Public Question - Full Council 11 January 2023

1. "Good evening Council, I have a brief statement and a brief question in relation to the budget proposals on your Full Council meeting tonight. As a previous Town Councillor, I'm aware of the challenges the Town Council face in setting its budget and precept for the coming financial year. However, I was somewhat surprised about the proposed precept increase of 10% and would ask the Council to carefully consider not only the challenges that the Town Council face but also of the local residents in respect of the current financial climate. My specific question to the budget is as follows:

a) The proposed budget includes a recommendation to use £728,000 of CIL income towards capital expenditure. Can the Town Council provide me with details on how they plan to engage with the local community over the next 12 months with regard to current and future CIL income to ensure the Town Council's plans and ambitions are in line with that of the local residents."