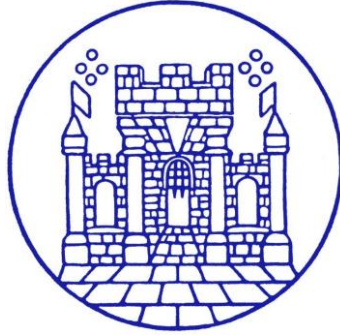


TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



Press Release

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Tewkesbury Town Council sets its budget for 2018-19 and invests in young people.

Tewkesbury Town Council has set its budget for the next financial year and will be investing in a bright future for the young people of the Parish.

Councillor Simon Raywood, Chair of the Environment and Amenities Committee said: *'This year should see the installation of new play equipment in the Warwick Place Play Area and also the hand-over of our premises in Saffron Road to the Town Band, for use as a rehearsal space. In response to data collected last year, the Council's new budget allows for a 66% increase in spending on youth provision.'*

During this past year the Council has used its grant funding scheme to support local initiatives such as Tewkesbury in Bloom, The Christmas Lights and the Young Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey. This year it will continue to welcome grant bids from local groups with great ideas for the benefit of the town.

Looking to the future, the Council will continue to provide ongoing support for the development of a neighbourhood plan as well as plans to improve the management of the popular community venue, The Watson Hall, creating a more vibrant social calendar for people of all ages in the town. The Council also plans to explore ways of future-proofing the Severn Ham, perhaps through opportunities for education or increased tourism.

This year's budget shows a planned expenditure of £433,958.00, of which £280,687.00 will be met from council tax, with the remainder coming from income, grants and the use of Council reserves. This means a small increase in council tax, of just four pence per week for the average band D household.

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