

HORSHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEETING

HALC met at the Steyning Centre on Monday 23rd July. Representatives from most Parishes across the Horsham District were present to hear a most interesting presentation on the Local Government Finance Bill, which is currently going through Parliament and which devolves the power to set Council Tax rebates and support to District Councils. Attached is an Article written by the National Association of Local Councils explaining this in more detail.

Nothing has yet been formally decided by HDC and it is very likely that the existing regime, giving Council Tax support to pensioners and other vulnerable groups will be maintained exactly as it is. However, overall the effect is to reduce grants to Local Authorities from 100% to 90% to compensate them for the monies paid out.

This may have a very small effect on the Parish precept.

In the model worked by HDC you can see that a £50 payment per annum would go up to £50.26, but this is only an example at a very early stage. There is a lot more work for HDC and ourselves to do on this.

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