

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2022

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BUDGETS

The County Council part of the Council Tax was pegged at a 2.99% increase, 1% of that being ring fenced for Adult Social Care Hopefully considered to be an acceptable increase given the emerging inflation figures. This was probably the most positive funding-settlement from central government for a generation. This enables Adult Social Care and Children's Services Budgets to have realistic increases in funding giving the demographic pressures on both those services of around 10% growth per annum. Government was also true to it's word and fully funded the additional costs due to Covid.

We are also investing more money into highways maintenance, fixing potholes and highway safety schemes, including a £30,000 a year Highways Local Fund at the discretion of your local county councillor.

A new four- year Capital programme has also been confirmed of £100 million into road resurfacing schemes, £145 million into new schools and refurbishment across the county and further investment in cycle routes and drainage schemes.

More excellent news locally, that the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be retained within GCC and not hived off to the Police. This adds significant protection to both Nailsworth and Tetbury Fire Stations.

HIGHWAYS.

Can I please thank everyone for their continued patience when it comes to local roadworks. Temporary Traffic Lights can be very frustrating, but, ultimately, are necessary as we continue the major task of rebuilding and enhancing our local infrastructure – whether it be our roads, electric, water or gas supplies, upgrading of broadband or cycle routes. Locally I am delighted that the County Council has completed the resurfacing of the road to Nailsworth and the major roads in the Tetbury area.

GRANTS

I'm pleased to have been able to secure grants recently from Gloucestershire County Council under the 'Build Back Better' grant schemes. I have access to small amounts of grant money for local, community projects. Please get in touch if you think that I can help – I'm particularly keen to support activities for our young people.

FLOOD INFORMATION

The County Council website has recently been updated with a "Flood Guide". A "button" at the top of the home page on the GCC website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk will take you through to comprehensive information about what to do if you are threatened by flood waters.

TOUR OF BRITAIN.

In September the "Tour of Britain" cycle race comes to Gloucestershire. We have both a Start and Finish stage in the Men's race as well as part of the Women's race coming through also.