

TDC Update – Manningtree – February 2017

CONFIDENT, CONSTRUCTIVE AND OPTIMISTIC BUDGET FOR TENDRING

Tendring's budget for the coming year will continue to build on strong foundations and provide a diverse range of services to residents at a cost of just £3 a week.

That was the promise from Tendring District Council (TDC) Leader Neil Stock at a meeting of the Full Council 7th February.

He said this would be achieved despite the national backdrop of unprecedented cuts to local government finances.

“This is a confident, constructive and optimistic budget,” he said. “This Council strives to be creative, innovative and positive no matter what and we will continue to deliver for our residents and improve and enhance this amazing district for the good of all.”

TDC's share of the Council Tax bill will rise by £5 in 2017/18 for an average Band D property.

Cllr Stock said the aim is to build Council Tax and Business Rates income over the coming years in a bid to limit budget reductions elsewhere.

“With this firmly in mind we have to put money into the long term financial stability of the Council,” he added. “This will provide future generations with a Council that can still deliver quality services to local people.”

Cllr Stock said that TDC has set aside around £4million from new homes bonus to achieve this with more than £2 million for the Garden Communities Project; £1 million for a public realm project in Harwich; £500,000 for starter homes in Jaywick Sands and a further £100,000 to be added to the £500,000 already earmarked for 100 per cent superfast broadband coverage of Tendring.

There is also £65,000 in the pot to bring back the Women's Tour cycle race to the District.

“This is all about helping us build our economy and therefore strengthen our local business and Council Tax base as well as providing exciting projects for residents,” he added.

Cllr Stock said the Council faces considerable cost pressures – such as £4.3 million bill for waste, recycling and street cleaning contracts – and these are difficult to lower without cutting services.

He said the underlying principle in past years was to make savings while protecting frontline services and £12 million had been removed from the budget over that time.

“However, given the scale of the savings required over the next two years and beyond this line is becoming increasingly difficult to hold; in fact, it's going to be impossible.” Cllr Stock urged anyone with ideas of how further savings could be made to put their views forward.

LETTER TO C/EXECUTIVE REGARDING PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

Dear Electoral Registration Officer

Last year, the Boundary Commission for England published and consulted on our initial proposals for new constituency boundaries. We received nearly 20,000 responses to that consultation.

The next stage of the 2018 Review is for us to publish all those representations so that others may comment on them. I write to you today to inform you that we intend to publish all the representations on Tuesday 28 February 2017, and invite comments on them for four weeks until Monday 27 March 2017.

All representations will be published on our website at www.bce2018.org.uk. The Commission would like to encourage you and your council to take time to see what others have said about our initial proposals, and add your views to those. We would also ask you to assist us by publicising this consultation as widely as possible in your local authority area. Following the secondary consultation, the Commission will be considering all representations received from both consultations, and will consider whether any revisions are needed. If we decide to revise the proposals, we will consult on the revised boundaries. We currently expect any such consultation to happen towards the end of 2017, or in early 2018. Thank you for your continued interest in and assistance with the 2018 Parliamentary boundary review. Yours sincerely,

Glenn Reed | Review Manager - **Boundary Commission for England**

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MORE TIME GIVEN TO APPLY FOR FREE PARKING PERMIT

Residents across Tendring will have more time to apply for their popular free parking permit this year.

An early decision was made to continue with the scheme in a bid to reduce the rush and the high number of calls taken over a short period of time in 2016.

Tendring District Council (TDC) has agreed to go ahead under the same terms and conditions with applications and renewals available from (January 10).

Last year's virtual permits will not run out until March 31 and the time limit will be extended for existing holders until they have completed the task.

New applicants need to be aware they will need to have their Council Tax number for the application to be successful.

General Information:

If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.

Dates for this year's Tending Highways Panel meetings are:-

- **Thursday 23 March**
- **Thursday 8 June**
- **Thursday 14 September**
- **Thursday 7 December**

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Weeley, commencing at 5pm.

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