



Budleigh Salterton Town Council

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Budleigh Salterton Town Council has been contacted by a number of residents enquiring about the 36% rise in the proportion of the annual Council Tax collected on behalf of the Council. The Town Council's share of the Council Tax (Precept) has historically been very low and remains a small proportion of total tax bill (approx. 2.76%). Over the previous three years the total annual increase in the Precept has been 5% (1.6%pa).

This year the Town Council has had substantial outgoings in order to carry out major structural repairs to the Public Hall, while due to Covid restrictions the income received from hiring out the Hall has been limited.

Further, due to Covid, the Council has made several donations to local charities which help families in need. With the ongoing pandemic the Town Council expects to make further similar donations this year. The Council is also aware that some community groups and organisations may need additional financial support to enable them to restart after the pandemic and continue into the future.

While Councillors appreciate the 36% rise, £1.37p pcm for a band D property, may seem excessive they feel it is necessary in order to maintain the appropriate level of service and support to the town. A copy of the full budget can be found on the Town Council website where you can also find details of all payments made by the Town Council in the last 12 months.

If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact the Town Council using the details at the top of this page.

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