

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET 2012/13

PRESS RELEASE

At the meeting on 13th December 2011 Alsager Town Council approved its Budget for the Council Tax payers of Alsager for 2012/13.

Councillor W Stevenson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, says “This Budget marks a key milestone in the history of the Town Council with the return of service responsibility for the Civic Hall, Public Toilets, Alsager Market and the allotment sites in the town.

During our negotiations Cheshire East Council indicated that these services could be discontinued if the Town Council did not take them over. Also it was made clear to the Town Council that residents valued these community services and wanted us to keep them. Unavoidably this results in an increase for the Town Council’s share of the Council Tax bill wholly attributable to taking over the services from Cheshire East Council.

The Budget decision has been especially hard particularly in the light of the economic downturn that is affecting all Alsager residents and any increase in Council Tax is regretted.

However, taking over these assets will enable the Town Council to deliver and maintain services to the local community and our objective is to run them on a cost neutral basis to satisfy community needs and enhance a community spirit of social wellbeing for Alsager residents.”

The Chairman of Alsager Town Council, Councillor Ron Tyson, added “In these hard economic times we have continued to maintain grants to numerous organisations in the town and support various festival events which local people value and enjoy. The increase amounts to £15.27 per annum or 29 pence per week for a Band ‘D’ property and is basically to fund the services transferred from Cheshire East Council. It also means that these important services will continue to be protected and provided for the benefit of Alsager people.”

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