

PRESS RELEASE

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NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMS BUDGET FOR 2012/13

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 Julian Swift-Hook, said, "Once again, I am delighted to be able to say that the Town Council's budget has been approved unanimously after a very constructive discussion and debate. This means that in the coming year, Newbury Town Council will continue to deliver excellent value for money to the citizens of Newbury for less than the price of half a pint of beer per Band D household per week. And since most of the homes in Newbury are on council tax bands A, B, and C, most households in Newbury will in fact pay even less than this.

"I'm grateful to members on all sides of this chamber for their input, and although weren't able to adopt all of the suggestions that came forward, I think all members can be justifiably proud of the outcome, both for the town and as a practical demonstration of the best aspects of local democracy in action."

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Notes to Editors:

The Town Council has set a precept of £970,607, or £75.53 per Band D household per annum. After last year's zero increase, this is a less than 7p increase per average (Band D) household per week. Unlike the District Council, the Town Council does not receive a subsidy from Government.

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