## AGENDA ITEM 8

# EAST HERTS COUNCIL

### COUNCIL - 1 MARCH 2005

### REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE

### 8. COUNCIL TAX - PARISHES 2005/06

### WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> - that the Parish Council precepts for 2005/06 as set out on the schedule attached to the report be noted.

### 1.0 <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 At Appendix 'A', (page 6), there is set out a list of Parish Councils and their precepts for 2005/06. There is a statutory requirement on a precepting authority to notify the District Council of its requirements by 1 March. These figures are therefore subject to change at the date of this report and any such changes will be advised at the meeting.
- 1.2 Total Parish spending in 2005/06 is shown at £2,565,349 compared to the requirements of £2,214,537 in 2004/05.
- 2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Objectives
- 2.1 The Parish Council precepts contribute to the setting of the Council Tax. The setting of the Council Tax contributes to the health and sustainability of the organisation.
- 3.0 <u>Consultation</u>
- 3.1 None.
- 4.0 Legal Implications
- 4.1 There is a statutory requirement on a precepting authority to notify the District Council of its requirements by 1 March. The Council

would be in breach of its statutory duty if it failed to set the Council Tax.

- 5.0 Financial Implications
- 5.1 None.
- 6.0 Human Resource Implications
- 6.1 None.
- 7.0 Risk Management Implications
- 7.1 None.

### **Background Papers**

Financial Services Division File

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