



New Romney Town Council – Press Release

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Precept 2021-22

New Romney Town Council can confirm that it has set its Precept for 2021-22 at £361,000. The Council was mindful of the need to ensure that adequate financial provision has been made to offset continually rising costs to the Town Council which are regrettable but yet unavoidable and to be able to continue to engage in a number of capital projects on a variety of scales which will bring new or improved amenities to the Town. However, it was also very concerned, this year, about the negative financial impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on its local residents. Therefore, it worked extremely hard to balance these issues, aiming to ensure that the Town Council element of the average Band D Council Tax Bill would see no increase in the 2021-22 financial year.

As a result of the usual detailed and carefully considered budget setting process, the approved New Romney Town Council Precept requirement for 2021-22 resulted in a ZERO PERCENT increase in the Town Council element of the Council Tax this year, with this element of the average Band D Council Tax Bill remaining unchanged at £131.08 per year or £10.92 per month (£2.52 per week).

New Romney Town Council is a very pro-active Council which prides itself in working hard to improve and enhance the local area for the benefit of the local community. It is also extremely proud to have been so involved in supporting its community throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic this past year, including working closely with other organisations to deliver vital local support services and providing residents with regular and up to date information via the Town Council's website and social media pages, whilst also putting in place new health and hygiene measures for all of its outdoor spaces, play and exercise equipment to ensure that they have remained open and available for use.

New Romney Town Council is, therefore, delighted to have been able to achieve its aim to set a Precept that has taken account of the substantial and unavoidable financial challenges which it has faced during the past year. Most importantly, we have achieved our aim of avoiding any increase in the Town Council element of the Council Tax that local residents will pay from April 2021.

Councillor Paul Thomas, Mayor of New Romney, observed: "Despite increased financial pressures, New Romney Town Council has set a budget for 2021/22 which takes account of the need to respond to the current fiscal uncertainties that remain as a result of the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic, whilst ensuring it can meet its financial obligations in delivering a high quality service and progressing the delivery of major new facilities for the local community. At the same time, the Council has recognised the negative financial burden that the Pandemic has also placed on its residents and has ensured that it does not increase this burden further".

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