



DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

Budget Set for 2021-2022

Dursley Town Council has set its budget for the coming financial year, recognising the difficulties that the community has faced during the Covid pandemic.

The Mayor, Councillor Neil Grecian said, *“we have agreed not to raise our share of the Council Tax for the coming year; we recognise that people and families in our community continue to face difficulties and challenges due to the pandemic and, as a Council, we do not want to add to any financial pressure”*.

The budget agreed will keep the Council Tax costs for Dursley Town Council at £207.22 per year which equates to £3.99 per week on a Band D household.

The Council also agreed not to raise its fees and charges related to the Cemetery, Allotments and hire of recreational facilities for 2021-2022.

The Town Council will continue to manage and maintain Kingshill Cemetery, Allotments, the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Kingshill Play Park and Highfields Play Area, as well as the Long Street Car Park and parts of the town centre. Small project and improvement work will continue. The agreed budget includes some additional hours for part-time staff to increase capacity.

The Council will continue to support local volunteer run groups and organisations including Dursley in Bloom, Dursley Welcomes Walkers and Festive Dursley. It is hoped that the town's annual events, including the 'Summer Festival', will be able to return in 2021.

The Council will continue to run a grants programme. In 2020/21 Council approved awards totalling £48,729 to local groups/organisations.

The Council will continue to fund youth work in the town which will include 4 youth sessions per week at The Vibe Youth Centre, once restrictions lift and it can safely reopen. The trial Visitor Information Centre in the Library is in place and will continue over 2021, ready for when restrictions lift and the town can fully open for visitors.

The Council will also continue to work in partnership with others including Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council.

EXPENDITURE

Green Spaces Maintenance	£ 163,698
Town Improvements & Amenities	£ 63,978
Youth Services	£ 40,000
Community Grants	£ 36,000
Council Administration	£ 190,075
Other Services	£ 30,849
TOTAL	£ 524,600

INCOME

Use of Reserves	£ -
Other Income	£ 24,300
Council Tax	£ 500,300
TOTAL	£ 524,600

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