

Statement to Resources PDS Panel – 28th November 2022

2023/24 Budget – Will Peasedown St John be included?

Dear Panel Members,

Each year we see millions of pounds being spent on numerous projects across the local authority.

All of which are carried out with the desire to invest in our communities and to improve the quality of life of our residents.

We are grateful that the council uses a budget setting and discussion process that allows all councillors to contribute and make representations on behalf of their constituents.

It's for this very reason that we're submitting this statement, and these items for consideration in the 2023/24 council budget.

Each week, we spend time out in the community knocking on doors, meeting residents, and finding out what their desires and aspirations are for Peasedown St John.

This is their 'wish list' for the forthcoming council budget:

- *£50,000 for Carlingcott resurfacing*
- *£20,000 for hedge maintenance and path clearance in Peasedown St John*
- *£25,000 to replace out-dated play equipment in Peasedown St John*

We'd also like the council to consider reintroducing the Ward Councillors' Empowerment Fund. £59,000 spread across the local authority (£2,000 per Member) will make a real difference to supporting grassroots projects in our communities.

Please do consider these financial requests from Peasedown St John residents for the 2023/24 council budget.

Yours,

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