# Just so you know....

Whilst continuing to preserve and maintain services taken over from Cornwall Council for the community of Saltash, it has been possible to make a reduction in the Saltash Town Council precept for 2021/2022.

Overall this will see a decrease on the Saltash Town Council portion of your Council Tax for a typical Band D property of 8.95%

# equating to a saving of £21.58 per year

which is a saving of approx. 42 pence per week

The larger portion of your council tax will be set by Cornwall Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and Adult Social Care.

(Figures taken from the financial year 2020/21)

12%

Saltash Town Council

The majority of fixed costs across the different budget areas have been set using a cost-based approach and adding 0.6% increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI June 2020).

88%

**Cornwall Council** 

**Devon & Cornwall Police** & Adult Social Care

## Did You Know...

There are 3 distinct organisations that provide services for Saltash residents.

During the year 2020/2021 the proportion of your Council Tax that went to Saltash Town Council was approximately 12% with the other 88% split between Cornwall Council (including Adult Social Care), and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Saltash Town Council have held precept/budget meetings in recent months to determine the amount that is necessary to maintain the services that residents would rightly expect.

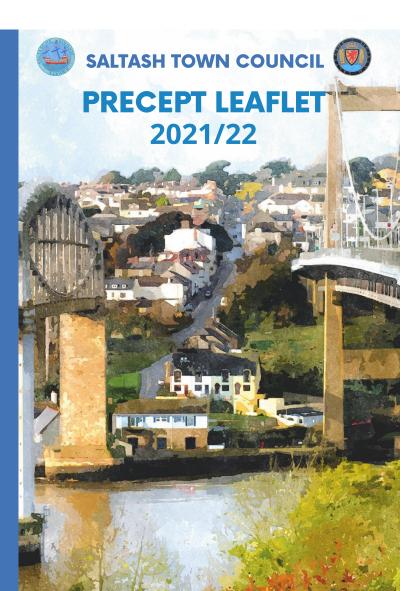
The Town Council has now finalised its precept for 2021/22 and continues to improve efficiencies in the way the Town Council operates. It also aims to increase generation of income and reduce costs to the community wherever possible.

A programme of transferring control of your services and assets from Cornwall Council to Saltash Town Council will continue through 2021/22 and for the foreseeable future.

If you would like to you can contact us...

- enquiries@saltash.gov.uk
- **1752 844 846**
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- The Guildhall **12 Lower Fore Street** Saltash **PL12 6JX**

...we'd like to hear your views. 8.95% decrease on **STC Portion** 





# Saltash Town Council - Working for the People of Saltash This year we have taken over and/or have begun to operate a number of services, including:

### Your Local Library



Saltash Town Council second year of operating the Library has been very different to the first, and certainly not what the Council had planned. Unfortunately, we all found ourselves operating and living under Covid-19 restrictions to keep everyone safe during this period of uncertainty.

During that time Saltash library continued to form new initiatives to remain in contact with the community, provide support, and increase the library membership. It is anticipated that library membership will continue to rise due to the Town Council

continuing to provide all key services essential to a modern library, plus various events and activities, to improve wellbeing and promote equality through learning, literacy and cultural activity.

At the time of the library transition, the Town Council recognised the importance of the library as an established current and ongoing asset for its community, and identified the refurbishment works required to enable the service to continue in the long term.

It is considered that the proposed refurbishment and window replacement works, supported by the community, will enable the library to become a community hub now and in the future with a significant increase on the footfall. Come and visit us at Saltash library, for opening times please visit. www.saltash.gov.uk/library-hub.php

#### Maurice Huggins Room

The Maurice Huggins Room was built in 1967 by Alderman Maurice Huggins for community use, termed at the time as 'The Old People's Haven'! When the group that ran it fell away it was returned to Cornwall Council who owned the land on which it stands.

Recently it has become part of the devolution program with Cornwall Council. The Town Council agreed during the devolution process that the MHR should be offered to community groups to utilise the building for the community. If you wish to hire the Maurice Huggins Room for Community use or a Community Project contact us at enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or call 01752 844846.

#### **Working Together**

Saltash Town Council awarded funding to Citizens Advice Cornwall and Community Enterprises PL12 with £9,529.81 for urgent and essential building works required for 18 Belle Vue Road. This enabled the CAC and CEPL12 to continue to offer vital services for the local community. The demand from the public for help with financial, marital, benefits, employment and similar problems has grown rapidly due to Covid-19, and with the daily use of the ground floor at Belle Vue now refurbished it is available to offer a wider range of advice to the public with a "reception and triage" facility, two enlarged interview rooms, and a flexible multi-purpose room supporting community services to complement what CAC can offer.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

There is continuing effort going into preparing the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan, which it is hoped will go to public referendum in the spring/early summer of 2021 after consideration by Cornwall Council. The plan is intended to provide a local framework for controlling future development throughout Saltash. The draft plan was available for public comment from 19th June to 14th August 2019. It has now been amended as a result of the comments made in that consultation and has been submitted to Cornwall Council. The response to the draft Saltash Parish NDP was generally supportive of its vision, objectives and framework of policies, subject to detailed comments on wording and format and the need to go further in its approach to protecting the natural and built environment and explicitly dealing with the issue of climate change.

### **Covid Safe High Street**

European Regional Development Funding has been committed by Cornwall Council to Saltash Town Council to support us in implementing safety measures to help businesses get back on their feet after a period of closure. Making sure the businesses in the high street are able to operate safety for their staff, customers and visitors. STC staff and councillors have been working hard in conjunction with Cornwall Council and Cormac to enable Fore Street to open for business. Following a consultation with independent traders, businesses and the public, actions have been taken to ensure a safe environment for all. These include 6 hand sanitising stations throughout Fore Street, extensive cleaning regimes of town centre benches, public conveniences and waste bins, an increase in promoting social distancing such as extended dedicated areas at bus stops, signs in place to warn motorists that pedestrians may be in the highway in order to comply with the 2 metre guidelines and pavement markings. Saltash Town Council is continuing to work in partnership with the Town Team and focusing on additional funding for the high street and the vision in which Saltash residents and businesses envisage the future of their Town Centre.

Saltash Town Council continues to support Professional Youth Work and Services in the town such as, Livewire, The Core and Junkyard Skatepark, with a total budget of £40,000. Saltash Town Council welcomes existing and new applications to be submitted upon the advertising of tender in the next financial year. For further details please email tenders@saltash.gov.uk

#### Saltash Youth Council

Saltash Town Council continues to support Saltash Town Youth Council by providing funding for young people in Saltash and has set a budget of £4,000.

Saltash Town Council is committed to continue to support a range of causes and events each year through the Community Chest and Festival Fund for charitable activities/events. Saltash Town Council has set a total budget for Festival Fund applications of £15,000 and Community Chest applications of £15,000. Saltash Town Council welcomes applications in the next financial year. For further details on how to apply please review the Grant Policy on the website: **www.saltash.gov.uk** or email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or 01752 844846



The refurbishment of the station building is almost complete. There are some finishing touches to work on, and some final fit out to take place. One of the last pieces of the jigsaw will be to remove the fence between the building and platform to open up the waiting room for use, with some heritage fencing being reinstalled. This work is being funded by the Railway Heritage Trust and the Community Rail Development Fund. The whole refurbishment works will have cost over £700,000 with over 87% of funding from external grants from Cornwall Council, Great Western Railway and the Railway Heritage Trust.

#### Devolution

The Town Council continue to work closely with Cornwall Council to examine areas which may benefit the town from having control devolved to the Town Council. Such examples are Victoria Gardens and areas on the Waterside.



### **Professional Youth Work**

#### Community Funding

#### Station Building