



## MASSIVE TAX INCREASE FOR DESBOROUGH RESIDENTS

Desborough residents have been hit with a massive increase in their Council tax as the Town Council increases its budget from **£64,339** last year to a staggering **£352,460** this year. This increase means that Desborough residents will have to pay, on average, an extra £80 on their council tax bill.

On a Band 'D' property the Northamptonshire County Council has limited its increase to 4%, The Police Authority precept has increased by 2%, the Kettering Borough Council is 0%. The Desborough Town Council has seen fit to increase its budget by over 400%.

Figures from Kettering Borough Council show a total Precept for Rothwell Town Council of £30,000, Burton Latimer £32,000 and Desborough £350,000.

Local people want to know how this increase can possibly be justified in these times of austerity.

*'This is an unfair tax. Kettering residents do not have to pay an additional Parish Precept to share the same services'*

**David Coe** – Former Mayor, Borough Councillor and Desborough Town Councillor

*'The next time local people vote they might wish to consider the role and function of the Town Council and the effectiveness of their elected representatives.'*

**Phil Sawford** – Former Kettering MP who served on the Town Council for 20 years.

*'Local people want to know why Desborough residents have to pay an additional tax for local services and facilities and this latest increase cannot be justified'*

**Mike Payne** – Chair Desborough Labour Party

*'No Labour Councillors in Desborough have ever supported the principle of a 'Parish Precept' and no Labour Councillors in Desborough ever voted for it.'*

**Mark Watson** – Former Town Councillor

### Desborough Town Council Precept

	2015/16	2016/17
Band A	£12.73	£64.65
Band B	£14.86	£75.43
Band C	£16.98	£86.20
Band D	£19.10	£96.98
Band E	£23.34	£118.53
Band F	£27.59	£140.08
Band G	£31.83	£161.63
Band H	£38.20	£193.96

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