

Market Town's Forum Meeting 25/11/2015.

Councillor Patricia Morgan, Deputy Leader HCC, answered the questions. Council Tax Support Grant, All but 5 parishes will have their grant withdrawn from April 2016, Ledbury is one of the 5 parishes that will continue to receive the grant but it will be reduced from April 2016 and phased out completely over the next 3 years. The other 4 parishes, with the same arrangements are: - Bromyard, Kington, Leominster and Kentchurch. This proposal is still to be ratified by Cabinet on December 3rd.

The Deputy Leader stated that Parishes will receive all of the precept they ask for, an open invitation for Parishes to raise their precepts by more than 2%, without question.

The Budget Consultation results are available on the HCC website; Cllr Morgan would forward the PowerPoint slides to members via the Clerk.

The Lengthsman/P3 schemes will be reduced from 2017/18, but are safe for next year, still to be confirmed, though.

CIL charges. The process of setting CIL charges has begun but will possibly not be ready for adoption until late 2016.

A spreadsheet showing the position regarding Asset transfers, for each Town, will be forwarded to the Town Councils via the clerk.

The Council is working with many sports clubs to ensure the management of sports pitches and open spaces.

Parishes will not receive any funds from the New Homes Bonus, paid to the County by central Government. The target for new homes in Herefordshire was 16,500.

Herefordshire Council's Constitution is at present going through scrutiny. When adopted the new Constitution will be circulated.

Councillor Brian Wilcox is standing for election to NALC large Council Committee, and would welcome any support.

Cllr R Barnes.
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