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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE COUNCIL BUDGET AGREED

Councillors have agreed a wide-ranging programme of investment for the next budget year.

The 2023/24 budget, approved by Council last week (22 February), will see £17.2m spent on core council services and projects that will continue Folkestone & Hythe's regeneration journey.

Leader Cllr David Monk said: "We continue to deliver high-quality services for our residents and businesses despite the challenging financial climate.

"This budget achieves a crucial balance of financial prudence and spending on ambitious projects which will be transformative for our extraordinary district."

The 2023/2024 budget will ensure the council continues to deliver excellent services. These include:

- Collecting household rubbish, recycling and food waste
- Enforcing environmental crime including dog fouling and fly-tipping
- Providing support to homeless households
- Processing planning applications
- Maintaining parks and gardens

Folkestone & Hythe District Council's portion of council tax equates to about 16% of

the total bill (including local Parish precepts). An increase of 2.97% (equivalent to less than 20p a week for an average Band D property) was agreed for 2023/24.

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