



UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Ref: **Uppingham Precept for 2017/18**

Uppingham Town Council continues to improve the services it provides to residents including enhanced heritage street lighting in the core of the conservation area (to be installed in 2017), improvements to Tod's Piece which include the skate park and new WCs and a number of smaller initiatives including; the financial support through grants to Uppingham First for the Hopper Bus pilot, award winning Uppingham in Bloom and many other local groups.

Council continues to maintain and provide play equipment on Tods Piece and is looking at ways it can improve these important recreation spaces in town during the next 18-24 months. We are currently gathering views to prioritise some improvements. The Council also continues to support and collaborate with the organisation of events and activities that raise the profile of the town and bring more visitors to it. These events are now a key part of the calendar year and are enjoyed not only by visitors, but everyone living here.

For 2017/18, Rutland County Council have opted to stop paying the 'local council tax support grant' to parishes as part of the precept received. The last payment in 2016/17 amounted to £7,314 and the town council wish to ensure it maintains the same level of income – the increase in precept of 7.46% equates precisely to the £7,314 figure and therefore, remaining budgets have been held the same as the previous year. The practical impact of the increase is:

- This 7.46% increase will cost local households based on a Band D rated property, an additional £4.88 per annum or £0.09 per week more in the coming year.

Quote from Mayor, Alec Crombie MBE: "Great strides have been made in the last 12 to 18 months and we are keen to keep delivering for the local community. To continue to do more locally, meet new challenges and costs, as well as hold suitable levels of reserves for a council of our size it's important we budget correctly in what are clearly challenging times."

Any questions should be sent to the email address above.

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