



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **Cabinet recommends freeze on council tax, garden waste licences and car parking charges**



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Members of Cotswold District Council's Cabinet met today and recommended a freeze on its share of local residents' council tax payments for 2017/18, following a freeze for 2016/17, a 5% cut in 2015/16, a 3% cut in 2014/15 and a 5% reduction in 2013/14. If approved by Full Council next week, the average band D charge for District services would remain at £126.40.

The proposed freeze for 2017/18 would mean that the actual amount being charged for a Band D council tax payer will have been reduced by about £18 per year (13%) over a period stretching back to 2010/11. This would be the 16<sup>th</sup> lowest District Council charge in the Country compared with being the 63<sup>rd</sup> lowest a few years ago.

The Cabinet Members also recommended yet another freeze on parking and garden waste collection charges.

Commenting after the meeting, CDC Leader Cllr Lynden Stowe said:

"I know that many local families find it tough to make ends meet and my intention is always to ensure that they pay as little as possible for a full range of council services. Almost all of the Councils in the country are raising their share of council tax and I am very pleased to say that Cotswold is bucking that unwelcome trend. In

fact, our proposed freeze for 2017/18 represents a real terms saving (including the impact of inflation) of 33% since 2010/11.

“We are able to freeze council tax payments – and also maintain current charges for the garden waste collection service and car parking – thanks to the savings we are making from increased joint working with other authorities (particularly West Oxfordshire and Forest of Dean) and we are also continuing with a range of efficiency measures.

“We are making great strides towards the next phase of our joint working with partner councils and we are well on course to share in collective savings of £5.6 million per year by 2020. In other words, we have responded very effectively to the reduction in funding from central government over the last ten years by finding ways to reduce our running costs while maintaining our services.”

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