

## Press Release Budget Statement 2021-22

At its meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Leighton-Linslade Town Councillors voted in support of leaving Council Tax unchanged for the second consecutive year. Despite a projected budgetary shortfall of £74,431, rising inflation and increasing costs, the Town Council is able to continue providing its services without having to raise council tax which is to remain at £155.50 for a typical Band D property. The ability to meet the anticipated shortfall in income is down to prudent financial planning which saw the creation of a Covid-19 Earmarked Reserve for this very purpose. For the reasons that are familiar, income generating opportunity through venue hire, the twice weekly market and events have all but stopped causing financial challenges to both this year's and next year's budget. In praising the Town Council for leaving council tax unchanged, Town Council Leader Steve Jones stated "I would like to thank the Officers and Councillors for their hard work in safeguarding the Council's finances, despite a considerable loss of income, whilst continuing to offer those services that could be delivered and supporting the community in this difficult time."

The Town Council remains committed to the parish and through its capital projects budget will continue to see on-going improvements in the services and facilities the Town Council is either responsible for or wishes to support. Future projects include outreach to older persons, outdoor table tennis tables, inclusive adventure playground, improved seating, enhanced architectural lighting within the Town Centre and live broadcast of the service of Remembrance. For more information on other projects and initiatives that the council has delivered and is intending to, please visit the Town Council website:- <http://www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/>