

**11. BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2020/2021 – to receive and note the context setting information from Cornwall Council draft 2019/2020 budgets and recommend to Council a draft budget and draft precept figures for 2019/2020.**

11.1 Background – several external and internal factors need to be considered when looking at precept and budget setting and making recommendations to Council. Cornwall Council have supplied the Council Tax Base 11.2 below and Council Support Grant 11.3 below (12th November) and on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 we received the correspondence relating the concerning the Proportion of Band D Bill per town as set out at 11.4. The letter also indicated that, the Government will introduce 100% Business Rates Relief on public conveniences from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. This should save the Town Council £3,038 per annum. We have asked for the Precept Calculator. However, these are not usually available until slightly later in the year. Last year (19th November) to assist the Committee and Council in setting the 2019/2020 budget and precept figures. This is the date of the Finance Committee.

11.2 Council Tax Base - Cornwall Council has provided the Council Tax Base figure for 2019/2020. This reflects residential completions and conversions within the town boundary. This increases the number of households that might use Town Council facilities. This has the impact of spreading any precept that the Town Council might set over a greater number of households, thereby reducing the impact on individual households. The increase in the Council Tax Base indicated in the table below means that the Town Council could increase the Precept by approximately £10,986 in 2020/2021 and there would be no actual increase in the Town Council element of household bills.

Financial Year	Council Tax Base
2019/2020	3111.52
2020/2021	3200.63
Increase in Council Tax Base	89.11

11.3 Cornwall Council – Council Support Grant (C.S.G.) – The Council Support Grant is part of an annual block grant paid by the Government to Cornwall Council. Once deductions have been made to cover Council Tax Support provided within the town boundary, Cornwall Council then pays the remaining sum to the Town and Parish Councils. In 2014/2015, the amount was £54,971. Cornwall Council have indicated that as the Government block grant is reduced annually so will the payment to the Town and Parish Councils.

Financial Year	Council Tax Support
2019/2020	£25,221
2020/2021	£21,774
Reduction	£3,447
Percentage reduction in Council Support Grant	16%

Taking account of the increase in the Council Tax Base (£+10,986) with the cut in our Council Support Grant -£3,447, the difference of £8,777. This is the amount of leeway when looking at budget and precept setting.

#### 11.4 Town Council Element of the 2019/2020 Council Tax

The information supplied by Cornwall Council also includes a table giving the proportion of the Band D Council Tax bill per household in 2019/2020 indicating the proportion that the Town Council element makes of the whole bill.

Town Council	Proportion of Band D Bill 2019/2020
Bodmin	15.75%
Falmouth	13.82%
Truro	12.58%
Bude-Stratton	11.96%
Camelford	11.61%
Launceston	11.32%
Newquay	11.02%
Penzance	10.38%
Callington	10.34%
Camborne	9.78%
Looe	8.60%
<b>Liskeard</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
Torpoint	7.48%

#### 11.5 Budget and Precept Setting 2020/2021 – Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee – Proposed 2020/2021. The main points are:

1. £17,679 – Gross CCTV revenue costs - made up of the maintenance option approved was Option B - £3,573.08 per annum – the contract is for 7 years. Live Monitoring 44 hours per week option - £8,053.76 per annum – the contract is for 7 years. Dilapidations Reserve - £5,000 per annum BT line rental - £1,053 per annum.

See report RFO's report 6.b