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Budget Consultation 2024/25

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Dear Parish Clerk

Budget Consultation 2024/25

The District Council's Finance and Management Committee approved the following report for statutory consultation at its meeting on 23 November 2023: *Consolidated Draft Budget Report 2024/25 and MTFP to 2028/29*.

As part of the budget consultation, I am writing to ask you for your views on South Derbyshire District Council's planned budgets for 2023/24. The key changes within the budget are:

- The increase of our share of council tax by 2.99%, which increases the Band D charge by £5.22 for the year, from £174.64 to £179.86.
- Planned new capital investment, including:
 - £1 million in a new Swadlincote Events Space to take forward proposals to complete works to the Indoor Market to create a multi-purpose events space in the town centre.
 - A new £1 million Play Area Refurbishment Programme, to refurbish Council owned play areas as part of a five-year rolling programme.
 - A new £360,000 four-year programme to refurbish Parks and Green Space Infrastructure, to ensure our parks and green spaces are accessible to all members of our communities.
 - A Cemetery Infrastructure Replacement Programme to invest £300,000 over 3 years to ensure all of our cemeteries are accessible to all members of our communities.
- An increase in council housing rent of 7.3%, which reflects the Governments current policy on rents for social housing.

Below is a link to the budget papers considered by the Committee for your information:

[Meeting Details for Finance and Management Committee 23 November 2023](#)



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Please can you forward any comments to me by email by Friday 26 January 2024. Any comments you make will be provided to the Council's Finance and Management Committee for its meeting on 15 February 2024.

We have also created a short online survey, which walks through some of the key changes within the budget. This can be found at [Budget Consultation 2024/25](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'T. Bingham'.

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