

APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Council agrees no increase for the 4th year in running

Appleby-in-Westmorland Town Council last night (Wednesday 18th January 2017) agreed not to increase the precept for Appleby council tax payers for the 4th year in succession.

The amount a Band D property will pay will remain at £69 per year giving the Council an overall £74,937 towards its costs.

Town Clerk, Caroline Dodgeon said "We consider the need to increase the precept extremely carefully and set a budget to ensure that we manage our costs effectively. This year the number of properties in Appleby who pay council tax has increased and therefore there has been no need to raise the amount per property."

Mayor, Cllr John Pape said "I'm pleased that we have not needed to increase the precept but with increasing demands on the council it may not be possible in future years. We are aware that the community and individuals are still recovering from the effects of the flooding in December 2015 and therefore not increasing our requirements can only be a good thing."

Ends:

Notes to the Editor

1. Formally Appleby Borough Council, Appleby-in-Westmorland Town Council was formed in 1974 following local government reorganisation.
2. There are currently 14 Councillors: Cllr Mrs Anderton, Cllr Ms Blair, Cllr Connell, Cllr Chalmers, Cllr Dougherty, Cllr Mrs Dixon Dougherty, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Miss Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs Kendall, Cllr Pape, Cllr F Potts, Cllr H Potts, Cllr Rooke and Cllr Smith.
3. Cllr Pape is the Mayor and Cllr Rooke Deputy Mayor.
4. The Council meets monthly. For Council meeting dates please go to <http://www.applebytown.org.uk/index.php?page=meetings-calendar-1>
5. The Council structure currently has five committees and one working party. Committees: Finance; Planning & General Purpose; Property; Staffing and Appeals. The Working Party that reports to the Planning and General Purpose Committee is Neighbourhood Planning.

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