

Have your say on Council tax and spending Plans

People have until the 16th December 2022, to have a say on the county council tax and spending proposals.

The council is consulting on;

- Proposed total increase of 2.99% - 1.9% for general Council tax and 1% for Adult Social Care precept.
- People views on a rise of 4.1%, as the council has set in previous, and 10.1% - in line with inflation (which would require an referendum).

Savings proposal;

- Reducing open hours of Norfolk Record office from 28 hour a week to 22.5 hours a week.
- Reducing weed spraying activities on the Highway from twice a year to one a year.
- Reducing summer open hours at recycling centres and closing all recycling centres on Wednesdays

Finding will be considered by cabinet on the 30th January 2023, before the full council finalises the budget on 21st February 2023.

Wells-next-the-sea

I have spoken with Highways with the questions from the Town council, to which I have added below:

- Will there be a feasible study at Station Road?

I did speak to Steve White about the possibility in March 2022, but never received a reply to that email. I have spoken with Steve White and he is speaking with NCC officers to see if this is feasible. At this moment time I have heard anything further but will follow up.

- Will there be a report providing recommendations and solutions for the parking and traffic problems in Wells?

I have spoken to Steve White stating that Ian Gregory has failed to provide a report as promised and that Steve has spoken to Ian Gregory and stated that they will be a update very shortly, but as of at the moment no further update has been given.

Once I have received an update from Ian Gregory, I will forward the report to the Town Council.

- Can arrangements be made for the refund of the £750 paid to the parish partnership scheme?

With regard to the gateways, we still have the original order. One will be OK but we will also need to order a smaller (narrower) one. Considering how much costs are escalating I would suggest this is the best way forward. I can arrange for a refund if preferred but any future proposal will be considerably more expensive. (Email from Steve White).

Please can the Town Council let me know if it wants to continue with a refund?

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