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Monday to Friday  
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### **FINANCE REPORT TO 2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

1) End of year accounts for 2017/18 will be available from 22 May after the internal audit has been completed.

2) Financial balances as at 31 March 2018:-

Accounts	Balance at 31/3/18	Balance at 31/3/17
Current Account	£19,911.07	£27,150
Deposit Account	£108,151.12	£53,100
Commuted sum account	£4.56	£22,606

Some of the funds in the deposit account are externally sourced grant income that is ring-fenced and can only be used for the purpose specified. They consist of:-

£109 from DCC for P3 grant (footpaths)

£2,268: The surplus in the Fore Street project fund

£2,585 : CIL funds

£500 from Councillor Brook for weed spraying

£200 from Councillor Keeling for The Gardens play park

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£21,720 in section 106 funds for The Gardens play park

£4,000 from the Elector Fund for The Gardens play park

Total: £31,882

3) The commuted sum account was a fund provided as part of the section 106 agreement with Cavanna Homes for the maintenance and development of leisure/recreational facilities at Millstream Meadow, Culver Green and Two Oaks during the first ten years of their existence. That period expired in September 2017 and the funds are now exhausted. Aside from ongoing maintenance this fund allowed us to create a new skate park and youth shelter at Millstream Meadow. In this last year it allowed us to fund the resurfacing of the paths at Millstream Meadow and to create the new outdoor gym.

4) The precept for 2018/19 has been increased from £132,332 to £141,747. For a Band D Council Tax payer this will increase the council tax that they pay to the Town Council from £79.56 to £83.54 per annum.

- 5) Room hire charges at the Town Hall have been frozen. Cemetery charges have also been frozen. There will be the normal £1 per plot increase in allotment charges in October 2018
- 6) The Council has continued to invest in a programme of improvements to facilities in the Town Hall. In the past year we have replaced the staircase to the Woodway Room balcony, installed sensor lights in the toilets, updated the fire alarm system and fitted new hand driers in all the toilets.
- 7) Externally, the Council has been able to deliver a number of projects to improve the town:-
- The replacement of the dilapidated play park at The Gardens
  - The creation of a landing site for Devon Air Ambulance at the sports centre
  - Drainage works on the grassed area at Fore Street park
  - The installation of a bus shelter at Town Mills
  - The purchase of the Exeter Road allotments site
  - The creation of a natural burials section at Tower Hill cemetery
  - Cutting of roadside verges to top-up the limited service that Devon County Council can now offer.
  - Replaced a number of benches in the parish

John Carlton  
Town Clerk  
11 April 2018