

Borough Council Report

It continues to be a very busy time at Tewksbury across all departments.

Finance

Work is progressing on putting a budget together for 24/25. As with most councils, TBC is facing some very difficult decisions in balancing the books. The fact we are one of the lowest Council Tax authorities in the country is good for residents but not as our main source of income. Services are stretched, but at this point in time, no immediate cuts are expected. The authority is still hoping for a change in government funding to give more stability for long term budgeting and avoiding a cliff-edge in funding.

Garden Communities (Formerly Garden Town)

The new approach to the Garden Communities development are progressing well. A draft Charter has been drawn up and is now out for consultation. Anyone can contribute to this, responses will be considered and a final draft drawn up. This will then be used as a blueprint for stakeholders to sign up to.

Local Strategic Plan

The Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) is being undertaken by Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Authorities plus GCC. This plan will replace the Joint Core Strategy. The first stage of this is Regulation 18 where residents are consulted on what they would like to see for housing, sustainability, employment, gypsy and traveller sites to name just a few areas. The consultation goes live w/c Dec 11th and closes at the beginning of February. We ask all residents to give their opinions as this will affect us all, especially the young, who will inherit what is agreed now. Special arrangements are being put in place to consult with schools after the Christmas break.

There will be a local drop-in session possibly at the CCA but this has yet to be confirmed.