

## **Burgess Hill Town Council's element of the 2019/20 Council Tax Charge**

Burgess Hill residents will have received, or will do shortly, their council tax bills for the 2019/20 tax year.

Residents will see a net reduction of just under £11 (13.9%) when compared to the prior year for a Band D property *(i)* in the annual charge levied by Burgess Hill Town Council. The purpose of this note is to provide an explanation as to why there has been such a reduction.

At the beginning of 2018, residents were consulted on the development of a new community and performance venue. Although there was overwhelming support for the project, residents rejected, marginally, the payment plan which involved an increase in residents' council tax charge to help fund the project.

This reduction relates to the removal of the budget line item and the agreement to credit back the actual funds raised for the venue in 2018/19.

After taking into account the adjustment for the credit, the underlying increase in the Band D rate is less than 2%.

For 2020/21, residents will see an increase *(ii)* in the Town Council's net charge as the credit applied to 2019/20 will not be applicable to the 2020/21 year.

*(i) Reductions will vary dependent on which band residences' houses sit.*

*Reduction made up of the removal of original venue line item from 2019/20 budget, the credit of actual monies raised and adjustments for other budgetary movements.*

*(ii) The increase for 2020/21 associated with the credit given in 2019/20, will be in the region of £6 for the year for a Band D dwelling.*

If you have further queries, please contact Burgess Hill Town Council, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AS, 01444 247726

Further information about your council tax bill can be found on Mid Sussex District Council's website: [www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/3911/mid-sussex-council-tax-leaflet-2019.pdf](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/3911/mid-sussex-council-tax-leaflet-2019.pdf)