



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

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No Increase in Council Tax for Hailsham Town Council

7 February 2019

Hailsham Town Council has agreed to a 0% rise for its share of the council tax.

The Town Council adopted the recommendation put forward by the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee for the next financial year (April 2019 to March 2020) and agreed a precept of £1,059,811.

This means that council tax for a Band D property in Hailsham will be £138.55, which represents a 0% increase on the previous year.

In making the recommendations for the budget, the Town Council aims to provide continuing security for essential services for residents and visitors alike with value for money improvements where possible.

"The Town Council has agreed to not increase its share of the council tax for the next financial year," said Councillor Chriss Triandafyllou, chairman of the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee.

"All local authorities have a public duty to keep council tax increases to a minimum and, despite having the same financial pressures as all other local authorities, we have shown that, with careful financial planning, we can achieve a no-increase council tax precept without compromising essential services for the community."

"Our focus for the next year will be to continue to ensure all services are run as efficiently as possible, including the running of the franchise for the new post office and additional grass cutting."

Council taxpayers should be aware that only a small percentage of the council tax demand goes to Hailsham Town Council - the remaining percentage goes to Wealden District Council, East Sussex County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Service for the services they provide.

Locally, the Town Council is committed to supporting community-based initiatives and voluntary organisations, and throughout the next 12 months, will continue to work hard and drive forward initiatives to promote the town as a key location to live, work and visit, helping to boost the local economy.

If you require any further information on the Town Council budget for 2019/20 please contact John Harrison (Town Clerk) on 01323 841702 or by email: john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

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