

Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Councillor Report – March 2022

BUDGET MATTERS

You will no doubt have received your Council Tax Bills. To clarify, if you live in a Band A – D property and are eligible for the £150 rebate AND you pay your bill by direct debit the £150 will be credited into your account in a separate payment. If you do not pay your bill by Direct Debit you may need to make a claim but we are still waiting final details on this. I will let you know when I know more.

At the bottom of this document are two shopping receipts..... The first is related to the forthcoming financial year 22/23 and the one on the right relates to the 2019/20 financial year, the year before the pandemic. It is set out as a shopping list so you can see exactly what your council tax is spent on. It is based on a Band D property. It won't take you long to spot the two largest amounts which relate to Social Care but you may find some of the other figures interesting.

If you have any questions drop me an email or give me a call always happy to have a chat.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

There have been a number of instances recently where residents have been unaware of planning applications being lodged. Site notices should be posted on the property affected but neighbours are no longer notified by letter. Parish Councils are automatically alerted by Shropshire Council. The best way residents can make sure they are kept up to speed is to set up a planning alert via your website. It's also a great way to drive traffic through your site etc. Please advertise this option so more people sign up.

CYBER SECURITY

The Council has been subjected to increased attempts from Cyber Hackers, it is very likely this is related to the conflict in Ukraine. This is not only affecting major government institutions and organisations but can also affect us as individuals. The way this usually occurs is via phishing emails, the most sound advice is if it's from an address you don't recognise or it doesn't look right – don't open it. Make sure you have good anti hack software and more advice can be found by visiting <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

UKRAINE

You will have seen the terrible footage from Ukraine in the news. Shropshire Council is ready and willing to help with welcoming refugees in the same way that we did for Syria and Afghanistan. The Home Office has now announced a housing scheme and it is wonderful that, at time of writing, nearly 100,000 people have offered accommodation. This is alongside the incredible support both financial and via donations to many organisations national and local who have made trips to the Polish border to take out supplies.

COVID

Just a gentle reminder that Covid cases in the County are very high, in fact this week we have seen almost a 100% increase in cases from last week and we are way above the average for the West Midlands and England. Please be cautious, keep your distance, wash your hands and wear a mask in enclosed spaces even though there is no legal requirement to do so. Please look after yourself and those around you.

Lezley Picton

Shropshire Councillor for the Tern Division

2022/23 Council Tax Receipt for Band D Property

2019/20 Council Tax Receipt for Band D Property

	
-----2022/23 Council Tax Receipt-----	
Charges for a Band D Property	

	£
** UNIVERSAL SERVICES **	
* Buses and Sustainable Transport	45.63
* Highways and Environmental Maintenance	117.04
* Leisure and Outdoor Spaces	21.87
* Libraries	20.78
* Registrars, Coroners and Bereavement Services	0.02
* Theatre, Arts, Museums and Archives	6.79
* Trading Standards, Licensing, Regulatory Services, Public Health and Community Safety	21.62
* Waste and Recycling Collections	231.13
** ADULT SERVICES **	
* Adult Social Care	799.03
* Housing, Housing Benefits and Welfare	41.93
** CHILDREN'S SERVICES **	
* Children and Families Early Help Services and Youth Services	18.23
* Children's Social Care	307.29
* Education, Schools and Home to School Transport	84.08
** ECONOMIC GROWTH **	
* Broadband - Rural Rollout	0.89
* Economic Growth	8.21
* Planning	8.73
** LOCAL GOVERNMENT RUNNING COSTS **	
* Climate Change Task Force	3.62
* Customer Services	13.94
* Directors and Senior Staff	17.67
* Elections and Democratic Services	13.80
* Financing Costs - Debt Repayment and Interest Payments	118.88
* Organisational Administration, Insurance, Property Costs and Pension Compensation Payments	33.48
* Support Services - Finance, Legal, Audit, HR, Procurement, Communications and ICT Services	119.91

** VOUCHER **	**
** INCOME AND OTHER FUNDING TO SUPPLEMENT COUNCIL TAX **	
* Car Parking Income (Net of Costs)	-20.23
* Non Ring-Fenced Grants	-318.65
* Use of Council Reserves	-154.59

TOTAL TO PAY	1,561.11

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2019/20 Council Tax Receipt	
Charges for a Band D Property	

	£
** UNIVERSAL SERVICES **	
* Buses and Community Transport	36.58
* Highways	106.51
* Leisure and Outdoor Spaces	11.98
* Libraries	14.17
* Registrars, Coroners and Bereavement Services	2.07
* Theatre, Arts, Museums and Archives	0.83
* Trading Standards, Licensing, Regulatory Services and Community Safety	21.26
* Waste and Recycling Collections	188.01
** ADULT SERVICES **	
* Adult Social Care	605.05
* Housing	15.78
* Public Health - Substance misuse, sexual health services, health checks, smoking cessation	3.31
** CHILDREN'S SERVICES **	
* Children and Families Early Help Services and Youth Services	8.02
* Children's Social Care	159.96
* Children with Disabilities	13.00
** ECONOMIC GROWTH **	
* Broadband - Rural rollout	0.89
* Economic Growth	5.84
* Planning	6.24
** EDUCATION **	
* Education and Schools	9.62
* Home to School Transport	70.53
** LOCAL GOVERNMENT RUNNING COSTS **	
* Customer Services	13.65
* Directors and Senior Staff	32.08
* Elections and Democratic Services	13.09
* Financing Costs - Debt repayment and interest payments	57.97
* Insurance and Property Costs	61.67
* Organisational Administration	6.53
* Pension Compensation Payments	9.54
* Support Services - Finance, legal, audit, HR, procurement, commissioning and ICT services	91.36

** VOUCHER **	**
** INCOME TO SUPPLEMENT COUNCIL TAX **	
* Car Parking Income	-35.33
* Non Ring-Fenced Grants	-142.00

TOTAL TO PAY	1,388.23

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