

Town and Community Councils

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Dear Town and Community Councillors

County Council Financial Pressures

As fellow elected members and representatives of your community I want to ensure that you are fully sighted on the difficult financial challenges faced by the County Council. I therefore want to share with you a recent report which was presented to the Council's Cabinet on 12 December 2023.

As you will be aware, the Council is required to set a balanced budget ahead of each financial year. The report sets out the current projections for 2024/2025. Unfortunately as a result of pay and price inflation and increased demand for services, driven by the longer term impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, the cost of service delivery is rising significantly. Whilst we will receive some additional funding from Welsh Government it will fall considerably short of the pressures we are facing, and we are therefore facing a resource shortfall of £24.5 million, after additional monies from government.

As you know, the Council provides a wide range of services which are mainly statutory, but all of which are valued by our residents and communities. The Council is now faced with very difficult choices to set a balanced budget and address the resource shortfall through a combination of budget reductions and an increase in Council Tax, none of which is particularly welcome. We will continue to ensure that our increasingly limited resources continue to be prioritised and money directed to where it is needed most.

I would be grateful if you could assist us in communicating with residents the reasons for the difficulties that the Council faces. I will ensure that you are provided with further details as the budget progresses.

Yours sincerely



Cllr. Charlie McCoubrey
Council Leader

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