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## Finance Report

### Finance Committee – Monday 11th January 2021

The Council Tax Base which is a calculation of the number of properties paying Council Tax has been set by EDC and is £1125.53 for the coming year.

The CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)) has not yet been confirmed I am using 2020-21 figures

#### **Precept 2021-2022 5% increase**

The CTRS for 2021 – 2022 is **£1,723 NOT CONFIRMED**

Precept value 2021 – 2022 of **£121,605.00**

Total value of £123,328.00

The Council Tax Base for 2021 – 2022 is **1125.53**

Giving a Band D precept of **£108.04 a 5% increase**

Calculation: £121,605 divided by 1125.53 = £108.04

The forecast figure I gave in December based on last years CTB gave a precept increase of 7.1% with the increase figure for 2021-22 this has been reduced to 5.1%.

The precept figure is based on the budget requirements for ATC to conduct its business for what will be another challenging year. As discuss at the December 2020 meeting, the budget has considered two major risks the Council will face in 2021-22. COVID and Moot Hall repairs. I have factored in a budget for Horse Fair as instructed however we should acknowledge that the vaccine role out may be slower than previous thought and traveling may be restricted and the fair may not take place.

The Budget reflects the challenges faced by our businesses and includes a special project budget line for marketing and advertising to boost the tourist trade and increase footfall.

It is worth remembering that over a five-year period ATC did not increase the Precept and although this might have been considered a generous gesture on ATC's behalf, it has resulted in a loss of reserve funding. Because of its rich heritage ATC requires a healthy reserve fund and this must be maintained.

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**It is recommended that to allow the Council to conduct its business and maintain a building reserve fund that the Precept be increased by 5.1% for 2021-2022 giving a Giving a Band D precept of £108.04 a 5.1% increase on last year**

**Karen Lowthrop**

**Town Clerk January 2021**

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