



North Petherton Town Council

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North Petherton Town Council 2024/25 Budget

North Petherton Town Council wants to provide a better service to the residents of the area, as the those offered by Somerset County will be largely neglected as their financial crisis bites.

Over the past few years North Petherton Town Council, which includes the communities of North Petherton, North Newton, Moorland, Chadmead, Somerset Bridge, Wilstock and Stockmoor, has grown in stature and it is now the eleventh largest council in Somerset (by number of Band D equivalent homes) , and encompasses a very large geographic area stretching from the Quantocks to the Somerset Levels.

In recent years, as both the now defunct Sedgemoor District Council and Somerset Council made cuts to services, the Town Council has stepped up to provide the funding so that services for the area continue, this includes amenities such as public toilets, an excellent library service, playground provision and some street cleaning.

The Mayor of North Petherton Town Council explains “This year, when deciding our spending plans for 2024 and beyond we have to consider the prospect of Somerset Council issuing a section 114 notice, effectively declaring bankruptcy, with all the effects on non-statutory and statutory services that will result. This extra work will mean that the Town Council will need significant extra administration support and operational capacity, possibly with accommodation that has sufficient space to store materials and equipment. Even though we are making such plans to move forwards and we hope to maintain and even improve current service levels, the purchase of the some of the machinery that is likely to be required is beyond the reach of the Town Council, in those circumstances we will have to find contractors to do the work.



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The Town Council also intends to provide increased services, building on established foundations such as by providing youth outreach workers, with the aim of diverting young people away from anti-social behavior.

In order to meet the costs of providing services for the area we will be increasing the precept taken by this Council per household by an average of £62. [£61.72 for a Band D property] This will mean an increase of around an extra £1 per week for most homes.”

The increase will result in a precept of £463,300 and within a year it is intended that residents will receive a much better level of response to local problems.

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Note:

The budget papers can be found at
<https://northpethertontowncouncil.gov.uk/documents-policiesagendas-minutes/>
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