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agenda

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - 4 MARCH 2015: SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO 1

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

2. Minutes (Pages 3 - 14)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 February 2015.

8. Environment Scrutiny Committee: Minutes - 17 February 2015 (Pages 15 - 22)

Chairman: Councillor M Pope

10. Council Tax 2015/16 (Pages 23 - 34)

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Finance.

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

Yours faithfully

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MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2015
TIME : 7.00 PM

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015, AT 7.00
PM

PRESENT: Councillor R Beeching (Chairman).
Councillors D Abbott, M Alexander,
D Andrews, P Ballam, E Bedford,
E Buckmaster, S Bull, A Burlton, M Carver,
Mrs R Cheswright, K Crofton, G Cutting,
L Haysey, Mrs D Hollebon, A Jackson,
G Jones, J Jones, J Mayes, G McAndrew,
M McMullen, P Moore, W Mortimer,
M Newman, T Page, P Phillips, M Pope,
J Ranger, C Rowley, S Rutland-Barsby,
R Sharma, N Symonds, J Taylor, J Thornton,
A Warman, K Warnell, G Williamson, J Wing,
M Wood, C Woodward and J Wyllie.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Simon Drinkwater | - Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Jeff Hughes | - Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services |
| Martin Ibrahim | - Democratic Services Team Leader |
| Adele Taylor | - Director of Finance and Support Services |

536 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Members and reminded them that the meeting was being webcast.

He was pleased to announce that the recent “Elvis Lives” event had been well attended and had raised over £1800 for Isabel Hospice. He reminded Members of the arrangements for his Civic Dinner on 20 March 2015.

The Chairman referred to the next Council meeting on 4 March 2014, as being the last of this term and thus, the last for some retiring Members. He highlighted Councillor Ranger’s 42 years’ service and advised that refreshments would be available after that meeting.

Finally, the Chairman drew Members’ attention to the leaflets in the chamber advertising two forthcoming events for prospective candidates for Local Council elections in May 2015.

537 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2015 be approved a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

538 EXECUTIVE REPORT - 3 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 3 February 2015 be received.

(see also Minutes 539 – 540)

539 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED – that (A) the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy, as now submitted, be approved;

(B) the Prudential Indicators, as now submitted, be approved; and

(C) the counterparty listing, as now submitted, be

approved.

(see also Minute 538)

540 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET REPORT AND 2015/16 –
2017/18 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The Leader gave a presentation on the Executive's budget proposals for 2015/16 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy until 2017/18.

He looked back to the start of this Council's term in 2011 and reminded Members of the aim of freezing Council Tax levels whilst maintaining front line services as the basis underpinning the Budget Strategy. He referred to the impact of various external factors and the continuing uncertainties in which local authorities operated, with reduced funding from central government. Council had taken a balanced approach in allocating funds to maintain services, whilst looking to make savings where possible. He referred to the shared services agenda, where greater resilience had been achieved in the Revenues and Benefits service and huge savings had been achieved in the IT shared service. Council was investigating such arrangements for other areas, such as anti-fraud and building control.

The Leader referred to the Council's balanced approach to its Reserves and placed these in context with neighbouring Authorities. The position would continue to be monitored in the coming year. He also highlighted the Council's work in supporting and encouraging businesses in East Herts using New Homes Bonus (NHB) growth investment and working in tandem with the Local Enterprise Partnership. He expressed thanks to the Economic Development team for their efforts.

The Leader also highlighted Council's approach to car parks and the introduction of a free 30 minute time band. The early indications of this support for town centres were showing an increase in footfall. He also referred to the decrease in vacant shops in both Bishop's Stortford and Hertford. The Executive Member for Economic Development would be working with

Officers to extend the scheme to Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth.

The Leader outlined some of the successes of the previous term, such as the allocation of NHB funds to parish and town councils and for supporting health and wellbeing initiatives. He also referred to increased recycling rates, reduced waste going to landfill and increased public satisfaction levels with the waste and recycling service in general. The Leader gave details of the grants distributed to voluntary organisations, which supported activities such as playschemes, Citizens Advice and Police and Community Safety Officers.

The Leader referred to the ongoing work on the emerging District Plan and the reserves set aside to ensure that the current timetable was not compromised. Members were reminded of the Local Mortgage Scheme, in which, to date, 24 loan agreements had been signed. In terms of the capital programme, the Leader highlighted the funds allocated for leisure improvements at Grange Paddocks, Hartham and open spaces in general.

The Leader concluded by stating that Council had exceeded its objectives, with council tax having been reduced by 1% and grants to voluntary organisations and support for businesses having been increased. He placed on record his thanks to Officers for their efforts in meeting and exceeding these objectives.

The Leader proposed two additional items. Firstly, that fees and charges for 2015/16 be frozen. This had been suggested by scrutiny and if approved, would result in a reduction of income by £17k, thus necessitating a similar reduction in the contingency figure. Secondly, he proposed a 1% reduction in council tax in 2015/16 and a freeze in 2016/17. This would impact the contingency figures in the MTFP and would require additional savings to be identified for 2017/18 and 2018/19. The Leader believed that the proposed budget, as now amended, would improve the quality of life of all East Herts residents.

Councillor J Wing responded on behalf of his Group. He began by thanking the Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Transport for his work and efforts on the District Plan. Councillor J Wing expressed disappointment that some of the suggestions put forward by his Group in the scrutiny process had not been accepted fully. He referred to suggestions on leaf clearance and planning enforcement, which would be looked at further. He believed that removing pre-application fees for charities should be introduced as the lost income would be trivial in the overall scheme of things and would greatly benefit organisations with limited funds.

In respect of increasing resources for leisure provision across the District, Councillor J Wing had been cheered by level of support from Members generally at scrutiny. However, there had not been any explicit commitment for additional resources. Finally, he referred to historic budget underspends and had suggested a council tax reduction himself, only to be told by the Executive Member of Finance that the Council could not afford it. He wondered how this was suddenly affordable.

Councillor M Newman, on behalf of his Group, expressed broad support for the budget proposals and echoed the appreciation given to Officers for their continued support. He referred to the recent Planning Peer Challenge and questioned its omission from any specific budget proposals.

The Leader responded to this point by reminding Members that the agreed action plan would be developed and costed fully and reassured Members that this would include planning enforcement matters.

In accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken on the budget proposals now detailed, the result being:

FOR:

Councillors D Abbott, M Alexander, D Andrews, P Ballam, E Bedford, R Beeching, E Buckmaster, S Bull, A Burlton,

M Carver, Mrs R Cheswright, H Crofton, G Cutting, L Haysey, Mrs D Hollebon, A Jackson, G Jones, J Jones, J Mayes, G McAndrew, M McMullen, P Moore, W Mortimer, M Newman, T Page, P Phillips, M Pope, J Ranger, C Rowley, S Rutland-Barsby, R Sharma, N Symonds, J Taylor, J Thornton, A Warman, K Warnell, G Williamson, C Woodward, J Wyllie.

AGAINST:

Councillors J Wing, M Wood.

ABSTENTIONS:

None

For: 39

Against: 2

Abstentions: 0

Council approved the recommendations as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) the comments of the joint meeting of Scrutiny Committees be received;

(B) the Revised Revenue Estimates for the current financial year 2014/15 as set out in section 4 of the report submitted, including the proposed contributions to and from Reserves as detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report submitted, be approved;

(C) the Revenue Budget underspend for 2014/15 be transferred to the Collection Fund Reserve and the New Homes Bonus Priority Spend Reserve as set out in paragraph 4.5.2 of the report submitted;

(D) the 2015/16 Revenue Budget be approved including:

- the new budget growth as set out in section 6 of the report submitted;
- the new budget savings as set out in section 6 of the report submitted;

- the Contingency Budget as detailed at paragraph 8.3 of the report submitted and now amended to take account of the decision to freeze Fees and Charges and reduce Council Tax by 1% in 2015/16;
 - the use of Earmarked Reserves as set out at section 9 of the report submitted;
 - consideration of the advice from the Director of Finance and Support Services on the levels of reserves and robustness of the estimates in setting the budget as required by Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and detailed at section 15 of the report submitted;
- (E) the East Herts element of the Council Tax Bill for 2015/16, is reduced by 1% at the 2014/15 rate, as detailed at section 11 of the report submitted;
- (F) Fees and Charges in 2015/16 be frozen;
- (G) the discounts in charges being proposed for those Private Hire and Hackney Carriages that are able to transport a wheelchair using person whilst s/he remains in the wheelchair, as set out at paragraph 7.6 of the report, be approved;
- (H) the new Capital Programme for the period 2014/15 (Revised) to 2017/18, how the programme will be funded, and the consequential revenue budget implications, as detailed at section 12 of the report, be approved;
- (I) a revised Medium Term Financial Plan covering 2014/15 (Revised) to 2018/19 (as set out at Essential Reference Paper 'A' to these Minutes), be approved, to reflect
- (i) the impact of the decisions to freeze Fees and Charges and reduce Council Tax by 1% in 2015/16;
 - (ii) the impact on Contingency levels; and

(iii) the additional savings needing to be identified in 2017/18 and 2018/19; and

(J) the proposed changes to the Council's Reserves, as set out in table 10, section 14 of the report submitted, be approved.

(see also Minute 538)

541 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MINUTES - 4 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Development Management Committee meeting held on 4 February 2015, be received.

542 JOINT MEETING OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the joint meeting of Scrutiny Committees held on 10 February 2015, be received.

543 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services submitted a report containing the recommendations of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following its review of Members Allowances.

The IRP had recommended that allowance levels within the 2014/15 scheme be retained for 2015/16 (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016), save for the maximum hourly rates claimable for dependant care being increased to £10.15 per hour.

Council also considered the size of the IRP, given that one resignation had been received.

The Leader proposed that the IRP's recommendations be accepted and that the size of the Panel be increased to 7

members. Various Members supported this proposal.

Councillor C Woodward questioned the evidence for the IRP's contention that most Members used their own IT equipment. The Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services surmised that this view might have been formed based on Member responses to the IRP's questionnaire.

The Executive Member for Community Partnership and Liaison clarified the agreed IT provision for Members from May 2015 onwards.

Council approved the recommendations as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) allowance levels within the 2014/15 scheme be retained for 2015/16 (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016), save for the maximum hourly rates claimable for dependant care being increased to £10.15 per hour; and

(B) the size of the Independent Remuneration Panel be increased from 6 to 7 members, with existing appointees being retained and Officers being authorised to fill the two vacancies.

544 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2014

Council considered a report which provided a broad overview of a number of the key provisions contained within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The report had been considered by the Executive meeting on 6 January 2015, and the community trigger procedure had been approved. The Executive had also supported the proposed scheme of delegations, however, the recommendations had not been included in the agenda for the last Council meeting. Therefore, Council was requested to approve the delegations which would ensure that appropriate officers and organisations were authorised under the Act.

Council approved the delegations as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the scheme of delegations to Officers be amended as follows:

1. The Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Community Safety and Health Services in consultation with the Legal Services Manager be granted delegated authority to seek an Injunction to Prevent Nuisance and Annoyance in accordance with Part 1 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
2. The Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Community Safety and Health Services in consultation with the Legal Services Manager be granted delegated authority to apply for Closure Orders and to authorise their officers to issue Closure Notices and in accordance with Part 3 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
3. The Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Community Safety and Health Services in consultation with the Legal Services Manager be granted delegated authority to authorise Officers to serve Community Protection Notices, and Fixed Penalty Notices in the event of a breach, in accordance with Part 4 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
4. The Head of Community Safety and Health Services in consultation with the Legal Services Manager be granted delegated authority to may make a public spaces protection order, in accordance with Part 4 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON TUESDAY
17 FEBRUARY 2015, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Pope (Chairman).
Councillors D Abbott, W Ashley, P Ballam,
E Buckmaster, C Rowley, G Williamson and
C Woodward.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors P Phillips.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Cliff Cardoza | - Head of Environmental Services |
| Simon Drinkwater | - Director of Neighbourhood Services |
| Marian Langley | - Scrutiny Officer |
| Peter Mannings | - Democratic Services Officer |
| David Thorogood | - Environmental Co- Ordinator |

530 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of
Councillor B Wrangles.

531 MINUTES – 11 NOVEMBER 2014

In respect of Minute 331 – Minutes – 9 September 2014,
the Environment Strategy and Development Manager
provided an update regarding the proposed Micro Hydro
Scheme at Hertford Theatre. He stated that Officers had

received detailed technical feedback from the Environment Agency in respect of flow data, flooding and the Eel pass. Members were advised that further updates would be provided to the Committee in due course.

In respect of Minute 333 – Environment Scrutiny Work Programme, the Head of Environmental Services confirmed to Councillor C Woodward that the Council's website had been updated with a statement covering the views of the Authority regarding the release of helium balloons and sky lanterns from the Council's land.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

532 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman stated that this was the last meeting of the Committee during the 2014/15 civic year. He thanked Members and Officers for their hard work and assistance.

The Chairman advised there would be a briefing for Members at 6.00 pm on 4 March 2015 in the Council Chamber prior to the Council meeting. The presentation would cover the proposed joint working arrangements with North Herts Council on waste and street cleansing services.

533 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ENERGY

The Executive Member for Community Safety and Environment submitted a report updating Members in respect of initial schemes that Officers were exploring in relation to facilitating community energy activities within the District.

The Environment Strategy and Development Manager stated that the Community Energy Saving Initiative was a form of collective action to reduce, purchase, manage and generate energy in the community. Members were

advised that there were clear linkages between this initiative and the national carbon reduction agenda, fuel poverty and energy efficiency initiatives.

The Committee was reminded that Collective Energy Switching was a relatively new initiative in the UK. This scheme had been set up to assist residents and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) with reducing energy bills. The Environment Strategy and Development Manager reported that this scheme was usually promoted through a council or some other trusted independent body such as a consumer group.

Members were provided with a detailed breakdown of how the scheme would operate as well as a summary of the background of this initiative. The main purpose was to encourage residents to group together and use their collective power to negotiate a better price for their energy.

The Environment Strategy and Development Manager reported that the Government had recently launched a Community Energy Saving Competition aimed at providing grants of up to £20,000 to encourage local project activity. However, the grant scheme had a very short open period of just a couple of weeks and it had not been possible to submit a specific bid for East Herts.

The Committee was reminded that community energy was about working in partnership with the community and as such East Herts had already been active in becoming one of two lead local Authority members in a Hertfordshire wide Community Energy Network. A conference and workshop was planned for the summer and this would be coordinated by the Herts Sustainability Forum and led by East Herts Council. Further update reports including details of other possible initiatives would be presented to the Committee at future meetings.

Councillor E Buckmaster commented on whether there was a critical mass that needed to be achieved to make

the tariff switching project worthwhile. Members were advised that the framework was owned by the Local Government Association but the procurement service was run by the North East Procurement Organisation and utilised a switching service operated by a company called iChoosr.

The Chairman commented on how the collective energy proposals could be promoted in East Herts. The Environment Strategy and Development Manager referred to the usual free publicity such as the Link publication and Members raising awareness via their contacts with local community groups.

Councillor Buckmaster commented that it was down to Members to utilise their contacts with residents in their respective District wards. Councillor C Woodward stressed the importance of not overlooking the e-mail, Twitter and Facebook links the Authority had with the community as these were the people most likely to use the internet when switching energy providers.

Councillor P Ballam queried whether residents who used pre-payment meters would be able to use iChoosr and the Collective Energy Switching scheme. The Environment Strategy and Development Manager confirmed that such residents could use the scheme so long as they were not in debt to their current provider.

The Committee received the report.

RESOLVED – that (A) the report be received; and

(B) the Environment Strategy and Development Manager submit an update report to the Committee on 23 February 2016.

534 ENVIRONMENT HEALTHCHECK OCTOBER TO
DECEMBER 2014

The Chief Executive and Director of Customer and

Community Services submitted a report on the performance of key indicators for Environment Scrutiny Committee for the period October to December 2014.

In respect of EHPI 2.1e – Planning Enforcement: Service of formal notices, Councillor Woodward expressed concerns regarding planning enforcement in general. He referred in particular, to action regarding listed buildings, unauthorised signage and Article 4 directions regarding trees.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services advised that a full time post in planning enforcement was currently going through the recruitment process. Members were advised that overall performance should improve once the post was filled. The Director stated that enforcement policy prioritised more serious matters such as the protection of listed buildings, with issues such as unauthorised advertisements being given a lesser priority.

Councillor Woodward commented that his general concerns regarding planning enforcement extended to when the team had been operating at full strength. He stressed that this was a fundamental issue that needed to be addressed.

The Chairman asked whether Members were happy to add EHPI 2.1e to the request from the joint meeting of Scrutiny that Environment Scrutiny Committee review EHPI2.1d with a view to raising the 2015/16 target from 75% to a higher figure regarding Planning Enforcement: Initial Site Inspections. This was supported.

The Committee received the report.

RESOLVED – that (A) the reported performance for the period October to December 2014 be received; and

(B) EHPI 2.1e (Planning Enforcement: Service of formal notices) be added to the request from the

joint meeting of Scrutiny that Environment Scrutiny Committee review EHPI2.1d (Planning Enforcement: Initial Site Inspections) at Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9 June 2015.

535 EVALUATION OF SCRUTINY 2014/15 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Chairman submitted a report reviewing 2014/15 and setting out the future work programme for Environment Scrutiny Committee for 2015/16.

Councillor C Woodward expressed concerns that the invitation for Ward Councillors to play a new role in monitoring the progress of management plans arising from Conservation Area Appraisals would take important duties away from Officers responsible for looking after important buildings in East Herts. The Chairman advised that this request had come from the Leader of the Council.

In response to a number of comments and queries from Members, the Chairman advised that more details regarding the make-up of the proposed reference groups would be presented to the Committee meeting on 9 June 2015, with the first 'annual report' being presented to Members at their final meeting of the 2015/16 civic year.

The Scrutiny Officer invited Councillors to evaluate the work of the Committee from a Member perspective to ensure that the overview and scrutiny function was a Member led process. Members were asked to pay particular attention to progress against headline actions and targets.

Members were reminded that there would have to be some prioritisation regarding the many items on the work programme in what would be a very busy year for the Committee. The Scrutiny Officer stressed that the work programme would be influenced by the new administration following the District Council elections in

May 2015. Members were requested to provide the Scrutiny Officer with feedback as soon as possible and not later than the 23 March 2015.

Members were advised that the scrutiny of EHPIs 2.1d and 2.1e would be added to the work programme for the meeting on 9 June 2015. The work programme would also be amended to include a review of fees and charges for the meeting on 8 September 2015. A report in respect of community energy would be considered at the meeting due to be held on 23 February 2016.

The Scrutiny Officer further advised that joint working with North Herts Council in respect of waste and street cleansing would have to be considered at the meeting on 9 June 2015 prior to Executive on the 7 July 2015. The car park management system had to be considered at the September 2015 meeting prior to Executive on the 6 October 2015. The review of changes to Environmental Crime policies had to be considered on 8 September 2015 to allow consultation to commence in the autumn.

The Committee was advised that the remaining items could be moved subject to the direction of the new administration and the views of the new Committee. The Chairman commented that the relevant Executive portfolio holders should be invited to contribute to the meetings in respect of a number of items on the work programme. This was supported.

The Committee approved the work programme, as now amended and detailed.

RESOLVED – that the work programme, as now amended, be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm

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EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 4 MARCH 2015

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE

COUNCIL TAX 2015/16 – FORMAL RESOLUTION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To set the council tax for 2015/16

| <u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u> that: | |
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| (A) | the Council Tax resolution, as now submitted, be approved; |
| (B) | the local precepts as set out at Essential Reference Paper 'C', be noted; and |
| (C) | the Hertfordshire County Council's and Hertfordshire Police Authority's precepts be noted. |

1 Background

- 1.1 This Council is the council tax billing and collection authority within its area.
- 1.2 The Council must set the council tax in respect of 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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 2015/16 as they affect East Hertfordshire District Council taxpayers will total

£72,727,326.76. This is made up of £64,386,516.74 for the County Council and £8,340,810.02 for the Police Authority. This gives Band D equivalents of £1,141.09 and £147.82 respectively.

1.5 The total parish precept is £3,564,008.22.

1.6 The County Council, Police Authority and Parish precepts contribute to the setting of the Council Tax

2 Report

2.5 The council tax resolution is set out at **Essential Reference Paper B.**

2.6 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.

2.7 The precepts by each parish are set out as attached at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**

3 The Required Calculations

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

3.2 Section 2: this sets out the Council's council tax requirement for its own purposes (excluding parish precepts) for 2015/16.

3.3 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

- 3.4 Section 4: this is the equivalent amounts to those at 3(h) for the County and Police Authority precepts
- 3.5 Section 5: this is the total council tax for each valuation band for each parish
- 3.6 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background papers

Hertfordshire County Council Precept Demand 2015/16

Hertfordshire Police Authority Precept Demand 2015/16

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

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| Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate): | <p>The income from council tax supports all priorities</p> <p>People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute</p> <p>Delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Place – Safe and Clean</p> <p>Focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</p> <p>Safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.</p> |
| Consultation: | . |
| Legal: | The setting of the council tax must be in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended |
| Financial: | As set out in the report |
| Human Resource: | None |
| Risk Management: | Risks were considered in setting the Council's budget |
| Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts: | None |

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDED

- 1 That it be noted that at its meeting on 17 December 2014 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16
- a) for the whole Council area as 56,425.45 [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:- | 2015/16 Tax Base | For information only | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | | Precept £ | Parish Band D £ |
| Albury | 269.55 | 6,900.00 | 25.60 |
| Anstey | 156.70 | 3,800.00 | 24.25 |
| Ardeley | 204.54 | 3,000.00 | 14.67 |
| Aspenden | 121.82 | 2,000.00 | 16.42 |
| Aston | 419.78 | 11,900.00 | 28.35 |
| Bayford | 221.36 | 4,100.00 | 18.52 |
| Bengeo | 279.24 | 7,550.00 | 27.04 |
| Benington | 388.82 | 17,365.00 | 44.66 |
| Bishop's Stortford | 14567.76 | 986,077.00 | 67.69 |
| Bramfield | 109.12 | 2,041.00 | 18.70 |
| Braughing | 591.67 | 38,000.00 | 64.22 |
| Brent Pelham/Meesden | 143.26 | 2,400.00 | 16.75 |
| Brickendon | 289.11 | 10,000.00 | 34.59 |
| Buckland | 117.21 | 3,880.00 | 33.10 |
| Buntingford | 2067.84 | 204,085.00 | 98.69 |
| Cottered | 301.08 | 8,000.00 | 26.57 |
| Datchworth | 710.34 | 25,205.00 | 35.48 |
| Eastwick and Gilston | 240.78 | 4,900.00 | 20.35 |
| Furneux Pelham | 250.89 | 3,000.00 | 11.96 |
| Great Amwell | 943.23 | 13,355.00 | 14.16 |
| Great Munden | 140.76 | 3,300.00 | 23.44 |
| Hertford | 11141.68 | 1,049,700.00 | 94.21 |
| Hertford Heath | 906.79 | 28,500.00 | 31.43 |
| Hertingfordbury | 309.63 | 12,000.00 | 38.76 |
| High Wych | 317.16 | 7,700.00 | 24.28 |
| Hormead | 320.23 | 16,500.00 | 51.53 |
| Hunsdon | 472.4 | 14,153.00 | 29.96 |
| Little Berkhamsted | 261.69 | 8,000.00 | 30.57 |
| Little Hadham | 514.03 | 12,800.00 | 24.90 |
| Little Munden | 404.33 | 9,430.00 | 23.32 |
| Much Hadham | 895.92 | 25,620.00 | 28.60 |
| Sacombe | 87.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sawbridgeworth | 3636.04 | 223,746.00 | 61.54 |
| Standon | 1746.60 | 75,000.00 | 42.94 |
| Stanstead Abbots | 683.14 | 35,000.00 | 51.23 |
| Stanstead St Margarets | 690.83 | 7,250.00 | 10.49 |
| Stapleford | 253.01 | 4,796.22 | 18.96 |
| Stocking Pelham | 78.94 | 1,600.00 | 20.27 |
| Tewin | 839.07 | 28,500.00 | 33.97 |
| Thorley | 296.81 | 2,700.00 | 9.10 |
| Thundridge | 592.44 | 12,590.00 | 21.25 |
| Walkern | 598.32 | 26,265.00 | 43.90 |
| Ware | 7075.52 | 551,748.00 | 77.98 |
| Wareside | 300.48 | 5,620.00 | 18.70 |
| Watton at Stone | 1023.15 | 30,895.00 | 30.20 |
| Westmill | 151.44 | 4,537.00 | 29.96 |
| Widford | 222.49 | 8,500.00 | 38.20 |
| Wyddial | 71.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 56,425.45 | 3,564,008.22 | |

- 2 Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purpose
£ 8,800,671
- 3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- a) £ 91,104,347.22 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) £ 78,739,668.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act
- c) £ 12,364,679.22 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) £ 219.13 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) £ 3,564,008.22 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, as detailed above.

f) £ 155.97 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

g) Parts of the Council's Area

| Parish/Town Council of:- | Band D | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| | District plus Parish | £ |
| Albury | | 181.57 |
| Anstey | | 180.22 |
| Ardeley | | 170.64 |
| Aspenden | | 172.39 |
| Aston | | 184.32 |
| Bayford | | 174.49 |
| Bengeo Rural | | 183.01 |
| Benington | | 200.63 |
| Bishop's Stortford | | 223.66 |
| Bramfield | | 174.67 |
| Braughing | | 220.19 |
| Brent Pelham/Meesden | | 172.72 |
| Brickendon Liberty | | 190.56 |
| Buckland | | 189.07 |
| Buntingford | | 254.66 |
| Cottered | | 182.54 |
| Datchworth | | 191.45 |
| Eastwick and Gilston | | 176.32 |
| Furneux Pelham | | 167.93 |
| Great Amwell | | 170.13 |
| Great Munden | | 179.41 |
| Hertford | | 250.18 |
| Hertford Heath | | 187.40 |
| Hertingfordbury | | 194.73 |
| High Wych | | 180.25 |
| Hormead | | 207.50 |
| Hunsdon | | 185.93 |
| Little Berkhamsted | | 186.54 |
| Little Hadham | | 180.87 |
| Little Munden | | 179.29 |
| Much Hadham | | 184.57 |
| Sacombe | | 155.97 |
| Sawbridgeworth | | 217.51 |
| Standon | | 198.91 |
| Stanstead Abbotts | | 207.20 |
| Stanstead St Margarets | | 166.46 |
| Stapleford | | 174.93 |
| Stocking Pelham | | 176.24 |
| Tewin | | 189.94 |
| Thorley | | 165.07 |
| Thundridge | | 177.22 |
| Walkern | | 199.87 |
| Ware | | 233.95 |
| Wareside | | 174.67 |
| Watton at Stone | | 186.17 |
| Westmill | | 185.93 |
| Widford | | 194.17 |
| Wyddial | | 155.97 |

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 | 121.05 | 141.22 | 161.40 | 181.57 | 221.92 | 262.27 | 302.62 | 363.14 |
| Anstey | 120.15 | 140.17 | 160.20 | 180.22 | 220.27 | 260.32 | 300.37 | 360.44 |
| Ardeley | 113.76 | 132.72 | 151.68 | 170.64 | 208.56 | 246.48 | 284.40 | 341.28 |
| Aspenden | 114.93 | 134.08 | 153.24 | 172.39 | 210.70 | 249.01 | 287.32 | 344.78 |
| Aston | 122.88 | 143.36 | 163.84 | 184.32 | 225.28 | 266.24 | 307.20 | 368.64 |
| Bayford | 116.33 | 135.71 | 155.10 | 174.49 | 213.27 | 252.04 | 290.82 | 348.98 |
| Bengeo | 122.01 | 142.34 | 162.68 | 183.01 | 223.68 | 264.35 | 305.02 | 366.02 |
| Benington | 133.75 | 156.05 | 178.34 | 200.63 | 245.21 | 289.80 | 334.38 | 401.26 |
| Bishops Stortford | 149.11 | 173.96 | 198.81 | 223.66 | 273.36 | 323.06 | 372.77 | 447.32 |
| Bramfield | 116.45 | 135.85 | 155.26 | 174.67 | 213.49 | 252.30 | 291.12 | 349.34 |
| Braughing | 146.79 | 171.26 | 195.72 | 220.19 | 269.12 | 318.05 | 366.98 | 440.38 |
| Brent Pelham/Meesden | 115.15 | 134.34 | 153.53 | 172.72 | 211.10 | 249.48 | 287.87 | 345.44 |
| Brickendon Liberty | 127.04 | 148.21 | 169.39 | 190.56 | 232.91 | 275.25 | 317.60 | 381.12 |
| Buckland | 126.05 | 147.05 | 168.06 | 189.07 | 231.09 | 273.10 | 315.12 | 378.14 |
| Buntingford | 169.77 | 198.07 | 226.36 | 254.66 | 311.25 | 367.84 | 424.43 | 509.32 |
| Cottered | 121.69 | 141.98 | 162.26 | 182.54 | 223.10 | 263.67 | 304.23 | 365.08 |
| Datchworth | 127.63 | 148.91 | 170.18 | 191.45 | 233.99 | 276.54 | 319.08 | 382.90 |
| Eastwick & Gilston | 117.55 | 137.14 | 156.73 | 176.32 | 215.50 | 254.68 | 293.87 | 352.64 |
| Furneux Pelham | 111.95 | 130.61 | 149.27 | 167.93 | 205.25 | 242.57 | 279.88 | 335.86 |
| Great Amwell | 113.42 | 132.32 | 151.23 | 170.13 | 207.94 | 245.74 | 283.55 | 340.26 |
| Great Munden | 119.61 | 139.54 | 159.48 | 179.41 | 219.28 | 259.15 | 299.02 | 358.82 |
| Hertford | 166.79 | 194.58 | 222.38 | 250.18 | 305.78 | 361.37 | 416.97 | 500.36 |
| Hertford Heath | 124.93 | 145.76 | 166.58 | 187.40 | 229.04 | 270.69 | 312.33 | 374.80 |
| Hertingfordbury | 129.82 | 151.46 | 173.09 | 194.73 | 238.00 | 281.28 | 324.55 | 389.46 |
| High Wych | 120.17 | 140.19 | 160.22 | 180.25 | 220.31 | 260.36 | 300.42 | 360.50 |
| Hormead | 138.33 | 161.39 | 184.44 | 207.50 | 253.61 | 299.72 | 345.83 | 415.00 |
| Hunsdon | 123.95 | 144.61 | 165.27 | 185.93 | 227.25 | 268.57 | 309.88 | 371.86 |
| Little Berkhamsted | 124.36 | 145.09 | 165.81 | 186.54 | 227.99 | 269.45 | 310.90 | 373.08 |
| Little Hadham | 120.58 | 140.68 | 160.77 | 180.87 | 221.06 | 261.26 | 301.45 | 361.74 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Little Munden | 119.53 | 139.45 | 159.37 | 179.29 | 219.13 | 258.97 | 298.82 | 358.58 |
| Much Hadham | 123.05 | 143.55 | 164.06 | 184.57 | 225.59 | 266.60 | 307.62 | 369.14 |
| Sacombe | 103.98 | 121.31 | 138.64 | 155.97 | 190.63 | 225.29 | 259.95 | 311.94 |
| Sawbridgeworth | 145.01 | 169.17 | 193.34 | 217.51 | 265.85 | 314.18 | 362.52 | 435.02 |
| Standon | 132.61 | 154.71 | 176.81 | 198.91 | 243.11 | 287.31 | 331.52 | 397.82 |
| Stanstead Abbotts | 138.13 | 161.16 | 184.18 | 207.20 | 253.24 | 299.29 | 345.33 | 414.40 |
| Stanstead St Margarets | 110.97 | 129.47 | 147.96 | 166.46 | 203.45 | 240.44 | 277.43 | 332.92 |
| Stapleford | 116.62 | 136.06 | 155.49 | 174.93 | 213.80 | 252.68 | 291.55 | 349.86 |
| Stocking Pelham | 117.49 | 137.08 | 156.66 | 176.24 | 215.40 | 254.57 | 293.73 | 352.48 |
| Tewin | 126.63 | 147.73 | 168.84 | 189.94 | 232.15 | 274.36 | 316.57 | 379.88 |
| Thorley | 110.05 | 128.39 | 146.73 | 165.07 | 201.75 | 238.43 | 275.12 | 330.14 |
| Thundridge | 118.15 | 137.84 | 157.53 | 177.22 | 216.60 | 255.98 | 295.37 | 354.44 |
| Walkern | 133.25 | 155.45 | 177.66 | 199.87 | 244.29 | 288.70 | 333.12 | 399.74 |
| Ware | 155.97 | 181.96 | 207.96 | 233.95 | 285.94 | 337.93 | 389.92 | 467.90 |
| Wareside | 116.45 | 135.85 | 155.26 | 174.67 | 213.49 | 252.30 | 291.12 | 349.34 |
| Watton at Stone | 124.11 | 144.80 | 165.48 | 186.17 | 227.54 | 268.91 | 310.28 | 372.34 |
| Westmill | 123.95 | 144.61 | 165.27 | 185.93 | 227.25 | 268.57 | 309.88 | 371.86 |
| Widford | 129.45 | 151.02 | 172.60 | 194.17 | 237.32 | 280.47 | 323.62 | 388.34 |
| Wyddial | 103.98 | 121.31 | 138.64 | 155.97 | 190.63 | 225.29 | 259.95 | 311.94 |

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 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 2015/16 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 | 760.73 | 887.51 | 1,014.30 | 1,141.09 | 1,394.67 | 1,648.24 | 1,901.82 | 2,282.18 |
| Hertfordshire Police Authority | 98.55 | 114.97 | 131.40 | 147.82 | 180.67 | 213.52 | 246.37 | 295.64 |

- 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 2013-14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

| 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 | 980.33 | 1,143.70 | 1,307.10 | 1,470.48 | 1,797.26 | 2,124.03 | 2,450.81 | 2,940.96 |
| Anstey | 979.43 | 1,142.65 | 1,305.90 | 1,469.13 | 1,795.61 | 2,122.08 | 2,448.56 | 2,938.26 |
| Ardeley | 973.04 | 1,135.20 | 1,297.38 | 1,459.55 | 1,783.90 | 2,108.24 | 2,432.59 | 2,919.10 |
| Aspenden | 974.21 | 1,136.56 | 1,298.94 | 1,461.30 | 1,786.04 | 2,110.77 | 2,435.51 | 2,922.60 |
| Aston | 982.16 | 1,145.84 | 1,309.54 | 1,473.23 | 1,800.62 | 2,128.00 | 2,455.39 | 2,946.46 |
| Bayford | 975.61 | 1,138.19 | 1,300.80 | 1,463.40 | 1,788.61 | 2,113.80 | 2,439.01 | 2,926.80 |
| Bengeo | 981.29 | 1,144.82 | 1,308.38 | 1,471.92 | 1,799.02 | 2,126.11 | 2,453.21 | 2,943.84 |
| Benington | 993.03 | 1,158.53 | 1,324.04 | 1,489.54 | 1,820.55 | 2,151.56 | 2,482.57 | 2,979.08 |
| Bishops Stortford | 1,008.39 | 1,176.44 | 1,344.51 | 1,512.57 | 1,848.70 | 2,184.82 | 2,520.96 | 3,025.14 |
| Bramfield | 975.73 | 1,138.33 | 1,300.96 | 1,463.58 | 1,788.83 | 2,114.06 | 2,439.31 | 2,927.16 |
| Braughing | 1,006.07 | 1,173.74 | 1,341.42 | 1,509.10 | 1,844.46 | 2,179.81 | 2,515.17 | 3,018.20 |
| Brent Pelham/Meesden | 974.43 | 1,136.82 | 1,299.23 | 1,461.63 | 1,786.44 | 2,111.24 | 2,436.06 | 2,923.26 |
| Brickendon Liberty | 986.32 | 1,150.69 | 1,315.09 | 1,479.47 | 1,808.25 | 2,137.01 | 2,465.79 | 2,958.94 |
| Buckland | 985.33 | 1,149.53 | 1,313.76 | 1,477.98 | 1,806.43 | 2,134.86 | 2,463.31 | 2,955.96 |
| Buntingford | 1,029.05 | 1,200.55 | 1,372.06 | 1,543.57 | 1,886.59 | 2,229.60 | 2,572.62 | 3,087.14 |
| Cottered | 980.97 | 1,144.46 | 1,307.96 | 1,471.45 | 1,798.44 | 2,125.43 | 2,452.42 | 2,942.90 |
| Datchworth | 986.91 | 1,151.39 | 1,315.88 | 1,480.36 | 1,809.33 | 2,138.30 | 2,467.27 | 2,960.72 |
| Eastwick & Gilston | 976.83 | 1,139.62 | 1,302.43 | 1,465.23 | 1,790.84 | 2,116.44 | 2,442.06 | 2,930.46 |
| Furneux Pelham | 971.23 | 1,133.09 | 1,294.97 | 1,456.84 | 1,780.59 | 2,104.33 | 2,428.07 | 2,913.68 |
| Great Amwell | 972.70 | 1,134.80 | 1,296.93 | 1,459.04 | 1,783.28 | 2,107.50 | 2,431.74 | 2,918.08 |
| Great Munden | 978.89 | 1,142.02 | 1,305.18 | 1,468.32 | 1,794.62 | 2,120.91 | 2,447.21 | 2,936.64 |
| Hertford | 1,026.07 | 1,197.06 | 1,368.08 | 1,539.09 | 1,881.12 | 2,223.13 | 2,565.16 | 3,078.18 |
| Hertford Heath | 984.21 | 1,148.24 | 1,312.28 | 1,476.31 | 1,804.38 | 2,132.45 | 2,460.52 | 2,952.62 |
| Hertingfordbury | 989.10 | 1,153.94 | 1,318.79 | 1,483.64 | 1,813.34 | 2,143.04 | 2,472.74 | 2,967.28 |
| High Wych | 979.45 | 1,142.67 | 1,305.92 | 1,469.16 | 1,795.65 | 2,122.12 | 2,448.61 | 2,938.32 |
| Hormead | 997.61 | 1,163.87 | 1,330.14 | 1,496.41 | 1,828.95 | 2,161.48 | 2,494.02 | 2,992.82 |
| Hunsdon | 983.23 | 1,147.09 | 1,310.97 | 1,474.84 | 1,802.59 | 2,130.33 | 2,458.07 | 2,949.68 |
| Little Berkhamsted | 983.64 | 1,147.57 | 1,311.51 | 1,475.45 | 1,803.33 | 2,131.21 | 2,459.09 | 2,950.90 |
| Little Hadham | 979.86 | 1,143.16 | 1,306.47 | 1,469.78 | 1,796.40 | 2,123.02 | 2,449.64 | 2,939.56 |
| Little Munden | 978.81 | 1,141.93 | 1,305.07 | 1,468.20 | 1,794.47 | 2,120.73 | 2,447.01 | 2,936.40 |
| Much Hadham | 982.33 | 1,146.03 | 1,309.76 | 1,473.48 | 1,800.93 | 2,128.36 | 2,455.81 | 2,946.96 |
| Sacombe | 963.26 | 1,123.79 | 1,284.34 | 1,444.88 | 1,765.97 | 2,087.05 | 2,408.14 | 2,889.76 |
| Sawbridgeworth | 1,004.29 | 1,171.65 | 1,339.04 | 1,506.42 | 1,841.19 | 2,175.94 | 2,510.71 | 3,012.84 |
| Standon | 991.89 | 1,157.19 | 1,322.51 | 1,487.82 | 1,818.45 | 2,149.07 | 2,479.71 | 2,975.64 |
| Stanstead Abbotts | 997.41 | 1,163.64 | 1,329.88 | 1,496.11 | 1,828.58 | 2,161.05 | 2,493.52 | 2,992.22 |
| Stanstead St Margarets | 970.25 | 1,131.95 | 1,293.66 | 1,455.37 | 1,778.79 | 2,102.20 | 2,425.62 | 2,910.74 |
| Stapleford | 975.90 | 1,138.54 | 1,301.19 | 1,463.84 | 1,789.14 | 2,114.44 | 2,439.74 | 2,927.68 |
| Stocking Pelham | 976.77 | 1,139.56 | 1,302.36 | 1,465.15 | 1,790.74 | 2,116.33 | 2,441.92 | 2,930.30 |
| Tewin | 985.91 | 1,150.21 | 1,314.54 | 1,478.85 | 1,807.49 | 2,136.12 | 2,464.76 | 2,957.70 |
| Thorley | 969.33 | 1,130.87 | 1,292.43 | 1,453.98 | 1,777.09 | 2,100.19 | 2,423.31 | 2,907.96 |
| Thundridge | 977.43 | 1,140.32 | 1,303.23 | 1,466.13 | 1,791.94 | 2,117.74 | 2,443.56 | 2,932.26 |
| Walkern | 992.53 | 1,157.93 | 1,323.36 | 1,488.78 | 1,819.63 | 2,150.46 | 2,481.31 | 2,977.56 |
| Ware | 1,015.25 | 1,184.44 | 1,353.66 | 1,522.86 | 1,861.28 | 2,199.69 | 2,538.11 | 3,045.72 |
| Wareside | 975.73 | 1,138.33 | 1,300.96 | 1,463.58 | 1,788.83 | 2,114.06 | 2,439.31 | 2,927.16 |
| Watton at Stone | 983.39 | 1,147.28 | 1,311.18 | 1,475.08 | 1,802.88 | 2,130.67 | 2,458.47 | 2,950.16 |
| Westmill | 983.23 | 1,147.09 | 1,310.97 | 1,474.84 | 1,802.59 | 2,130.33 | 2,458.07 | 2,949.68 |
| Widford | 988.73 | 1,153.50 | 1,318.30 | 1,483.08 | 1,812.66 | 2,142.23 | 2,471.81 | 2,966.16 |
| Wyddial | 963.26 | 1,123.79 | 1,284.34 | 1,444.88 | 1,765.97 | 2,087.05 | 2,408.14 | 2,889.76 |

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'C'

| PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL | PRECEPT 2014/15 | PRECEPT 2015/16 | INCREASE/ DECREASE |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Albury | 6,900.00 | 6,900.00 | 0 |
| Anstey | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 | 0 |
| Ardeley | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0 |
| Aspenden | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0 |
| Aston | 11,450.00 | 11,900.00 | 450 |
| Bayford | 4,100.00 | 4,100.00 | 0 |
| Bengeo | 5,067.00 | 7,550.00 | 2,483 |
| Benington | 16,750.00 | 17,365.00 | 615 |
| Bishop's Stortford | 976,142.00 | 986,077.00 | 9,935 |
| Bramfield | 1,670.00 | 2,041.00 | 371 |
| Braughing | 36,000.00 | 38,000.00 | 2,000 |
| Brent Pelham/Meesden | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 0 |
| Brickendon Liberty | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0 |
| Buckland | 3,880.00 | 3,880.00 | 0 |
| Buntingford | 197,599.52 | 204,085.00 | 6,485 |
| Cottered | 7,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 1,000 |
| Datchworth | 23,765.00 | 25,205.00 | 1,440 |
| Eastwick & Gilston | 4,900.00 | 4,900.00 | 0 |
| Furneux Pelham | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0 |
| Great Amwell | 11,715.00 | 13,355.00 | 1,640 |
| Great Munden | 3,000.00 | 3,300.00 | 300 |
| Hertford | 1,025,845.00 | 1,049,700.00 | 23,855 |
| Hertford Heath | 28,500.00 | 28,500.00 | 0 |
| Hertingfordbury | 11,678.00 | 12,000.00 | 322 |
| High Wych | 7,375.00 | 7,700.00 | 325 |
| Hormead | 16,500.00 | 16,500.00 | 0 |
| Hunsdon | 13,902.00 | 14,153.00 | 251 |
| Little Berkhamstead | 7,462.00 | 8,000.00 | 538 |
| Little Hadham | 12,800.00 | 12,800.00 | 0 |
| Little Munden | 9,430.00 | 9,430.00 | 0 |
| Much Hadham | 23,600.00 | 25,620.00 | 2,020 |
| Sacombe | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Sawbridgeworth | 223,746.00 | 223,746.00 | 0 |
| Standon | 71,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 4,000 |
| Stanstead Abbots | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 0 |
| Stanstead St Margarets | 7,250.00 | 7,250.00 | 0 |
| Stapleford | 4,651.09 | 4,796.22 | 145 |
| Stocking Pelham | 1,650.00 | 1,600.00 | -50 |
| Tewin | 28,000.00 | 28,500.00 | 500 |
| Thorley | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | 0 |
| Thundridge | 15,500.00 | 12,590.00 | -2,910 |
| Walkern | 25,750.00 | 26,265.00 | 515 |
| Ware | 542,513.00 | 551,748.00 | 9,235 |
| Wareside | 4,130.00 | 5,620.00 | 1,490 |
| Watton-at-Stone | 28,746.00 | 30,895.00 | 2,149 |
| Westmill | 4,451.00 | 4,537.00 | 86 |
| Widford | 5,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 3,000 |
| Wyddial | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| | 3,491,817.61 | 3,564,008.22 | 72,190.61 |

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