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Submission: I don't mind an extra rate increase to get the Council out of debt but I do not agree for it to be every year. The increase shouldn't be above CPI which currently is 2.1%. What should be done is to contract an expert to find where council assets can be sold off or leased out and where costs can be cut and effective investments made for any cash surplus. The existing staff should have the ability to do all of the above but a contractor won't have a conflict of interest.

Yours sincerely

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