Press Statement for Rayleigh Town Council’s Precept Requirement

Rayleigh Town Council’s precept for the 2017/18 financial year will be £407,693, which amounts to an increase of 5p per week on the average Band D property. This is mainly a result of allocations of budget for the following items: The potential take over from Rochford District Council of the management of Crown Hill public toilets, the provision of replacement play equipment in Rochford District Council owned play areas (which has been assisted by grant funding) and the new Trinity Fair, which will take place in the town centre on Sunday 11th June 2017. Inflation increases on other budget items have been offset by efficiencies.

The Town Council achieves good financial management by actively seeking sponsorship from local businesses for its floral displays and Christmas lights and by applying for grant funding for new projects wherever possible. We will of course continue to maintain all of our current services, which include funding for the Rayleigh Town Museum, arranging the Remembrance Day Parade, floral displays and maintenance of the King George V Playing Field. We have also earmarked reserves for improvements in the High Street and for the Christmas Lighting scheme.