

Report from Councillor Andrew Swain, District Councillor for Kenn Valley Ward
of Teignbridge District Council
to Dunchideock Parish Council, 14th January 2020

The TDC budget is being prepared. Initial proposals are out for consultation and the final version will be adopted in February.

TDC keeps less than 10 pence in the pound of Council Tax collected with the rest going to Devon County Council, Emergency Services and Parish Councils.

There have been relentless reductions in central government funding, e.g. the Revenue Support Grant which used to provide £4.5 million funding for public services is now nil and this situation appears set to continue.

The Chief Financial Officer for TDC predicts that it will no longer be possible to balance the books in three years time, unless action is taken now and sustained.

The proposed budget for this year includes:

A Council Tax increase of £5 a year for the average Band D household. That is about 3% or 10p per week.

Staffing restructures and a recent senior management restructure that will create budget savings in future years.

A more commercial approach to the services provided by TDC aimed at generating more income.
Removal of the Rural Aid Grant.

A reduction in the Councillors Locality Grant.

The new Budget will:

Fulfil the manifesto pledge to fund a Climate Change Officer.

Assign much needed extra resources to Planning Enforcement

Ensure additional resources for refuse and recycling as demands increase.

Expect no increase in the green waste subscription charge.

Teignbridge residents can let councillors know what they think by completing the [‘Budget Consultation 2020-2021’ survey](#) on the Council’s website before 31 January.