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LOWEST COUNCIL TAX INCREASE FOR 15 YEARS

COUNTY COUNCIL KEEPS TAX DOWN, AS MSDC BECOMES THIRD MOST EFFICIENT COUNCIL

Conservative councillors at West Sussex County Council have delivered the lowest Council Tax increase for 15 years... despite receiving the lowest possible Government grant for the seventh consecutive year.

West Sussex receives just £124 per resident against a national average of £194. If the County Council had received the average grant, it could cut Council Tax by 15%!

Meanwhile, Mid Sussex District Council has been recognised as the third most efficient council in the country after the Government published a league table of efficiency savings over the past three years. The Council has also been rated 23rd out of 388 councils by the Audit Commission



Councillors are improving frontline services and delivering value for money

for its rate of service improvement.

Campaigner Christine Field says: "Conservatives are making resident's Council Tax work harder by prioritising back office efficiency savings, improving frontline services and keeping Council Tax as low as possible".

CLAMPING DOWN ON FLY-TIPPING

Residents may have recently seen an increase in fly tipping in some of the rural parts of High Weald.

Cllr James Temple-Smithson says: "It is important to get fly-tipped waste removed quickly, as part of our commitment to working for a clean, safe local environment. Please do report any fly-tipping to MSDC on 01444 477440 so we can ensure prompt action is taken".

Cllr James Temple-Smithson helping to clear litter from local roadsides



CONSERVATION AREA TO BE AGREED

Mid Sussex District Council is set to approve the review of the West Hoathly Conservation Area at its Cabinet meeting in early April.

The approval was held over from March but the important decision, which will establish the new boundaries of the Conservation Area, should now go ahead.

Cllr James Temple-Smithson says: "I spoke at the Cabinet meeting in March and stressed that local people had responded in high numbers to the consultations on this issue and there is strong support in the village for the review and proposed changes. I am writing to Cabinet Members ahead of the April meeting to underline its importance to local residents"

MORE CASH TO TACKLE POTHOLES

County Councillors have allocated an additional £1.5million to tackle the large number of potholes which have appeared as a result of the recent bad weather.

Highway engineers are currently assessing local roads to prioritise necessary repairs to the road surface.

Cllr Margaret Johnson says: "I am pleased the County Council has decided to release extra funding to tackle the increase in local potholes, and would urge residents to report potholes so they can be assessed and repaired".