



**SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

# Press Release

## **SANDOWN'S BUDGET CONSULTATION**

Sandown Town Council have launched a Budget consultation, ahead of their planned virtual meeting in February, and following recent notification of the removal of the support grant and reduction in council tax base which will have a significant impact on resources for 2021-22.

Town Mayor Gary Young said 'The Pandemic has hit income to the Town Council this year, and for the foreseeable future, and we have increased Covid related costs, as well as on-going costs such as Business Rates for Public Toilets in addition to running costs - and we want the local community to help set priorities for 2021-22 and beyond'.

Deputy Mayor Paul Brading added 'We have asked residents to comment on plans for Eastern Gardens and Sandham Playpark, and, given the current uncertainties, we hope the comments of the community will help inform the Budget setting meeting next month'.

The Survey, available at [Budget 2021-2022 Survey](#) includes questions on Emergency Planning in the future, initiatives on the Esplanade, plans to commemorate the Centenary of the War Memorial, and environmental projects in the future.

Cllr Young concluded 'The Town Council have engaged in extensive community engagement, to ensure projects have reflected local views, and with increasing pressures on the local public purse, with tight deadlines feedback from the local community is even more important'..

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