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SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES TO CONTINUE IN 2019-20 BRIXHAM TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET

Brixham Town Council has set their budget for 2019/20 and demonstrated their continued support for key organisations in the community.

The precept will increase 9.65% compared to 2018/19 and represents a weekly rise of 9p per household based on a Band D property.

Presenting the proposals to members Finance and General Purposes Committee Chair, Councillor David Giles said that the public had once again shown a great interest in both the online and street budget consultation and that the outcome reflects both their feedback and the Council's determination to safeguard its key organisations and groups.

"While Torbay Council continues to move headlong towards providing only its statutorily required services, we have resisted the temptation to burden our community with paying for the non-statutory items beyond those that we agreed with them last year".

"We are continuing to back Brixham Does Care with £17,000 of funding, Brixham Heritage Museum with £10,000, Shoalstone Pool with £10,000 and Youth Genesis with £8,680", he added.

Members at the Full Council meeting rejected a recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee that Shoalstone Pool should not be funded in the 2019/20 budget following a successful year when the Management team had not called for any of the budget that had been set aside for its use in 2018/19.

"Arguments were accepted that Shoalstone Pool is one of our community's most iconic and popular features and with so many major challenges ahead

members felt that it would be premature to remove its funding at this stage”, said Councillor Giles.

He went on to tell members that “Torbay Development Agency have recently imposed an increase of 50% to the Service Level Agreement charges that the Council pays to them for the provision of a Facilities Officer/Hall keeper to look after the Brixham Town Hall complex”.

“Therefore, we have decided to investigate the direct employment of a person in this role and have moved the expenditure from its current heading in the budget to staff salaries to reflect the potential new situation”, said Councillor Giles.

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