

I attach the headline budget figures from County Hall, as well as the latest position on Local Government Reform:

Since last month, County has agreed its budget for 2025/26 which includes the usual 2.99% rise in council tax plus the extra 2% for integrated care.

This graph, representing spending, is quite useful:

The pie charts below illustrates where the money comes from:

The annual council tax for an average Band D home will rise by £85.59 - or £1.64 a week - to £1,801.26.

Local Government Reorganisation latest:

It appears that Plymouth City Council wants to take over the 13 parishes to the west of the South Hams (currently in Rebecca Smith MP's South West Devon constituency).

The Districts have offered a 4:5:1 unitary solution

4= West Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge and Torbay.

5= Torridge, North Devon, Mid Devon, East Devon, Exeter

1= (Greater) Plymouth

We wait to see that County will propose.

At the same time, Devon, Torbay and Torbay leaders are having discussions about establishing a mayoral strategic authority.

Best,

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