



Penrith Town Council

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No increase in Council tax proposed by Penrith Town Council as 2023-24 budgets approved

On Monday 23 January, Penrith Town Council agreed the budget for 2023/24 resulting in a 0% increase to Penrith Town Council's part of the Council tax bill.

This means that the typical household in Penrith, with a property valued in Band B, will see the Town Council's Council Tax maintained at £64.63, representing about £1.24 per week.

Cllr. Charlie Shepherd, Chair of Penrith Town Council said:

"I am pleased that we have been able to agree and maintain a 0% increase for the third year in a row.

With the on-going problems associated with the pandemic and the cost-of-living challenges, we feel that an increase would again be inappropriate.

We have therefore reallocated resources to ensure there will not be any shortfall in Council services, whilst also allowing us to respond to initiatives and schemes of work that would have previously been undertaken by Penrith Business Improvement District (BID) for the benefit of the Town's residents."

The unfortunate outcome of the BID revote in December 2022 has meant that the Council has had to step in to support some of the BID's projects that it felt the community valued.

The 2023/24 budget reflects this and has sought to provide the resources to allow town greening, Christmas light provision and town dressing to continue into 2023.

Notes to editor:

Penrith Town Council's part of the Council tax bill is called the Precept and is the amount the Town Council asks from Eden District Council as a proportion of the Council Tax paid by householders of Penrith. The Council utilises the precept, to provide services and to deliver the Council Plan.

Penrith Town Council have an overall budget £575,665, with a precept requirement of £468,295.

This is an increase on the last financial year's precept of £455,209- but will not result in an increase in Penrith Town Council's part of the Council tax bill for residents as there is an increase in the number of properties paying the precept amount.

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