

LEADER'S REPORT

12 AUGUST 2015

New Members

20 new councillors were elected in the last Local Elections. A comprehensive Induction programme was organised, covering the wide range of services provided by the Council. Ted Baker and Paul Harriot, who both chose to not seek re-election, will be appointed honorary aldermen.

Budget

There is a risk that the increase to the minimum wage will result in job losses for the council. It is likely that the Revenue Support Grant will decrease, providing further financial pressures.

Local Finances

Considerable emphasis moving forward in ensuring the Council brings in as much revenue as possible from external sources. Norse is operating at a profit, and brings additional income into the authority of £348,429.

Cultural offer

Medway is home to significant cultural assets including Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Castle and Chatham Historic Dockyard. This summer the Council organised a myriad of very well received festivals and events.