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Consultation with Non Domestic Ratepayers 2015/16

Each year, the Council consults with its Non Domestic Ratepayers with regard to its overall financial position, and on its plans for the year ahead. Consultation is made in writing with organisations representing businesses within the Borough.

Gedling Borough Council is anticipating a further cut of 15.8% in its funding from Central Government in 2015/16, together with a further reduction of 17.6% anticipated over the following two years, 2016/17 and 2017/18. This is in addition to the very significant cuts already experienced over the last few years.

Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke, has reaffirmed the Council's intention to maintain top quality services despite the continuing budgetary pressures, and the Council is well on its way to delivering budget reductions and efficiencies of £2.4m over a three year period. The Council is not proposing to increase its council tax for 2015/16.

The Council remains committed to economic development throughout the borough and is proposing to maintain the economic development fund for investment in infrastructure and businesses, and to support opportunities for apprenticeships.

The Council again proposes to retain two hour's free car parking across the borough in 2015/16, in recognition of the continued importance placed on its impact on local shopping centres.

Cabinet is expected to agree its budget recommendations to Council at its meeting on Thursday 19 February 2015, with Council meeting to decide the budget on Monday 2 March 2015. If you would like to make any comments regarding the budget for 2015/16 please write to Mark Kimberley Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer, at the address given above, or email him at mark.kimberley@gedling.gov.uk. It would be helpful to receive any such responses by Tuesday 17 February 2015.

Mark Kimberley
Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer