



## HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

### 2019/20 BUDGET STATEMENT

Members of Halewood Town Council are acutely aware of the financial pressures facing the residents of Halewood which seem to increase with each and every announcement from Central Government.

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) themselves have recently publicised details of the funding cuts they have received from Central Government; cuts which Halewood Town Council has also had to bear.

These relentless cuts in public funding such as the scrapping the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant have meant that in the five years your Town Council has suffered a real terms cut in its funding of £75,000.

Nevertheless, the Members of the Town Council are committed to improving its assets and its service to the community, including increasing by 50% the level of its General Grants Fund, continuing the financial support to the most vulnerable children and families in our community via our schools and providing an employment opportunity via the Knowsley Apprenticeship Scheme.

The sustained nature of cuts and Members' commitment to protect and improve services leaves the Town Council little option in 2019/20 but to increase the precept by 9.5%.

Whilst this may sound a large increase, on a Band D property, it equates to an increase of £6.83 per year, less than 2p per day. However, in reality 86% of our residents will pay much less, with Band A properties, (38% of the total in Halewood) paying an increase of £4.55 per year, less than 1.25p per day.

In total terms, these figures will enable Members and staff of Halewood Town Council, to continue to provide much needed services to the residents of the Township.

*George MacKenzie*  
Town Manager



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