

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST
HERTS COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON WEDNESDAY 1
MARCH 2006 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor A L Burlton (Vice-Chairman in the Chair).
Councillors M R Alexander, W Ashley,
P R Ballam, H G S Banks, K A Barnes, S A Bull,
D Clark, R N Copping, J Demonti, A D Dodd,
G L Francis, R Gilbert, Mrs M H Goldspink,
A M Graham, L O Haysey, Mrs D L E Hollebon,
A P Jackson, M P A McMullen, T Milner,
Mrs S Newton, R L Parker, N C Poulton,
J O Ranger, D Richards, P A Ruffles,
S Rutland-Barsby, G D Scrivener, J J Taylor,
M J Tindale, J P Warren, N Wilson, M Wood.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Philip Thomas	- Interim Executive Director
Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Corporate Governance
Jeff Hughes	- Head of Democratic Services
Martin Ibrahim	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Lois Prior	- Head of Communications
David Tweedie	- Director of Resources

ACTION666 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 February 2006, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

667 VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-Chairman referred to the Chairman's recent health setback and spoke on behalf of all Members in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The Vice-Chairman requested those Members who had been unable to attend the earlier briefing on Castle Hall to advise the Executive Member for Community Development on which of the three options for the signage and branding they preferred. The options were on display at the back of the Chamber and the Executive Member would be available at the end of the meeting.

Finally, the Vice-Chairman referred to the recommendation for appointing the Chief Executive which would be considered later at this meeting (Minute XXX below refers). He commented that over various briefings, meetings and interviews, Anne Fisher had been seen by over 50% of Members.

668 COUNCIL TAX – COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AUTHORITY ELEMENTS 2006/07

The Leader of the Council submitted a report advising that Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Police Authority's precepts for 2006/07, as they affected East Hertfordshire District Council taxpayers, would total £61,942,046.39. This was made up of £55,016,834.78 for the County Council and £6,925,211.61 for the Police Authority, giving Band D equivalents of £984.95 and £123.98 respectively.

Council noted the report.

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RESOLVED - that the Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Police Authority's precepts for 2006/07, as now detailed, be noted.

669 COUNCIL TAX – PARISHES 2006/07

Council considered a report of the Leader of the Council setting out Parish Council precepts for 2006/07 in the District. Council noted that there was a statutory requirement on a precepting authority to notify the District Council by 1 March of each year of its precept for the ensuing financial year. Further, Council noted that the total Parish spending in 2006/07 would be £2,919,243 compared to £2,565,349 in 2005/06.

Council noted the report.

RESOLVED - that the Parish Council precepts for 2006/07 as set out in the schedule now submitted, be noted.

670 COUNCIL TAX 2006/07 – FORMAL RESOLUTION

The Leader of the Council submitted a report setting out the formal Resolution necessary to set the Council Tax for 2006/07 (Appendix 'A' to these Minutes). This was based on the precepts from Parish Councils, Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Police Authority, as well as the District Council budgets set at the Council meeting held on 22 February 2006 (Minute 650 refers).

Council approved the Council Tax Resolution as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the Council Tax Resolution, as set out at Appendix 'A' to these Minutes, be approved.

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671 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Director of Corporate Governance submitted a report seeking Council’s consideration of the recommendation of the Member Panel for the appointment of a Chief Executive.

Council noted that following extensive interviews over three days, the Member Panel had recommended unanimously that Anne Fisher be appointed to the post of Chief Executive.

As a consequence of this recommendation, Anne Fisher should also be appointed as Head of Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer. The appointment also required some changes to the Constitution to take account of the new post and the amended structure.

Council approved the recommendations as now detailed and thanked the Interim Executive Director and SOLACE for their efforts in securing this appointment.

RESOLVED - that (A) Anne Fisher be appointed to the post of Chief Executive and appointed as Head of Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer;

(B) the Director of Corporate Governance be appointed as Monitoring Officer with effect from the Chief Executive commencing her duties; and

(C) the Director of Corporate Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution to take account of the appointment of the Chief Executive.

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The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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Chairman

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDED

- 1 That the following, as submitted, be approved:-
- the revised revenue estimates for the year 2005/06 and the revenue estimates for 2006/07
 - the revised capital programme for the year 2005/06 and the capital programme for 2006/07 to 2007/08
- 2 That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 December 2005 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2006/07 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Act 1992:-
- 55857.49 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as its Council Tax base for the year.
 - Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Council of:-	2006-07	For information only	
	Tax Base	Precept £	Parish Band D £
Albury	274.00	5,966.00	21.77
Anstey	157.48	3,300.00	20.96
Ardeley	195.99	3,000.00	15.31
Aspenden	126.48	1,500.00	11.86
Aston	415.83	8,940.00	21.50
Bayford	206.07	3,281.00	15.92
Bengeo	295.89	6,000.00	20.28
Benington	383.92	15,500.00	40.37
Bishop's Stortford	14697.39	990,475.00	67.39
Bramfield	121.64	1,600.00	13.15
Braughing	567.98	18,184.00	32.02
Brent Pelham/Meesden	141.84	1,270.00	8.95
Brickendon Liberty	286.48	9,200.00	32.11
Buckland	114.67	4,100.00	35.75
Buntingford	1915.68	211,333.00	110.32
Cottered	304.06	5,650.00	18.58
Datchworth	744.02	18,425.00	24.76
Eastwick and Gilston	190.15	4,000.00	21.04
Furneux Pelham	248.44	3,000.00	12.08
Great Amwell	969.71	10,360.00	10.68
Great Munden	134.49	3,000.00	22.31
Hertford	10828.60	842,718.00	77.82
Hertford Heath	938.80	21,630.00	23.04
Hertingfordbury	312.63	8,900.00	28.47
High Wych	299.03	5,450.00	18.23
Hormead	316.59	14,600.00	46.12
Hunsdon	468.16	14,409.00	30.78
Little Berkhamsted	263.95	6,500.00	24.63
Little Hadham	484.22	10,290.00	21.25
Little Munden	396.59	6,000.00	15.13
Much Hadham	917.64	21,000.00	22.88
Sacombe	83.47	0.00	0.00
Sawbridgeworth	3617.98	115,000.00	31.79
Standon	1755.76	50,000.00	28.48
Stanstead Abbotts	717.70	22,600.00	31.49
Stanstead St Margarets	634.52	8,000.00	12.61
Stapleford	257.53	3,888.00	15.10
Stocking Pelham	74.47	1,500.00	20.14
Tewin	796.22	14,200.00	17.83
Thorley	296.70	2,530.00	8.53
Thundridge	592.63	13,125.00	22.15
Walkern	613.24	18,000.00	29.35
Ware	6934.82	354,000.00	51.05
Wareside	312.64	3,500.00	11.19
Watton at Stone	989.12	25,505.00	25.79
Westmill	157.84	3,860.00	24.46
Widford	233.91	4,000.00	17.10
Wyddial	70.52	0.00	0.00
	55857.49	2,919,289.00	

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- 3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2006/07 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- £ 66,054,659 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act
 - £ 47,735,735 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act

- c) £ 18,318,924 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.
- d) £ 7,718,115 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, additional grant or special grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (LGF Act 1988) (Council Tax Surplus) and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under section 98(4) of the LGF Act 1988 made on 7th February 1994 (Community Charges Surplus).
- e) £ 189.78 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(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.
- f) £ 2,919,289 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- g) £ 137.52 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, 0.00 as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

h) Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Council of:-	Band D District plus Parish £
Albury	159.29
Anstey	158.48
Ardeley	152.83
Aspenden	149.38
Aston	159.02
Bayford	153.44
Bengeo Rural	157.80
Benington	177.89
Bishop's Stortford	204.91
Bramfield	150.67
Braughing	169.54
Brent Pelham/Meesden	146.47
Brickendon Liberty	169.63
Buckland	173.27
Buntingford	247.84
Cottered	156.10
Datchworth	162.28
Eastwick and Gilston	158.56
Furneux Pelham	149.60
Great Amwell	148.20
Great Munden	159.83
Hertford	215.34
Hertford Heath	160.56
Hertingfordbury	165.99
High Wych	155.75
Hormead	183.64
Hunsdon	168.30
Little Berkhamsted	162.15
Little Hadham	158.77
Little Munden	152.65
Much Hadham	160.40
Sacombe	137.52
Sawbridgeworth	169.31
Standon	166.00
Stanstead Abbots	169.01
Stanstead St Margarets	150.13
Stapleford	152.62
Stocking Pelham	157.66
Tewin	155.35
Thorley	146.05
Thundridge	159.67
Walkern	166.87
Ware	188.57
Wareside	148.71
Watton at Stone	163.31
Westmill	161.98
Widford	154.62
Wyddial	137.52

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) 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 2(b) 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.

Part 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	106.19	123.89	141.59	159.29	194.69	230.09	265.48	318.58
Anstey	105.65	123.26	140.87	158.48	193.70	228.92	264.13	316.96
Ardeley	101.89	118.87	135.85	152.83	186.79	220.75	254.72	305.66
Aspenden	99.59	116.18	132.78	149.38	182.58	215.77	248.97	298.76
Aston	106.01	123.68	141.35	159.02	194.36	229.70	265.03	318.04
Bayford	102.29	119.34	136.39	153.44	187.54	221.64	255.73	306.88
Bengeo	105.20	122.73	140.27	157.80	192.87	227.93	263.00	315.60
Benington	118.59	138.36	158.12	177.89	217.42	256.95	296.48	355.78
Bishops Stortford	136.61	159.37	182.14	204.91	250.45	295.98	341.52	409.82
Bramfield	100.45	117.19	133.93	150.67	184.15	217.63	251.12	301.34
Braughing	113.03	131.86	150.70	169.54	207.22	244.89	282.57	339.08
Brent Pelham/Meesden	97.65	113.92	130.20	146.47	179.02	211.57	244.12	292.94
Brickendon Liberty	113.09	131.93	150.78	169.63	207.33	245.02	282.72	339.26
Buckland	115.51	134.77	154.02	173.27	211.77	250.28	288.78	346.54
Buntingford	165.23	192.76	220.30	247.84	302.92	357.99	413.07	495.68
Cottered	104.07	121.41	138.76	156.10	190.79	225.48	260.17	312.20
Datchworth	108.19	126.22	144.25	162.28	198.34	234.40	270.47	324.56
Eastwick & Gilston	105.71	123.32	140.94	158.56	193.80	229.03	264.27	317.12
Furneux Pelham	99.73	116.36	132.98	149.60	182.84	216.09	249.33	299.20
Great Amwell	98.80	115.27	131.73	148.20	181.13	214.07	247.00	296.40
Great Munden	106.55	124.31	142.07	159.83	195.35	230.87	266.38	319.66
Hertford	143.56	167.49	191.41	215.34	263.19	311.05	358.90	430.68
Hertford Heath	107.04	124.88	142.72	160.56	196.24	231.92	267.60	321.12
Hertingfordbury	110.66	129.10	147.55	165.99	202.88	239.76	276.65	331.98
High Wych	103.83	121.14	138.44	155.75	190.36	224.97	259.58	311.50
Hormead	122.43	142.83	163.24	183.64	224.45	265.26	306.07	367.28
Hunsdon	112.20	130.90	149.60	168.30	205.70	243.10	280.50	336.60
Little Berkhamsted	108.10	126.12	144.13	162.15	198.18	234.22	270.25	324.30
Little Hadham	105.85	123.49	141.13	158.77	194.05	229.33	264.62	317.54
Little Munden	101.77	118.73	135.69	152.65	186.57	220.49	254.42	305.30
Much Hadham	106.93	124.76	142.58	160.40	196.04	231.69	267.33	320.80
Sacombe	91.68	106.96	122.24	137.52	168.08	198.64	229.20	275.04
Sawbridgeworth	112.87	131.69	150.50	169.31	206.93	244.56	282.18	338.62
Standon	110.67	129.11	147.56	166.00	202.89	239.78	276.67	332.00
Stanstead Abbotts	112.67	131.45	150.23	169.01	206.57	244.13	281.68	338.02
Stanstead St Margarets	100.09	116.77	133.45	150.13	183.49	216.85	250.22	300.26
Stapleford	101.75	118.70	135.66	152.62	186.54	220.45	254.37	305.24
Stocking Pelham	105.11	122.62	140.14	157.66	192.70	227.73	262.77	315.32
Tewin	103.57	120.83	138.09	155.35	189.87	224.39	258.92	310.70
Thorley	97.37	113.59	129.82	146.05	178.51	210.96	243.42	292.10
Thundridge	106.45	124.19	141.93	159.67	195.15	230.63	266.12	319.34
Walkern	111.25	129.79	148.33	166.87	203.95	241.03	278.12	333.74
Ware	125.71	146.67	167.62	188.57	230.47	272.38	314.28	377.14
Wareside	99.14	115.66	132.19	148.71	181.76	214.80	247.85	297.42
Watton at Stone	108.87	127.02	145.16	163.31	199.60	235.89	272.18	326.62
Westmill	107.99	125.98	143.98	161.98	197.98	233.97	269.97	323.96
Widford	103.08	120.26	137.44	154.62	188.98	223.34	257.70	309.24
Wyddial	91.68	106.96	122.24	137.52	168.08	198.64	229.20	275.04

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) 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 That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 the 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	656.63	766.07	875.51	984.95	1,203.83	1,422.71	1,641.58	1,969.90
Hertfordshire Police Authority	82.65	96.43	110.20	123.98	151.53	179.08	206.63	247.96

5 That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2006/07 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the valuation bands below:-

Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town Council of:-	COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS							
	HCC plus POLICE AUTHORITY plus DISTRICT plus PARISH							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albury	845.47	986.39	1,127.30	1,268.22	1,550.05	1,831.88	2,113.69	2,536.44
Anstey	844.93	985.76	1,126.58	1,267.41	1,549.06	1,830.71	2,112.34	2,534.82
Ardeley	841.17	981.37	1,121.56	1,261.76	1,542.15	1,822.54	2,102.93	2,523.52
Aspenden	838.87	978.68	1,118.49	1,258.31	1,537.94	1,817.56	2,097.18	2,516.62
Aston	845.29	986.18	1,127.06	1,267.95	1,549.72	1,831.49	2,113.24	2,535.90
Bayford	841.57	981.84	1,122.10	1,262.37	1,542.90	1,823.43	2,103.94	2,524.74
Bengeo	844.48	985.23	1,125.98	1,266.73	1,548.23	1,829.72	2,111.21	2,533.46
Benington	857.87	1,000.86	1,143.83	1,286.82	1,572.78	1,858.74	2,144.69	2,573.64
Bishops Stortford	875.89	1,021.87	1,167.85	1,313.84	1,605.81	1,897.77	2,189.73	2,627.68
Bramfield	839.73	979.69	1,119.64	1,259.60	1,539.51	1,819.42	2,099.33	2,519.20
Braughing	852.31	994.36	1,136.41	1,278.47	1,562.58	1,846.68	2,130.78	2,556.94
Brent Pelham/Meesden	836.93	976.42	1,115.91	1,255.40	1,534.38	1,813.36	2,092.33	2,510.80
Brickendon Liberty	852.37	994.43	1,136.49	1,278.56	1,562.69	1,846.81	2,130.93	2,557.12
Buckland	854.79	997.27	1,139.73	1,282.20	1,567.13	1,852.07	2,136.99	2,564.40
Buntingford	904.51	1,055.26	1,206.01	1,356.77	1,658.28	1,959.78	2,261.28	2,713.54
Cottered	843.35	983.91	1,124.47	1,265.03	1,546.15	1,827.27	2,108.38	2,530.06
Datchworth	847.47	988.72	1,129.96	1,271.21	1,553.70	1,836.19	2,118.68	2,542.42
Eastwick & Gilston	844.99	985.82	1,126.65	1,267.49	1,549.16	1,830.82	2,112.48	2,534.98
Furneux Pelham	839.01	978.86	1,118.69	1,258.53	1,538.20	1,817.88	2,097.54	2,517.06
Great Amwell	838.08	977.77	1,117.44	1,257.13	1,536.49	1,815.86	2,095.21	2,514.26
Great Munden	845.83	986.81	1,127.78	1,268.76	1,550.71	1,832.66	2,114.59	2,537.52
Hertford	882.84	1,029.99	1,177.12	1,324.27	1,618.55	1,912.84	2,207.11	2,648.54
Hertford Heath	846.32	987.38	1,128.43	1,269.49	1,551.60	1,833.71	2,115.81	2,538.98
Hertingfordbury	849.94	991.60	1,133.26	1,274.92	1,558.24	1,841.55	2,124.86	2,549.84
High Wych	843.11	983.64	1,124.15	1,264.68	1,545.72	1,826.76	2,107.79	2,529.36
Hormead	861.71	1,005.33	1,148.95	1,292.57	1,579.81	1,867.05	2,154.28	2,585.14
Hunsdon	851.48	993.40	1,135.31	1,277.23	1,561.06	1,844.89	2,128.71	2,554.46
Little Berkhamsted	847.38	988.62	1,129.84	1,271.08	1,553.54	1,836.01	2,118.46	2,542.16
Little Hadham	845.13	985.99	1,126.84	1,267.70	1,549.41	1,831.12	2,112.83	2,535.40
Little Munden	841.05	981.23	1,121.40	1,261.58	1,541.93	1,822.28	2,102.63	2,523.16
Much Hadham	846.21	987.26	1,128.29	1,269.33	1,551.40	1,833.48	2,115.54	2,538.66
Sacombe	830.96	969.46	1,107.95	1,246.45	1,523.44	1,800.43	2,077.41	2,492.90
Sawbridgeworth	852.15	994.19	1,136.21	1,278.24	1,562.29	1,846.35	2,130.39	2,556.48
Standon	849.95	991.61	1,133.27	1,274.93	1,558.25	1,841.57	2,124.88	2,549.86
Stanstead Abbots	851.95	993.95	1,135.94	1,277.94	1,561.93	1,845.92	2,129.89	2,555.88
Stanstead St Margarets	839.37	979.27	1,119.16	1,259.06	1,538.85	1,818.64	2,098.43	2,518.12
Stapleford	841.03	981.20	1,121.37	1,261.55	1,541.90	1,822.24	2,102.58	2,523.10
Stocking Pelham	844.39	985.12	1,125.85	1,266.59	1,548.06	1,829.52	2,110.98	2,533.18
Tewin	842.85	983.33	1,123.80	1,264.28	1,545.23	1,826.18	2,107.13	2,528.56
Thorley	836.65	976.09	1,115.53	1,254.98	1,533.87	1,812.75	2,091.63	2,509.96
Thundridge	845.73	986.69	1,127.64	1,268.60	1,550.51	1,832.42	2,114.33	2,537.20
Walkern	850.53	992.29	1,134.04	1,275.80	1,559.31	1,842.82	2,126.33	2,551.60
Ware	864.99	1,009.17	1,153.33	1,297.50	1,585.83	1,874.17	2,162.49	2,595.00
Wareside	838.42	978.16	1,117.90	1,257.64	1,537.12	1,816.59	2,096.06	2,515.28
Watton at Stone	848.15	989.52	1,130.87	1,272.24	1,554.96	1,837.68	2,120.39	2,544.48
Westmill	847.27	988.48	1,129.69	1,270.91	1,553.34	1,835.76	2,118.18	2,541.82
Widford	842.36	982.76	1,123.15	1,263.55	1,544.34	1,825.13	2,105.91	2,527.10
Wyddial	830.96	969.46	1,107.95	1,246.45	1,523.44	1,800.43	2,077.41	2,492.90