

Report for Glastonbury Town Council meeting March 8th 2022 by County Councillor Terry Napper.

Local Government Reorganisation:

The Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities Michael Gove have supported the move to a Single Unitary Somerset Council. Structural change orders were approved by the House of Commons on January 23rd and will now progress to the Lords on or before March 14th. The Elections for the new Authority with Town and Parish will be held on May 5th. Expect Candidates from all intending participating colours and parties to be jacking up their election mandates and expectations and knocking on doors for the next two months in order to maintain our democracy and freedom.

Highlights of 2022/2023

County Council revenue budget was voted on at the Council meeting on February 23rd. It included an extra £18 million investment in adult social care, an extra £12 million investment in Childrens Services. An additional £8.4 million in Schools and £48 million in capital projects to include roads. An extra £7.8 million allocated to reduce energy use in Council Buildings. To achieve a Carbon zero Somerset by 2030. The County's Share of Council will rise by 2% with a 1% rise under the Social Care precept that equals a band D Home at £0.78p per week.

This is my penultimate report to Glastonbury and I will be saying more next month about my pleasure serving the residents of Glastonbury.

County Councillor Terry Napper.