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NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMS BUDGET FOR 2011/12

At the Town Hall last night, Newbury Town Councillors unanimously set the precept for the ratepayers of Newbury for the coming year.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Ifor Sheldon, said, "The Council has set a prudent but realistic budget and I am pleased to report that the precept remains at £71.97p per annum for Band D tax payers, which is the same as last year."

"With the country still in a severe financial crisis and with so many services being cut and the price of everyday living increasing dramatically, the last thing our constituents needed at this time was a further financial burden from this Council. The zero increase was achieved through a number of initiatives which included saving around £6,000 on the grounds maintenance contract and despite not increasing service charges for the market and allotment holders."

Deputy Leader, Cllr Julian Swift-Hook, said, "By taking account of suggestions from all Councillors, once again this year we have been able to agree the Town Council's budget across the political divide, which means that Newbury households will pay the same for their Town Council this year as they did last year."

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