

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR 24TH MARCH 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CLLR KIM BLOXHAM, CLLR KEVIN BLAKEY, CLLR SAM HAWKINS.

### Community Governance Review

Full Council approved the timetable for the above. A request was made for it to be completed early than the suggested 12 months.

The following is the indicative review timetable:

#### Action Timetable

Compiling Terms of Reference February 2025

Terms of Reference report to Council February 2025

Council approves Terms of Reference February 2025

Publication of approved Terms of Reference February 2025

Stage one – Invite consultation submissions March 2025 – June 2025

Stage two – Consideration of submissions received and draft proposals prepared

July 2025

Stage three – Draft proposals are published and consultation on proposals undertaken

August 2025 – October 2025

Stage four – Consideration of submissions received and final proposals prepared

November 2025 – January 2026

Preparation of Recommendations and approval by Full Council

February 2026

Publication of Recommendations February 2026

### Council Tax 2025/2026

Council tax changes for the next financial year have now been announced. For a band D property the rates for each taxing authority for 2025/26, last year's comparison and the level of increase are as follows:

Devon County Council

£1,801.26 (£1,715.67 in 2024/25). This is an **increase** of 4.99% or £85.59.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

£288.20 (£274.50 in 2024/25). This is an **increase** of 4.99% or £13.70

Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

£104.68 (£99.68 in 2024/25). This an **increase** of 5% or £5.00

East Devon District Council

£171.78 (£166.78 in 2024.25). This is an **increase** of 3% or £5.00

Cranbrook Town Council

£256.03. (£256.03 in 2024/25). This is a 0% increase for the seventh consecutive year.

## **Local Government Reorganisation/Devolution**

The timetable set by the Minister of State for Local government and English Devolution to submit proposals for a single tier of local government is interim plans by 21st March 2025 and final proposals by 28th November 2025.

At the time of writing Eddc will hold a briefing for towns/parish councils on 18th March 2025 and an Extraordinary full council meeting will be held on 19th March 2025.