



HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

NEWS RELEASE

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HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL FREEZES COUNCIL TAX AGAIN FOR 2017/18

Hertford Town Council has agreed to freeze its portion of the Council Tax for Hertford's residents. At a meeting of the Full Council last night, councillors unanimously agreed the proposal, and commended the work undertaken to achieve it.

Unlike District and County Councils, Town Councils do not receive funding from the Government support their portion of the Council Tax.

Chairman of the Finance, Policy and Administration Committee, Cllr. Chantal Geall said: "Sound management of our finances has been a priority issue for Hertford Town Council, enabling us to freeze the Council Tax for a fourth consecutive year. Our budget is carefully considered and sustainable, maintaining prudent levels of reserves whilst investing in existing services and new projects and initiatives to meet the needs of our town and its residents."

Projects and services to benefit from funding for the coming financial year will include:

- Provision of the Town & Tourist Information Centre in its new location, hanging baskets, an extension Town Centre Wi-Fi, Christmas Lights, match funding of the Taxi Marshal Scheme and continued funding of the CCTV coverage in town.
- The popular events programme at Hertford Castle will continue.
- Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Sele Ward followed by a Neighbourhood plan for the Bengoe Ward..
- continued support of the very popular allotments at six sites in Hertford, Hertingfordbury and Bengoe.

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