



Brixham Town Council Budget Consultation 2018

Over the last few years Torbay Council have and continue to make difficult decisions in the light of austerity measures introduced by Central Government and like many Local Authorities across the UK, it has resulted in cuts to community services and financial support to various groups and charities. The impact of these cuts can have a profound effect on our community. However, Town Councils are not capped; Town Councils can help ensure services continue in their town by considering the needs of the community it has been elected to serve.

WE PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING BUDGET CATEGORIES

Lengthsman

The Town Lengthsman is contracted on a part time basis. Many of you will have seen him out and about grass and hedge cutting, removing and controlling weeds and other vegetation and litter picking to name a few. This has vastly improved the appearance of our Town and we are pleased that a contract has been established with Kingswear Parish Council to extend the service into their Parish. Brixham Town Council propose to increase the lengthsman duties and hours to reflect a full-time role. Proposed increase: £13,000 pa; 4p pw

Town Hall Regeneration

Brixham Town Council took over the ownership of the Town Hall in July 2012 from Torbay Council. Since then the Town Council has worked hard to find suitable tenants and hirers as well as carrying out a reactive maintenance programme. However, the Town Hall needs a lot of work. The Town Council plans to deliver a capital project to regenerate the Town Hall, following the results of a feasibility study. The number one priority is to deliver a plan that will ensure the Town Hall is sustainable for future generations by providing facilities that will increase the footfall and community use of the building. Funding applications will be submitted to help deliver the project. However, there is a need to ensure that the Town Council also has capital to invest in the project. A public consultation will be held once firm plans have been agreed by both the Town Council and key stakeholders of the building. Proposed increase: £50,000 pa; 16p pw

Theatre

Brixham Town Council financially supported Brixham Theatre CIO for their rent in the first year. It is appreciated that no business will be self-sustaining in 12 months and it is proposed to instigate a rolling reduction in support over the next few years. Proposed reduction: £2,000 pa; 1p pw

WE DO NOT PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING BUDGET CATEGORIES

Brixham Town Council financially supported the following groups in 2018/19 and it is proposed to retain the support for 2019/20.

Brixham Does Care	£17,000	Brixham Foodbank	£2,000
Brixham Heritage Museum	£15,000	Seasonal Displays	£20,000
Information Point	£11,000	Shoalstone Pool	£10,000
Youth Genesis	£8,680		

Do you agree with the proposals? Please tick either YES or NO in the boxes provided.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Town Lengthsman (Increase)			Brixham Heritage Museum (no change)		
Town Hall Regeneration (New)			Seasonal Display (no change)		
Brixham Theatre (Decrease)			Information Point (no change)		
Brixham Does Care (no change)			Shoalstone Pool (no change)		
Brixham Foodbank (no change)			Youth Genesis (no change)		

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOUR PRECEPT?

All figures are approximate and based on 6,004 precept payers for 2018/19.
If all the proposals above were approved, the precept could rise by the following:

	Annual Budget	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Proposed Changes:				
Lengthsman	£24,500	£0.08	£0.34	£4.08
Town Hall Regeneration	£50,000	£0.16	£0.69	£8.33
Brixham Theatre	£4,000	£0.01	£0.06	£0.67
Total	£78,500	£0.25	£1.09	£13.08
Proposed Continuation:				
BDC	£17,000	£0.05	£0.24	£2.83
Brixham Foodbank	£2,000	£0.01	£0.03	£0.33
Museum	£15,000	£0.05	£0.21	£2.50
Seasonal Display	£20,000	£0.06	£0.28	£3.33
Information Point	£10,000	£0.03	£0.14	£1.67
Shoalstone Pool	£10,000	£0.03	£0.14	£1.67
Youth Genesis	£8,680	£0.03	£0.12	£1.45
Total	£82,680	£0.26	£1.15	£13.77

Are there any services or new initiatives which you would like to see Brixham Town Council further invest in or develop for the benefit of the community by increasing the Precept or reducing spending in other areas? If the answer is yes, please add your comments below so that your views may be considered during the council's budget discussions.

	Proposal	Increase or Decrease Value	Reasons for Consideration
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Name (optional):

Property Number and Postcode (required to validate your response):

Thank you for taking part in the consultation.