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Dear Colleague,

Cornwall Council's Cabinet has approved a balanced draft budget plan for 2025/26 with the Council's four key priorities at heart. A consultation on the draft budget is now underway until 5 January 2025.

All information about the budget and an online survey is available on Let's Talk Cornwall here: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/budget-25-26>.

Increased demand and rising costs for statutory services, such as emergency accommodation provision, services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Adult Social Care are causing considerable financial pressures on local authorities across the UK. Cornwall Council is no exception. The increased costs far outstrip the increased funding announced in the Government's Autumn Budget and the additional income we will receive through the introduction of the 100% Council Tax Premium on Second Homes.

Therefore, although the Council manages its finances prudently, there is still a shortfall to be addressed. This means difficult choices must be made in order to balance the books.

Over the past 5 years we have already made £143 million of savings while

trying to protect frontline services where possible by delivering our services in different and more effective ways.

To ensure we keep a balanced budget, in this budget we have put forward new proposals for efficiencies, service reductions and income generation measures worth £47.8m. This has involved looking at all our services to find ways to increase efficiencies and reduce spending.

To help fund services, the draft budget proposes a rise in Council Tax of 4.99% including a 2% Adult Social Care precept for 2025/26. This means an increase of £1.82 per week on a Band D property. For most Council services, the fees and charges that the Council is able to set will increase in line with inflation.

It is more vital than ever to me that we understand the views of businesses, partners and key stakeholders in Cornwall on these budget proposals. I look forward to receiving your feedback and I hope you will be able to help us to promote this consultation to the businesses and organisations you work with.

Budget consultation event

We are holding an online event for our businesses, public and voluntary sector partners and stakeholders, where you will be able to discuss the proposals with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive of Cornwall Council.

Thursday 12 December 2024

6.30pm to 8pm

Online

A recording of the event will be made available after the meeting on [Let's Talk Cornwall](#).

I hope you will be able to join us at the event and look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP

If you would like to attend this event, please let us know by emailing

haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk **by 6pm on Monday 9 December.** We will then send you a link and joining instructions for the event.

Best wishes,

Cllr David Harris
Deputy Leader Cornwall Council

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