



Chairman and Members of the Council

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Dear Councillor,

COUNCIL - 3 MARCH 2020

Please find attached the following reports which were marked "to follow" on the agenda for the above meeting:

7. Members' questions (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive any Members' questions

8. Council Tax 2020/21 - Tax Setting Formal Resolution (Pages 7 - 20)

11. Motions on Notice (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive Motions on Notice.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Tuesday.

Yours faithfully,

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MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020
TIME : 7.00 PM

COUNCIL – 3 March 2020

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor Ben Crystall to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

According to the final report from the Climate Change Task and Finish Group, received by Council on 5th March 2019, it was recommended that existing capital grants for loft and cavity wall insulation are extended to provide greater assistance grants to cover solid wall insulation and secondary glazing in energy efficiency priority areas of the District. It was also suggested that this could be achieved from within the existing capital budget, as current loft and cavity wall grants are under-utilised by residents. Has this extension to the grant offer been provided, and if so, can he provide specific figures for the total amount allocated to solid wall insulation and to secondary glazing, and how much of this allocation has been actively granted to residents for this purpose?

Question 2

Councillor Ben Crystall to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

The Council, as a trusted local information source, should continue to promote information on energy reduction to local residents. The Grantham Institute at Imperial College recently published a list of 10 straightforward actions that individuals can take to reduce their own carbon emissions; will EHDC commit to placing this list in a prominent place on its website and publishing it in the Council's publications such as Link and Network?

Question 3

Councillor Rosemary Bolton to ask Councillor Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:

What steps is the Council taking to tackle anti-social behaviour within our District?

Question 4

Councillor Jeff Jones to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

Could the Executive Member assure me that this council is committed to supporting Community Transport projects in our district? These services rely heavily on the financial support given by East Herts Council, until they become self-sustaining.

Can the Executive member assure me that there are no plans to reduce this financial commitment?

Question 5

Councillor Devonshire to ask the Councillor Jan Goodeve, Executive Member for Planning and Growth:

How is this council seeking to protect employment land within our District?

Question 6

Councillor Chris Wilson to ask Councillor Graham McAndrew, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability:

During the full Council meeting on 23rd October, this Council unanimously agreed to a motion proposing that the Environmental and Climate Change Forum would investigate the possibility of working with Hertfordshire County Council to research the possibility of setting up an "On-Demand" Transport service in East Herts. As planned developments are continuing to progress within the District, it is vital that we set up more viable alternatives to private car use as soon as possible. Therefore, I would ask Councillor G McAndrew to update the Council on any progress that might have been made with such an investigation, and if no progress has been made, please inform us when we are likely to hear any updates about the possibility of putting an On Demand Transport system in place?

Question 7

Councillor Mione Goldspink to ask Councillor Peter Boylan, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods:

Several years ago this Council made a commitment to help with the Government's programme for resettling vulnerable Syrian refugees. These were vulnerable people from the Refugee Camps who, had been assessed by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) as being in genuine need. Could the Leader please give an update on this Council's activity with this programme, and tell us how many Syrian refugees have been settled in East Herts?

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East Herts Council

Council

Date of Meeting: 3 March 2020

Report by: Councillor Geoff Williamson, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Financial Sustainability

Report title: Council Tax – Formal Resolution

Ward(s) affected: ALL

Summary

- This report sets proposals to set the Council Tax for 2020/21

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:

- (a) **that the Council Tax resolution, as now submitted, be approved;**
- (b) **that the local precepts as set out at Appendix 'A' be noted; and**
- (c) **that the Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Police Authority precepts be noted.**

1.0 Proposal(s)

1.1 The council tax resolution is set out at Appendix A.

1.2 The calculations set out in the resolution are prescribed in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended. The Localism Act 2011 made minor amendments to the required calculation. The Council has no discretion in undertaking these calculations beyond determining any special expenses within

the Council's own budget applicable to part of its area. The Council has not determined any special expenses.

1.3 The Required Calculations

1.4 Section 1: this confirms that this Council's previously agreed Tax base is used in the calculation.

1.5 Section 2: this sets out the Council's council tax requirement for its own purposes (excluding parish precepts) for 2020/21.

1.6 Section 3:

- (a) The Council's gross expenditure + transfers to reserves + the total of parish precepts.
- (b) The Council's gross income including grants + transfers from reserves.
- (c) Is (a) – (b)
- (d) Is (c) divided by the tax base. This is this Council's band D council tax rate + the average rate for all parishes.
- (e) Is the total of parish precepts.
- (f) Is this Council's band D council tax rate.
- (g) Is a table of Band D Council plus Parish rate.
- (h) This is the same as (g) but showing the council tax by each valuation band.

1.7 Section 4: this is the equivalent amounts to those at 3(h) for the County and Police Authority precepts

1.8 Section 5: this is the total council tax for each valuation band for each parish

2.0 Background

2.1 This Council is the council tax billing and collection authority within its area.

- 2.2 The council tax calculation sets the tax in respect of this council and the aggregate council tax inclusive of the County Council and Police Authority precepts and of each town and parish's precept.
- 2.3 The County Council's Finance Director and Chief Finance Officer for the Police and Crime Commissioner have advised that the County Council and Police Authority precepts for 2020/21 as they affect East Hertfordshire District Council taxpayers will total £98,782,718.40. This is made up of £86,650,862.40 for the County Council and £12,131,856.00 for the Police Authority. This gives Band D equivalents of £1,414.20 and £198.00 respectively.
- 2.4 The total parish precept is £4,781,811.81.
- 2.5 The County Council, Police Authority and Parish precepts contribute to the setting of the Council Tax

3.0 Reason(s)

- 3.1 The Council has a statutory responsibility to set the council tax for each part of its area no later than 11 March prior to the start of the year in respect of which the tax is set.

4.0 Options

- 4.1 Statutory responsibility, no alternative options

5.0 Risks

- 5.1 Risks were considered in setting the Council's budget

6.0 Implications/Consultations

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

Yes as set out in the report

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

Yes - The setting of the council tax must be in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended

Specific Wards

No

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 None

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDED

1 That it be noted that at its meeting on 18 December 2019 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2020/21

- a) for the whole Council area as 61,272.0 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below.

Parish/Town Council of:-	2020/21 Tax Base	For information only	
		Precept £	Parish Band D £
Albury	277.33	8,000.00	28.85
Anstey	168.09	4,750.00	28.26
Ardeley	209.16	6,000.00	28.69
Aspenden	124.41	3,000.00	24.11
Aston	427.53	14,030.00	32.82
Bayford	229.85	4,961.00	21.58
Bengeo	283.51	15,000.00	52.91
Benington	398.53	17,365.00	43.57
Bishop's Stortford	15,963.24	1,096,515.00	68.69
Bramfield	110.02	2,500.00	22.72
Braughing	642.22	40,796.00	63.52
Brent Pelham/Meesden	148.15	2,525.00	17.04
Brickendon	341.23	16,500.00	48.35
Buckland	117.12	8,500.00	72.58
Buntingford	3,071.25	300,822.00	97.95
Cottered	312.95	15,000.00	47.93
Datchworth	732.77	28,375.89	38.72
Eastwick and Gilston	436.54	12,750.00	29.21
Furneux Pelham	260.73	4,000.00	15.34
Great Amwell	965.23	19,220.00	19.91
Great Munden	143.46	4,810.00	33.53
Hertford	12,015.52	1,212,714.00	100.93
Hertford Heath	972.32	70,000.00	71.99
Hertingfordbury	328.00	16,199.92	49.39
High Wych	343.19	12,950.00	37.73
Hormead	330.64	23,500.00	71.07
Hunsdon	507.65	15,268.00	30.08
Little Berkhamsted	271.36	12,300.00	45.33
Little Hadham	529.43	14,062.00	26.56
Little Munden	417.74	9,430.00	22.57
Much Hadham	962.60	43,000.00	44.67
Sacombe	91.20	0.00	0.00
Sawbridgeworth	3,762.58	339,283.00	90.17
Standon	1,856.27	80,580.00	43.41
Stanstead Abbots	692.24	40,000.00	57.78
Stanstead St Margarets	693.95	16,000.00	23.06
Stapleford	266.85	6,000.00	22.48
Stocking Pelham	80.83	2,250.00	27.84
Tewin	868.32	31,000.00	35.70
Thorley	151.36	2,700.00	17.84
Thundridge	677.57	32,500.00	47.97
Walkern	701.41	29,237.00	41.68
Ware	7,511.09	1,084,380.00	144.37
Wareside	309.70	6,623.00	21.39
Watton at Stone	1,063.43	36,765.00	34.57

Westmill	160.30	5,150.00	32.13
Widford	271.35	14,500.00	53.44
Wyddial	71.78	0.00	0.00
	61,272.0	4,781,811.81	

2 Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is
 £ 10,666,842.48

3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- a) £ 94,089,165.81 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all the precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
- b) £ 78,640,511.52 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act
- c) £ 15,448,654.29 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 31 A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act)
- d) £ 252.13 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 31 B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (including Parish Precepts)
- e) £ 4,781,811.81 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, as detailed above.
- f) £ 174.09 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 Parish precept relates

The Council is also required to determine that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/2021 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB and 52ZY Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Section 4ZA Local Government Finance Act 1992: Referendums relating to Council Tax Increases.

For 2020/2021 the level deemed to be excessive, as determined by the Government in its Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) Report (England) 2019/2020, is an increase of 1.99% or more, or £5 per dwelling whichever is the greater. As such, the Council can determine, for its portion of the Council Tax that the level of Council Tax increase for 2020/2021 is not excessive or requiring a local referendum.

g) Parts of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Council of:-	Band D District plus Parish £
Albury	202.94
Anstey	202.35
Ardeley	202.78
Aspenden	198.20
Aston	206.91
Bayford	195.67
Bengeo Rural	227.00
Benington	217.66
Bishop's Stortford	242.78
Bramfield	196.81
Braughing	237.61

Brent Pelham/Meesden	191.13
Brickendon Liberty	222.44
Buckland	246.67
Buntingford	272.04
Cottered	222.02
Datchworth	212.81
Eastwick and Gilston	203.30

Furneux Pelham	189.43
Great Amwell	194.00
Great Munden	207.62
Hertford	275.02
Hertford Heath	246.08
Hertingfordbury	223.48
High Wych	211.82
Horstead	245.16
Hunsdon	204.17
Little Berkhamsted	219.42
Little Hadham	200.65
Little Munden	196.66
Much Hadham	218.76
Sacombe	174.09
Sawbridgeworth	264.26
Standon	217.50
Stanstead Abbots	231.87
Stanstead St Margarets	197.15
Stapleford	196.57
Stocking Pelham	201.93
Tewin	209.79
Thorley	191.93
Thundridge	222.06
Walkern	215.77
Ware	318.46
Wareside	195.48
Watton at Stone	208.66
Westmill	206.22
Widford	227.53
Wyddial	174.09

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount in 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) 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.

h) Parts of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Councils of:-	COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS							
	DISTRICT plus PARISH							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albury	135.29	157.84	180.39	202.94	248.04	293.14	338.23	405.88
Anstey	134.90	157.38	179.87	202.35	247.32	292.28	337.25	404.70
Ardeley	135.19	157.72	180.25	202.78	247.84	292.90	337.97	405.56
Aspenden	132.13	154.16	176.18	198.20	242.24	286.29	330.33	396.40
Aston	137.94	160.93	183.92	206.91	252.89	298.87	344.85	413.82
Bayford	130.45	152.19	173.93	195.67	239.15	282.63	326.12	391.34
Bengeo	151.33	176.56	201.78	227.00	277.44	327.89	378.33	454.00
Benington	145.11	169.29	193.48	217.66	266.03	314.40	362.77	435.32
Bishops Stortford	161.85	188.83	215.80	242.78	296.73	350.68	404.63	485.56
Bramfield	131.21	153.07	174.94	196.81	240.55	284.28	328.02	393.62
Braughing	158.41	184.81	211.21	237.61	290.41	343.21	396.02	475.22
Brent Pelham/Meesden	127.42	148.66	169.89	191.13	233.60	276.08	318.55	382.26
Brickendon Liberty	148.29	173.01	197.72	222.44	271.87	321.30	370.73	444.88
Buckland	164.45	191.85	219.26	246.67	301.49	356.30	411.12	493.34
Buntingford	181.36	211.59	241.81	272.04	332.49	392.95	453.40	544.08
Cottered	148.01	172.68	197.35	222.02	271.36	320.70	370.03	444.04
Datchworth	141.87	165.52	189.16	212.81	260.10	307.39	354.68	425.62
Eastwick & Gilston	135.53	158.12	180.71	203.30	248.48	293.66	338.83	406.60

Furneux Pelham	126.29	147.33	168.38	189.43	231.53	273.62	315.72	378.86
Great Amwell	129.33	150.89	172.44	194.00	237.11	280.22	323.33	388.00
Great Munden	138.41	161.48	184.55	207.62	253.76	299.90	346.03	415.24
Hertford	183.35	213.90	244.46	275.02	336.14	397.25	458.37	550.04

Hertford Heath	164.05	191.40	218.74	246.08	300.76	355.45	410.13	492.16
Hertingfordbury	148.99	173.82	198.65	223.48	273.14	322.80	372.47	446.96
High Wych	141.21	164.75	188.28	211.82	258.89	305.96	353.03	423.64
Hormead	163.44	190.68	217.92	245.16	299.64	354.12	408.60	490.32
Hunsdon	136.11	158.80	181.48	204.17	249.54	294.91	340.28	408.34
Little Berkhamsted	146.28	170.66	195.04	219.42	268.18	316.94	365.70	438.84
Little Hadham	133.77	156.06	178.36	200.65	245.24	289.83	334.42	401.30
Little Munden	131.11	152.96	174.81	196.66	240.36	284.06	327.77	393.32
Much Hadham	145.84	170.15	194.45	218.76	267.37	315.99	364.60	437.52
Sacombe	116.06	135.40	154.75	174.09	212.78	251.46	290.15	348.18
Sawbridgeworth	176.17	205.54	234.90	264.26	322.98	381.71	440.43	528.52
Standon	145.00	169.17	193.33	217.50	265.83	314.17	362.50	435.00
Stanstead Abbots	154.58	180.34	206.11	231.87	283.40	334.92	386.45	463.74
Stanstead St Margarets	131.43	153.34	175.24	197.15	240.96	284.77	328.58	394.30
Stapleford	131.05	152.89	174.73	196.57	240.25	283.93	327.62	393.14
Stocking Pelham	134.62	157.06	179.49	201.93	246.80	291.68	336.55	403.86
Tewin	139.86	163.17	186.48	209.79	256.41	303.03	349.65	419.58
Thorley	127.95	149.28	170.60	191.93	234.58	277.23	319.88	383.86
Thundridge	148.04	172.71	197.39	222.06	271.41	320.75	370.10	444.12
Walkern	143.85	167.82	191.80	215.77	263.72	311.67	359.62	431.54
Ware	212.31	247.69	283.08	318.46	389.23	460.00	530.77	636.92
Wareside	130.32	152.04	173.76	195.48	238.92	282.36	325.80	390.96
Watton at Stone	139.11	162.29	185.48	208.66	255.03	301.40	347.77	417.32
Westmill	137.48	160.39	183.31	206.22	252.05	297.87	343.70	412.44
Widford	151.69	176.97	202.25	227.53	278.09	328.65	379.22	455.06
Wyddial	116.06	135.40	154.75	174.09	212.78	251.46	290.15	348.18

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 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 the 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 That it be noted that for the year 2020/21 Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)	942.80	1,099.93	1,257.07	1,414.20	1,728.47	2,042.73	2,357.00	2,828.40
Hertfordshire Police Authority	132.00	154.00	176.00	198.00	242.00	286.00	330.00	396.00

5 That the Council, in accordance with sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS

HCC plus POLICE AUTHORITY plus DISTRICT plus PARISH

Parish/Town Council of:-	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Albury	1,210.09	1,411.77	1,613.46	1,815.14	2,218.51	2,621.87	3,025.23	3,630.28
Anstey	1,209.70	1,411.31	1,612.94	1,814.55	2,217.79	2,621.01	3,024.25	3,629.10
Ardeley	1,209.99	1,411.65	1,613.32	1,814.98	2,218.31	2,621.63	3,024.97	3,629.96
Aspenden	1,206.93	1,408.09	1,609.25	1,810.40	2,212.71	2,615.02	3,017.33	3,620.80
Aston	1,212.74	1,414.86	1,616.99	1,819.11	2,223.36	2,627.60	3,031.85	3,638.22
Bayford	1,205.25	1,406.12	1,607.00	1,807.87	2,209.62	2,611.36	3,013.12	3,615.74
Bengeo	1,226.13	1,430.49	1,634.85	1,839.20	2,247.91	2,656.62	3,065.33	3,678.40
Benington	1,219.91	1,423.22	1,626.55	1,829.86	2,236.50	2,643.13	3,049.77	3,659.72
Bishops Stortford	1,236.65	1,442.76	1,648.87	1,854.98	2,267.20	2,679.41	3,091.63	3,709.96
Bramfield	1,206.01	1,407.00	1,608.01	1,809.01	2,211.02	2,613.01	3,015.02	3,618.02
Braughing	1,233.21	1,438.74	1,644.28	1,849.81	2,260.88	2,671.94	3,083.02	3,699.62
Brent Pelham/Meesden	1,202.22	1,402.59	1,602.96	1,803.33	2,204.07	2,604.81	3,005.55	3,606.66
Brickendon Liberty	1,223.09	1,426.94	1,630.79	1,834.64	2,242.34	2,650.03	3,057.73	3,669.28
Buckland	1,239.25	1,445.78	1,652.33	1,858.87	2,271.96	2,685.03	3,098.12	3,717.74
Buntingford	1,256.16	1,465.52	1,674.88	1,884.24	2,302.96	2,721.68	3,140.40	3,768.48
Cottered	1,222.81	1,426.61	1,630.42	1,834.22	2,241.83	2,649.43	3,057.03	3,668.44
Datchworth	1,216.67	1,419.45	1,622.23	1,825.01	2,230.57	2,636.12	3,041.68	3,650.02
Eastwick & Gilston	1,210.33	1,412.05	1,613.78	1,815.50	2,218.95	2,622.39	3,025.83	3,631.00
Furneux Pelham	1,201.09	1,401.26	1,601.45	1,801.63	2,202.00	2,602.35	3,002.72	3,603.26
Great Amwell	1,204.13	1,404.82	1,605.51	1,806.20	2,207.58	2,608.95	3,010.33	3,612.40
Great Munden	1,213.21	1,415.41	1,617.62	1,819.82	2,224.23	2,628.63	3,033.03	3,639.64
Hertford	1,258.15	1,467.83	1,677.53	1,887.22	2,306.61	2,725.98	3,145.37	3,774.44
Hertford Heath	1,238.85	1,445.33	1,651.81	1,858.28	2,271.23	2,684.18	3,097.13	3,716.56
Hertingfordbury	1,223.79	1,427.75	1,631.72	1,835.68	2,243.61	2,651.53	3,059.47	3,671.36
High Wych	1,216.01	1,418.68	1,621.35	1,824.02	2,229.36	2,634.69	3,040.03	3,648.04
Horstead	1,238.24	1,444.61	1,650.99	1,857.36	2,270.11	2,682.85	3,095.60	3,714.72
Hunsdon	1,210.91	1,412.73	1,614.55	1,816.37	2,220.01	2,623.64	3,027.28	3,632.74
Little Berkhamsted	1,221.08	1,424.59	1,628.11	1,831.62	2,238.65	2,645.67	3,052.70	3,663.24
Little Hadham	1,208.57	1,409.99	1,611.43	1,812.85	2,215.71	2,618.56	3,021.42	3,625.70
Little Munden	1,205.91	1,406.89	1,607.88	1,808.86	2,210.83	2,612.79	3,014.77	3,617.72
Much Hadham	1,220.64	1,424.08	1,627.52	1,830.96	2,237.84	2,644.72	3,051.60	3,661.92
Sacombe	1,190.86	1,389.33	1,587.82	1,786.29	2,183.25	2,580.19	2,977.15	3,572.58
Sawbridgeworth	1,250.97	1,459.47	1,667.97	1,876.46	2,293.45	2,710.44	3,127.43	3,752.92
Standon	1,219.80	1,423.10	1,626.40	1,829.70	2,236.30	2,642.90	3,049.50	3,659.40
Stanstead Abbotts	1,229.38	1,434.27	1,639.18	1,844.07	2,253.87	2,663.65	3,073.45	3,688.14
Stanstead St Margarets	1,206.23	1,407.27	1,608.31	1,809.35	2,211.43	2,613.50	3,015.58	3,618.70
Stapleford	1,205.85	1,406.82	1,607.80	1,808.77	2,210.72	2,612.66	3,014.62	3,617.54
Stocking Pelham	1,209.42	1,410.99	1,612.56	1,814.13	2,217.27	2,620.41	3,023.55	3,628.26
Tewin	1,214.66	1,417.10	1,619.55	1,821.99	2,226.88	2,631.76	3,036.65	3,643.98
Thorley	1,202.75	1,403.21	1,603.67	1,804.13	2,205.05	2,605.96	3,006.88	3,608.26
Thundridge	1,222.84	1,426.64	1,630.46	1,834.26	2,241.88	2,649.48	3,057.10	3,668.52
Walkern	1,218.65	1,421.75	1,624.87	1,827.97	2,234.19	2,640.40	3,046.62	3,655.94
Ware	1,287.11	1,501.62	1,716.15	1,930.66	2,359.70	2,788.73	3,217.77	3,861.32
Wareside	1,205.12	1,405.97	1,606.83	1,807.68	2,209.39	2,611.09	3,012.80	3,615.36
Watton at Stone	1,213.91	1,416.22	1,618.55	1,820.86	2,225.50	2,630.13	3,034.77	3,641.72
Westmill	1,212.28	1,414.32	1,616.38	1,818.42	2,222.52	2,626.60	3,030.70	3,636.84
Widford	1,226.49	1,430.90	1,635.32	1,839.73	2,248.56	2,657.38	3,066.22	3,679.46
Wyddial	1,190.86	1,389.33	1,587.82	1,786.29	2,183.25	2,580.19	2,977.15	3,572.58

COUNCIL – 3 MARCH 2020

MOTION ON NOTICE

EU SETTLED STATUS FOR EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE EAST HERTS DISTRICT FOLLOWING BREXIT

Background

Part 3 of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill (WAB) gives powers in UK law to implement provisions for protecting citizens' rights in the Withdrawal Agreement (WA), and the similar separation agreements with Switzerland and with the EEA EFTA states – Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The citizens' rights provisions in the WA set out a framework for the continued legal residence (and associated rights, including social security and healthcare rights) of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU, at the end of the transition or implementation period (31 December 2020). EU citizens may apply for EU Settled Status, with the deadline being no sooner than six months after the end of the transition period. Currently this is 30 June 2021.

The House of Commons issued as briefing paper, '8772 Citizens' rights provisions in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill 2019-20' on 3 January 2020. This highlighted that some EU citizens may be unaware of the need to apply for settled status or have difficulty in doing so.

2.2 'it has been estimated that about 30% of EU citizens may struggle with the EUSS application process, whether due to a lack of awareness of the scheme or difficulties making an application or proving their eligibility. They are therefore particularly vulnerable to losing their status and entitlements in the UK. Groups identified include the elderly, people with limited English, children and young people in the care system, homeless people, people who arrive soon before the deadline and people in casual employment.'

Officers at East Herts District Council have undertaken commendable work to ensure the EU citizens are aware of the requirement to apply for settled status. An update on progress was last issued in August 2019. The Council has some information for EU citizens on its website;

<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/latest-news/2019/help-eu-citizens-east-herts>

As the deadline approaches there is an opportunity for the Council to ensure that EU citizens know they remain welcome in the District and to improve information for residents.

MOTION

In relation to 'Part 3 of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill' and the requirement for EU citizens to apply for EU Settled Status this Council:

1. declares that EU citizens are welcome in the District of East Herts.
2. will undertake an urgent review of the information it provides on its website and elsewhere to ensure that all EU citizens, including vulnerable groups and those with impairments have easy access to information regarding how to apply for EU Settled Status.

Proposed by Councillor J Dumont, and seconded by Councillor S Bell on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group.