

District Council report March 2024

TAX SETTING 2024/2025

A Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 5th March to consider Tax setting for the coming financial year.

The current administration and officers prepared a budget in line with services and projects going forward for the year. They arrived at an increase for all residents of the NSDC area of 2.99%.

The Conservative Group; my group, put in an amendment to the budget figure.

Our group was in agreement and supported the majority of the budget as it seemed to continue funding and building on many of the plans put in place under our previous leadership. We also acknowledged plans that were in the pipeline coming forward from the new administration which is made up of Labour, Independents and Liberals.

We sought to adjust the budget to enable a REDUCTION in the council tax to 1.94%.

Maintaining the quality of our services is key, and at times of financial constraints we need to look closely at where extra budget requested is being spent, and whether or not it represents value for money for residents.

The administration seeks to raise council tax partly to fund "Music and Art and taking Museum objects into the community " this comes at an EXTRA cost of £95,000!

This figure; £95,000 was voted through by the Administration in spite of the District Council being in receipt of a £927,000 Arts grant only last year.

Council Tax for the year 2024/2025 will be subject to an increase of 2.99%.

Kerbside Glass Collection

Kerbside Glass recycling bins are being delivered to homes across the area. If it is hoped the rollout will be completed by the end of April.

Bins will be silver with a teal lid. Residents are able to start using them once they arrive.

More information about what can and cannot go into the bins and an emptying rota will follow shortly.

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