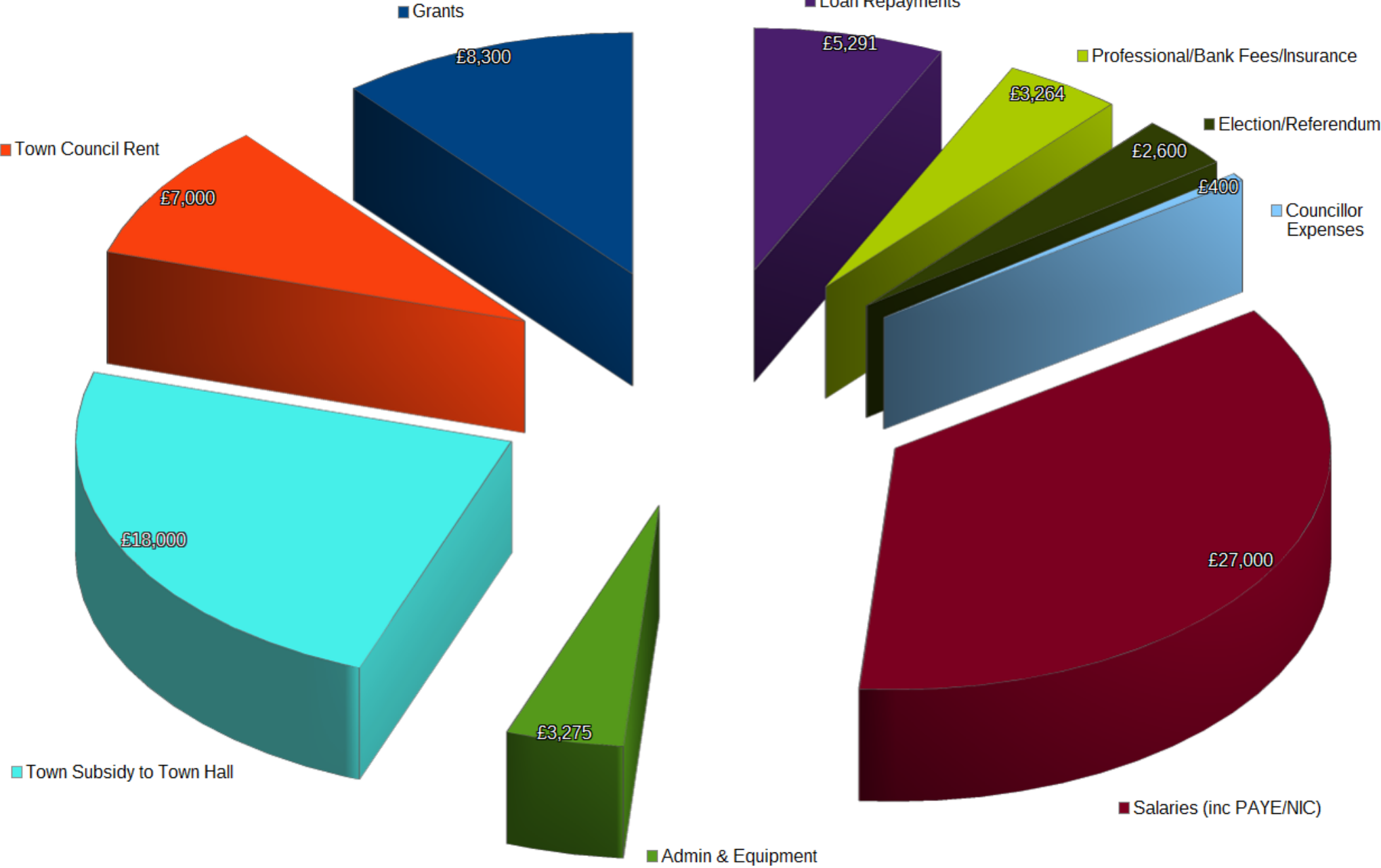
Town Council Income 2016-17

Total: £75,130



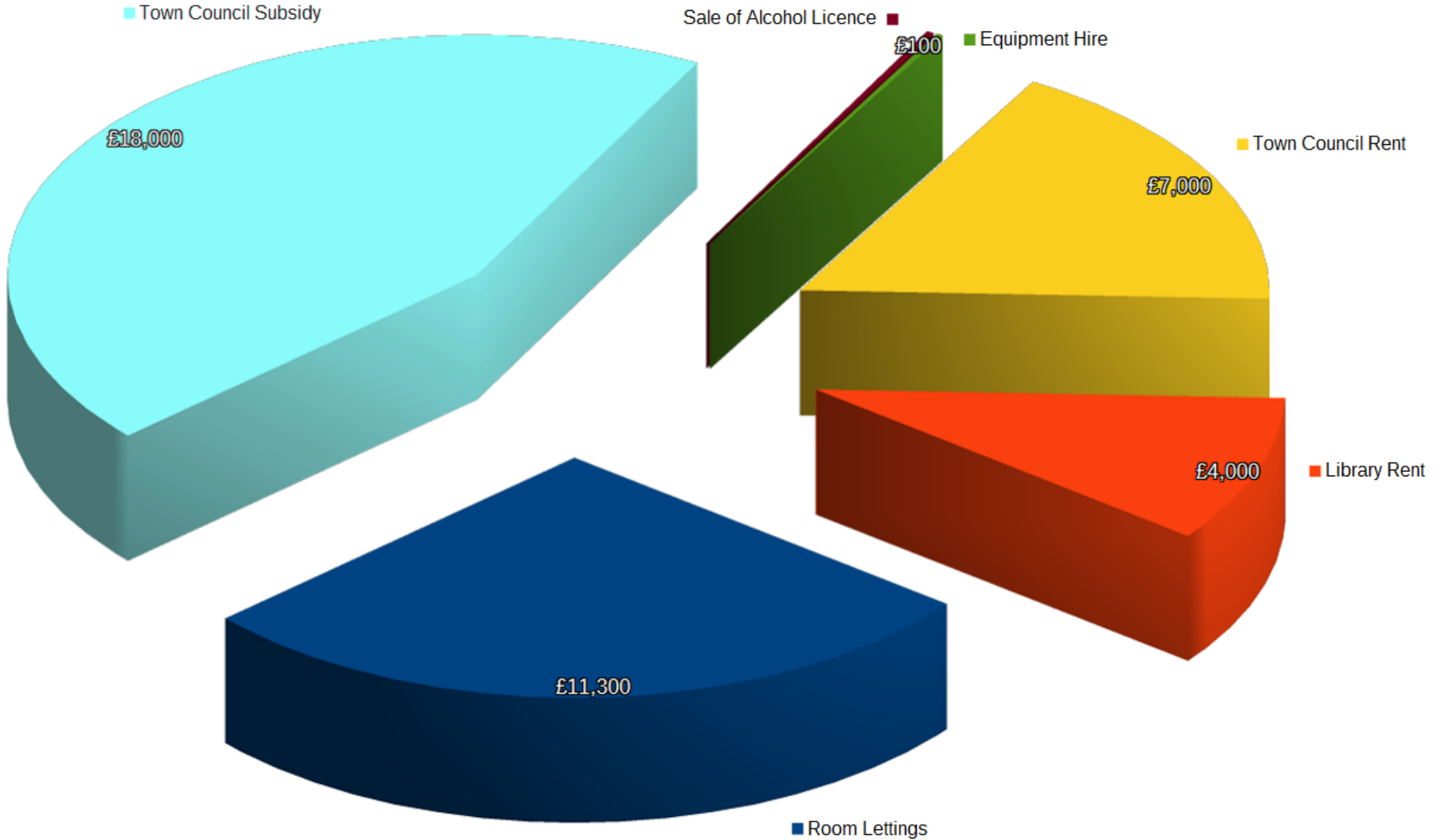
Town Council Expenditure 2016-17

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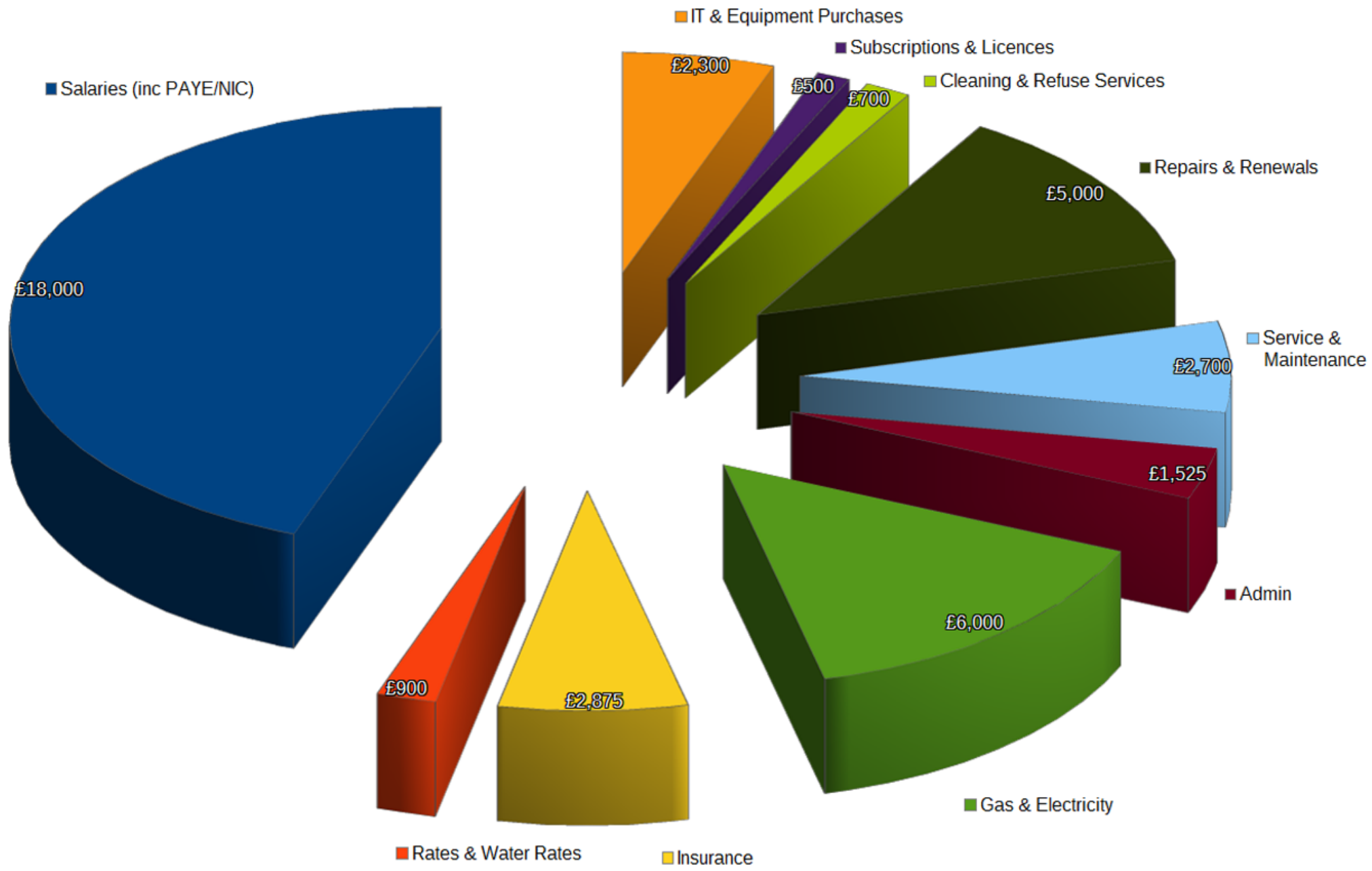
Town Hall Income 2016-17

Total: £40,500



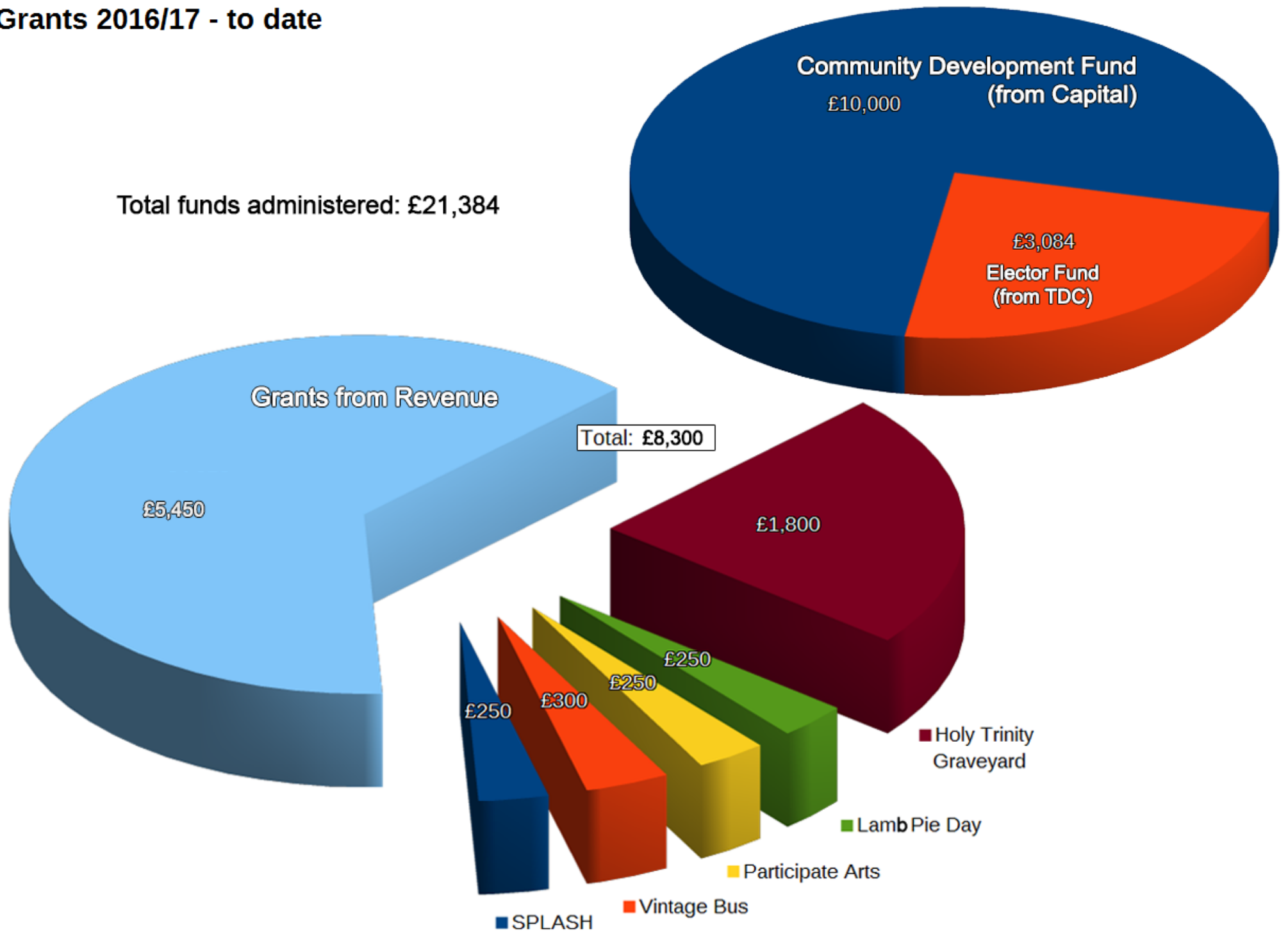
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Grants 2016/17 - to date

Total funds administered: £21,384



Teignbridge Elector Fund - £1.10 per member of the parish electorate = 2803 x £1.10 = £3,084

££ Money ££

How much money do each of us spend on all this?

Council Tax Precept Calculator

- How much this year?
- How much does it cost us to raise an amount of money?
- How much next year?

££ Money ££

What are your thoughts on current spending?

- Are we right to spend money on the Town Hall?
- Are we right to pay grants to local groups and who should they be?
- Should we support more groups and projects in the town?
- Where should the money come from?
- ??

Tables - discussion

You have approximately 30 minutes - You will find some projects already under discussion for next year at the tables...

- What initiatives/projects do you think need supporting
- What is needed (support, resources, funding, tools)?
- What can you offer to help make this happen?
- What help is needed from the Town Council?
- What might the costs be?

Remember:

• Please try and prioritise the top 2 or three projects/initiatives to feedback to the whole group.
Make sure everyone gets a chance to speak and be heard... Not just the ones with the loudest voices!

Feedback

- What were your priority projects?
- Any idea of the costs?
- What else is needed to make them work?

...Please keep it brief!

How do we get things done?

- Lobby councils and groups to do them
- Get local volunteers to do them – fundraise and get grants
- Raise funds as Town Council, organise projects and pay for it to be done for us

Sources of funding

- **Grants (& Donations)** – from Lottery, Government, Charities, Business – usually One-off
- **Reserves** – One-off
- **Loans** – Fixed rate Public Works Board Loans available to Councils at excellent interest rates - One-off
- **Council Tax Precept** - Ongoing

What Next?

- *Review objectives*
- More consultation...?
- Set budget for 2017/18
- Start identifying & preparing projects for 2018/19

...make sure you complete as much of your feedback sheet as possible and leave it here – we want your views and want to keep you in touch...