

Action Plan 2017/2018

Budget and Precept

Eckington Parish Council has agreed its budget and precept of £259,580 plus a support grant of £29,779 for the financial year 2017/2018.

Overall it is anticipated that income in 2017/2018 will be slightly higher than in 2016/17.

Expenditure in 2017/2018 will be continued to be carefully managed, steps will be taken to try to reduce the running costs and increase the revenue at the Civic Centre.

Main Priorities

1 Continuous Service Improvement

In 2015/2016 the Parish Council committed to work towards Local Council Award Scheme accreditation and approved a Digital Strategy. The Council will continue to pursue actions which improve the quality of, and access to, our services for the benefit of the residents of the Parish.

2 Eckington Civic Centre

In 2015/2016 the Parish Council approved plans to enhance the Civic Centre in order to contribute to the regeneration of Eckington Town Centre. The renovation project is well on its way and will be completed for the official Open Day 21st April 2017.

3 Community Engagement

In 2017/2018 the Parish Council intends to improve its connection with its communities. This will be helped by changes at the Civic Centre and with the creation of a Parish Office. The office will open to members of the public initially 10am until 12 noon on a Wednesday.

Continuing Provision

The Parish Council's continuing provision includes:

- 1 Support for the Management Committees of the Community Halls at Marsh Lane and Renishaw and Spinkhill
- 2 Allotments
- 3 Cemetery
- 4 Market
- 5 Play Areas
- 6 Grant Scheme and Special Projects.

There will be no reduction in service or provision in 2017/18.

Recommendations

The Parish Council:

- 1 Approves the Action Plan 2017/2018
- 2 Includes the Action Plan 2017/2018 on the Council's website

The 2017/18 Budget and Precept can be seen on our website www.eckington-pc.gov.uk
Actual precept rise for band D property will be 0.9% or 68p per year