

HONITON TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

HONITON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 26/27

Honiton Town Council (HTC) has ambitious plans to control, provide and improve important local services for Honiton. With the planned implementation of Devon's Local Government Re-organisation (LGR), HTC is preparing and has set a budget 26/27 that is planned as a first step towards better local control. The Town Council wants to transfer services and assets from East Devon District Council (which will not exist upon LGR) to maintain the Glen, Honiton Bottom, wildlife areas, litter picking/waste bins and play areas.

HTC is in discussion with its surrounding Parish Councils to design how they plan to work together to improve community engagement.

To prepare to achieve a greater role for the Town Council its Precept 26/27 for a band D household will be £234 pa. This will enable HTC to host town events (eg Honiton Pennies, Christmas Lights, Charter Day and Armed Forces Day) and prepare for a greater local role by taking legal and HR advice and improving its communications,

The plan is to establish more local control and improve Honiton's most important places.

Notes to Editor

There have been a number of reports to Council focused on LGR eg [Item 20 Full Council 12.1.26 Devon LGR Update.pdf](#)

HTC is realistic about what can be achieved by LGR (eg EDDC has said that it plans to have legally binding agreements to transfer services/assets by the date of Structural Change Order – expected late 26/early 27)

Therefore HTC will focus on play areas, The Glen, Honiton Bottom, Wildlife areas, land at Lloyds Bank and litter picking/waste bins.

£234 pa is for a Band D equivalent household: Band A household for 6/9th of £234 and Band H households 18/9th of £234 pa.

There are over 10,000 local councils in England (small Parish Councils to large councils eg locally Yeovil, Frome, Penzance, Falmouth and Weymouth.)



The proposed Precept for HTC at £234 pa compares favourably to other local councils, with several local councils also with a high increase, precepting over £300pa.)

The Town Council Precept is one part of the overall Council Tax.

East Devon District Councils Precept is £172 pa, Devon County Council £1801 pa, Devon & Cornwall Police £288 pa and Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue £105 pa.

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For further explanation as to why the Town Council increased its precept 2026/27; please see the attached [report](#) to Full Council in January 2026 including the [budget](#).

