

Temple Cloud with Cameley Annual Parish Meeting:
A report from District Cllr Tim Warren

Apologies not to be present,

Firstly thank you to all residents and Councillors for their support over the year, it makes the job much easier.

As always council finances have been somewhat challenging; more so this year than ever. With rising costs from adult and children's social care, this has put a huge strain on the budget. Excluding school funding which is handed directly to each school, the care budget will soon account for around 80% of all council money.

We have invested an extra £3.9m in adult social care and £3.1m in Children's services.

With these extra pressures, it means over the four years of our administration, we will have dealt with £59m of pressures.

Some of this will come from savings, and some will come from added income.

We are working hard to gain more from our heritage services for example the Roman Baths have increased visitor numbers, we are receiving an extra £2.5m in business rates due to joining the West of England combined authority, we have also formed our own housing company which is providing more homes and extra income for council.

The Joint Spatial Plan was agreed by council. This is a high level plan that sets out the long term plan and broad locations for new housing and business in the area.

This plan will run until 2036.

Alongside this the West of England are producing a joint transport plan which sets out the transport needs which will be needed to support the growth in housing and business.

Current proposals include completion of the Avon ring road and potential mass transit routes between Bristol, Keynsham and Bath.

This is just a very brief update, and I'm always happy to meet up and go through anything in more detail if anybody would like to do so.

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