

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 2 MARCH 2011

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR RESOURCES AND INTERNAL SUPPORT

COUNCIL TAX – FORMAL RESOLUTION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To set the council tax for 2011/12

<u>RECOMMENDATION: that:</u>
the council tax resolution, as now submitted, be approved.

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 parish's precept.

2 Report

- 2.1 The council tax resolution is set out at **Essential Reference Paper B**.
- 2.2 The calculations set out in the resolution are prescribed in the Local Government Finance Act 1992. 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.

3 The Required Calculations

3.1 Section 1: this confirms that this Council's previously agreed budget figures are used in the calculation.

3.2 Section 2: this sets out the council tax base figures for 2011/12.

3.3 Section 3:

(a) The Council's gross expenditure + transfers to and from reserves + the total of parish precepts

(b) The Council's income from fees and charges and any specific grants

(c) Is (a) – (b)

(d) The Council's non specific central government grant income

(e) Is (c) – (d) with the result divided by the tax base. This is this Council's council tax rate + the average rate for all parishes

(f) Is the total of parish precepts

(g) Is (c) – (d) – (e) with the result divided by the tax base and is this Council's council tax rate

(h) This is the sum of this Council's tax rate and the rate for each parish

(i) This is the same as (h) but showing the council tax by each valuation band

3.4 Section 4: this is the equivalent amounts to those at 3(i) 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

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):</p>	<p>The income from council tax supports all priorities</p> <p>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improve standards of the neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Caring about what's built and where <i>Care for and improve our natural and built environment.</i></p> <p>Shaping now, shaping the future <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>Consultation on the Council's budget informed the budget setting process including the level of council tax proposed for 2011/12</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>The setting of the council tax must be in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>As set out in the report</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>Risks were considered in setting the Council's budget.</p>