

## **ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

#### **NO INCREASE IN THE COST OF TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES IN ALSAGER FOR 2010/11.**

At the Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Alsager Town Councillors set the Precept for the ratepayers of Alsager for the financial year 2010/11. The Precept of £192,000 is the same as last year.

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Warren Stevenson, said “This year’s budget decision has been especially hard, particularly given the economic situation both nationally and locally, which is affecting all Alsager residents. I am pleased that we are able this year to maintain our services without increasing the amount paid by Alsager residents”

Despite no rise in the Precept, the Town Council is determined to continue to build on its successes and to improve services to local residents. The key areas on which the Town Council will be spending on in 2010/11 are as follows:

- Town Handyman Service
- Milton Gardens (Phase 3) Sunken Gardens
- PCSOs – to improve community safety
- Alsager Partnership – Funding of Project Officer
- Funding towards the annual “Big Switch On” and Christmas Market event
- Support for the achievements of the Alsager in Bloom Group
- Grants to local clubs and organisations to support their work in the community
- Alsager Institute
- Activities for young people in the town
- Development of play areas
- Town Yard site
- Staff Training

The Town Council is also continuing to help small businesses and residents through this time of economic uncertainty in the following ways:

- Source as much as possible of its expenditure to local businesses in the Town
- Pay its invoices within 7 working days to help businesses with cash flow
- Help individuals and businesses who experience economic problems to find the services that they require from Cheshire East and other governmental bodies
- Our staff will give advice where possible to any resident of the Town who experiences difficulties during this current financial situation

The centralised location of our offices at 3 Lawton Road (The One Stop Shop) means that our staff are accessible to customers from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

The Chairman of Alsager Town Council, Councillor Simon Roberson added “Alsager Town Council has adopted a prudent affordable and sustainable budget which will enable it to deliver a “value for money” Council. We will also continue to provide a strong voice for local residents in the new Cheshire East Council”

Full details of the Budget can be viewed on the Town Council’s website.  
[www.alsagertowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.alsagertowncouncil.org.uk)

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