

PROVISIONAL COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

Council Tax Resolution – An Explanation

The Council Tax resolution has to be very precise legally and so has to quote the sections of the appropriate Acts of Parliament. The following is a simplified explanation of each of the significant parts of the resolution:

- (1)(a) the number of Band D equivalent properties to be used in the calculation of the Council Tax;
- (2) the Council Tax Requirement, excluding parish precepts;
- (3)(a) the Council's budgeted gross expenditure, including parish precepts and special expenses;
- (3)(b) the Council's budgeted income;
- (3)(c) the Council's Budget Requirement, including parish precepts;
- (3)(d) the average band D Council Tax being levied in the district, for the Council and all the parishes;
- (3)(e) the amount of parish precepts and special expenses;
- (3)(f) the headline Council Tax amount for the Council. This is the amount required to fund this Council's general expense services that cover the whole district.

For those areas that raise a parish precept, the figure in Schedule B of Attachment G shows the Council's band D equivalent Council Tax figure inclusive of the relevant parish precept;

The figures in Schedule C of Attachment G shows the amount of the Council Tax for each of the valuation bands, by County, Police, Borough and Parish, and

Schedule D of Attachment G shows the total aggregate Council Tax for each of the valuation bands, (i.e. inclusive of County, Police, Borough and Parish precepts).

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16:-
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 35,058.08 [Item T in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate as in the attached Schedule A of Attachment G,
2. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Town and Parish precepts) is £6,143,482
3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) £65,936,681, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Town and Parish Councils.
 - (b) £51,521,213, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £14,415,468, being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its Budget requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Act).
 - (d) £222.54, being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Town and Parish).
 - (e) £1,658,461, being the aggregate amount of all special items (Town and Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Schedule A of Attachment G).
 - (f) £175.23, being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Town and Parish precept relates.

- (g) the figures in Schedule B of Attachment G , being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided, in each case, by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate; and
 - (h) the figures in Schedule C of Attachment G , being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.
4. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 54(2) Local Government Finance Act 1992.