

## **Update from Cllr David Finch**

### Budget 19/20 headlines

Despite our efforts, inflation, price increases, population growth and greater demand for services means we need to increase Council Tax by 2.99% and use the 1% Social Care precept. Taking these increases into account, the Council tax for a band D property will be £1270.44: this is an increase of £0.94 per week

There are major road improvements planned in conjunction with the development of housing across the County and the County's Capital programme is £249m – major elements are £117m on highways, £87m on schools and £14m on Broadband

The Council's organisational strategy is focussed on the following key areas for 18/19 and 19/20:

- a. Enable inclusive economic growth
- b. Help people get the best start and age well
- c. Help create great places to grow up, live and work
- d. Transform the Council to achieve more with less

Should Councillors want a copy of the 173-page strategy I will be happy to provide an electronic copy!

As always, I'm happy to deal with any issues or problems discussed at your meeting

Best wishes

David Finch – County Councillor