

## **Goodleigh Parish Council**

### **County Councillors report**

**March 2025**

#### **Road from Collard Bridge Cross to Chelfham Cross, Goodleigh**

Patching works

As you know I have been lobbying for the road to have the surface refurbished and some was done last year.

31<sup>st</sup> March- 4<sup>th</sup> April 07.30-18.00

This will be inconvenient and I do apologise for the disruption.

#### **DCC Budget 2025-2026**

There will be a 4.99 percent increase in council tax in Devon for the coming financial year: 2.99 percent for general services with an extra two percent for adult social care.

The annual council tax for an average Band D home will rise by £85.59 – or £1.64 a week – to £1,801.26.

There will be increases in spending of

- 8.2 percent on adult services and
- 5.5 percent for children's services.
- Reductions in other departmental spending and increased income will mean an overall rise of 5.9 percent in the budget with a total spend of over £784.1 million.
- An extra £4 million to boost highways and repair potholes since the target budget was set last month.
- Additional £5 million for children's social care to provide a range of services to allow vulnerable children to be cared for closer to their families and communities.
- An extra £500,000 to support the work of district councils and homeless organisations which brings Devon County Council's homelessness budget up to £1 million.

The extra cash has come from the new additional council tax being levied on second homes.

Council leader James McInnes sharply criticised the Government's decision to end the Rural Services Delivery Grant which helps councils with the extra cost of providing services in rural areas. This had cost Devon over £10 million, he said, with funding switched to more urban

areas.

In addition Devon had received the lowest financial settlement of all 21 county councils.

## **Peninsula Transport Strategic Implementation Plan Consultation**

We are very reliant on our visitors in the local economy, therefore how they get to us is of interest, even more is the connectivity we have to other parts of the region and further afield. Employment, healthcare and leisure increasingly involves longer journeys.

Please take a moment to read the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) from Peninsula Transport sub-national transport body (STB); and complete our [short survey](#).

The SIP is part of the Peninsula Transport Strategy, focusing on:

- Easier Journeys
- Going Electric
- A Connected Peninsula
- Completing the Transport Network

Working with our partners, Peninsula Transport aims to improve connectivity, resilience, and sustainability across the region; which in turn will deliver economic, environmental and social improvements that aim to improve the quality of life in the Peninsula.

While we do not directly deliver projects, we influence and advocate investment in freight, rail and road schemes, transport infrastructure, and Net Zero goals.

Your feedback is invaluable in shaping these efforts. Please submit your response by 3rd March 2025.

Read the SIP here: [Peninsula Transport Strategic Implementation Plan 55307 Pr8](#)

You can also read the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the SIP here: [SEA Peninsula SIP Environmental Report V1.0 120225](#)

The DCC website is very useful for reporting highway problems and the reports go straight to the contractor. [Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

Alternatively, the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Winter road updates; <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/>

Travel Devon website; [home - Travel Devon](#)

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