

District Councillor Report March 24

I apologise for not being able to join you tonight but as Chairman of SNC I have to present awards at the Business Awards ceremony.

Council Tax 2024

SNC have held the tax increase to £5 for a band D property. Unlike Norfolk County Council which increases by 4.99%, the maximum allowed and the Police who have applied an increase in the region of £13 final figure not known yet. Plus of course the precept set by parish councils.

SNC budget as per last week's Council meeting

In addition to the normal allocation of funds to the strategic statutory services, the Council will allocate the following sums from the in-year additional investment income:

£145,548 to top up Leisure Support Reserve to £1m, to be used to support the leisure service £250,000 per annum for the next 4 yrs.

£355,000 into the Household Support Fund, which includes discretionary council tax support to double support for hard pressed families in 2024/25

£30,000 to be allocated to the Help Hub to resource operation of discretionary support schemes for residents facing hardship.

£100,000 to support the Council's role in flood prevention, including continuation of the existing work to improve management of drainage. This will be assessed in Sept 24 to see if its meeting its objectives. £50k per year for 2 years

£70,000 to strengthen enforcement of planning conditions, allocated into a reserve for additional planning resource for 24 months as and when required. (Planning Officer 2 years at £35 per year)

Up to £50,000 to support design creation and community participation for the Public Realm improvements for Wymondham.

The Council allocates the following sum from an earmarked capital receipt resulting from the sale of former Council Offices on Middleton Street Wymondham - £100,000 into the CAF fund to take it to £150,000 in total, raising the application limit to £20,000.

The waste Infrastructure Capital Budgets to be reprofiled, 2024-29 £8m. This includes funds to purchase 14 new waste food lorries, investment in a new depot, needed to house increasing size of waste vehicle fleet.