

## Budget 2017/18

The Town Council is well advanced with its budget proposals for 2017/18. It is likely that a less than £5 per annum increase per household will be needed to ensure that we continue to offer the range of services, as well as developing some new initiatives. The council meeting which will be considering the budget for 2017/18 is on Monday, 16th January, at 7pm and the public are welcome to attend.

During the next year, we are anticipating working with the health service to develop a social prescribing scheme. Working with GPs, this will help patients become aware of what local services are on offer in the community, which can ease isolation, or offer support – maybe where the local memory café meets or

it alone.

Youth services are still not as we would want them to be, but we are planning to continue the Youth Leisure Nights with Fusion Lifestyle at the Ivybridge Leisure Centre, and are exploring how we can make them more attractive for young people. We will also review the Youth Counselling drop-in with Young Devon to see if it can be made more accessible, or if we could spend our money in a better way.

We should hear early in 2017 if the proposals for the development of the **Butterpark** site, which were outlined in the November edition of *The Ivybridge* magazine, will be supported by Devon County Council. If they do find favour, then we will be working with our local partners and families to submit plans, seeking planning permission and publicise our innovative ideas for the site.

way the town junctions, in terms of transport, highways, facilities and services, will be vital.

The council meeting on Monday, 27th February, will feature a presentation from Tim Mills of Fusion Lifestyle, who we expect will be outlining some exciting plans for the leisure centre, which we understand will see a huge investment in the swimming side plus improvements in the other sports facilities.

If you cannot come along, but want to email your ideas, questions or aspirations about the centre to us then please email [townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk)  
Wishing you a Happy New Year from Ivybridge Town Council.

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