

## County Council Report January 2018

The county received its financial notification from the Government just before Christmas.

Members were briefed before this notification on the possible outcome as we are each year and assumed possible options, of which would be the impact on our rates, an assumption was that a 1.95% increase on the general rate and a 2% increase for Adult Social Care would be what the council would be announcing. The Government had relaxed the restriction on the amount that rates can be increased, this allowed councils to increase the rate bill by 6% by one increase, or spreading this over two or three years. It may be expected that the council will increase the general rate by one percent raising it to 2.95, which will be discussed and finalised at the February council meeting.

Our Chief executive has decided to retire from his post after twelve years in February but will stay on to give a smooth take over until the end of July.

The Council will look at the home to school transport to see if we can find any economic savings

The Carillion agreement has now been terminated and Galliford Try is on site keeping works ongoing.

The Portfolio holder for Highways, Transport and IT will be contacting Parishes to resume Division walkabouts to discuss any problems. The process will take many months as you will appreciate Lincolnshire is a large area.

Regards Ron