

PRESS RELEASE

Members agreed a total precept of £720,478.78 which meant that a Band D property would be paying £60.73 for all the Town Council services for the year beginning 1st April 2011. This compares with £60.77 in the current financial year.

Despite this standstill in the charge made to each household, the various Committee Chairmen pointed to a number of projects that will be included within the budget in the forthcoming Financial Year. These include refurbishments to the ladies washroom at the Radstock Lane Community Centre, a considerable upgrade to the Skate Park at Sol Joel Park, as well as a continuing programme to replace an old bus shelter with a newer, low maintenance version. The Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor Shakeel Khan, in proposing the budget and precept, stated that it was because of the prudent management of the Council's accounts, together with an unqualified audit report, which allowed the Council to continue with important developments while not increasing the cost to local tax payers. He also stated that, in accordance with recommendations from the Council's Internal Auditor, the general fund balances would be maintained at the recommended level of two months net expenditure.

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