

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 3 MARCH 2011

COUNCIL TAX – FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2011/12

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1.1 The report seeks approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2011/12. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, the West Mercia Police Authority, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority, and the various Parish and Town Councils.

1.2 The Council's General and Special Fund budgets for 2011/12 were agreed earlier at this meeting and the Council Tax Base was determined at the Council Meeting held on 27 January 2011.

Based on the above information, it is now necessary to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, The West Mercia Police Authority, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority, and the various Parish and Town Councils.

1.3 Once this report is agreed the Band D Council Tax will be:

| Authority | | Band D Council Tax £ | Increase % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Telford & Wrekin Council | General Fund | 1,082.42 | 0.0 |
| | Special Fund | 16.20 | 0.0 |
| Telford & Wrekin Council | Total | 1,098.62 | 0.0 |
| West Mercia Police Authority | | 178.72 | 0.0 |
| Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority | | 83.81 | 0.0 |
| Parish & Town Councils | | 57.45 | -0.6 |
| Total Council Tax | | 1,418.60 | 0.0 |

The % increases all relate to the change from current year levels.

1.4 The increase for the Council's own council tax as well as the Fire and Police Authorities is 0.0%. The increases in overall council tax will only vary due to changes for Parish Councils, some have levied higher council taxes than last year and some have levied lower. The average increase in overall bills represents a range from -1.20% to +1.50%

depending purely on variations in parish council spending and precepts. Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) Special Fund is required to ring fence TWC costs relating mainly to footway lighting and cemeteries where some parishes provide and pay for this service themselves.

While the total average Band D bill will be £1,418.60, the majority of properties in the area fall in Bands A and B - an average bill for the area is thus around Band B, an overall average bill of £1,103.36.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out in Part B of this report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to approve the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2011/12 as detailed in the report.

3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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| COMMUNITY IMPACT | Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)? | |
| | Yes | The level of Council Tax is a product of the Service & Financial Planning Strategy which is integral to ensuring that available resources are used as effectively as possible in delivering all corporate priorities. |
| | Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people? | |
| | Yes | An equalities impact assessment is included in the Service & Financial Planning Report. |
| TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE | The Council Tax set is for the financial year 2011/12. | |
| FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT | Yes | The financial impacts for the Council are detailed in the Service & Financial Planning Strategy Report. |
| LEGAL ISSUES | Yes | There is a duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for the Council, as a billing authority, to set the levels of Council Tax for each financial year. Regulations are in place which need to be followed when making these calculations. Details of those Regulations and how they have been observed are set out in the main |

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| | | body of this report at section 5. |
| OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES | Yes | The Service & Financial Planning Strategy includes consideration of the corporate risk register. |
| IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS | | <i>Borough Wide</i> |

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.0 FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

5.1 That it be noted that at its meeting on 27 January 2011 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (The Act):-

(a) 50,954.7 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (The Regulations), as its Council Tax base for the year (The Council Tax Base).

(b) **Part of the Council's Area Tax Base**

The Parish of:-

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Chetwynd | 238.7 |
| Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote | 164.3 |
| Church Aston | 499.0 |
| Dawley Hamlets | 2,099.1 |
| Edgmond | 533.8 |
| Ercall Magna | 617.8 |
| The Gorge | 1,112.0 |
| Great Dawley | 3,211.2 |
| Hadley & Leegomery | 4,154.6 |
| Hollinswood & Randlay | 1,555.7 |
| Ketley | 1,166.6 |
| Kynnersley | 75.5 |
| Lawley & Overdale | 2,115.7 |
| Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton | 4,436.6 |
| Little Wenlock | 230.5 |
| Madeley | 4,860.5 |
| Newport | 3,688.5 |
| Oakengates | 2,507.0 |
| Preston | 93.7 |

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| Rodington | 346.3 |
| St. Georges & Priorslee | 3,847.9 |
| Stirchley & Brookside | 2,716.1 |
| Tibberton & Cherrington | 278.0 |
| Waters Upton | 394.8 |
| Wellington | 6,925.9 |
| Wrockwardine | 1,445.0 |
| Wrockwardine Wood & Trench | 1,603.1 |
| | 50,917.9 |

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.

5.2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £411,617,304 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.
- (b) £280,658,120 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) £130,959,184 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £72,052,013 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 and revenue support 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 (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 made under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 7 February 1994 (Community Charge Surplus), the Collection Fund (Adjustment for Previous Years) (England) Directions 2000 and the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2011.
- (e) £1,156.07 being the amount at 3.2(c) above less the amount at 3.2(d) above, all divided by the Council Tax base, as the basic

amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- (f) £3,752,691 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) £1,082.42 being the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (calculated by deducting from the amount at 3.2(e) above, the quotient of the amount at 3.2(f) above divided by the Council Tax Base). The only area that this relates to is the Parish of Eyton.

| (h) <u>Part of the Council's Area</u> | £ |
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| The Parish of: | |
| Chetwynd | 1,090.79 |
| Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote | 1,093.37 |
| Church Aston | 1,117.49 |
| Dawley Hamlets | 1,121.76 |
| Edgmond | 1,106.26 |
| Ercall Magna | 1,129.83 |
| The Gorge | 1,163.18 |
| Great Dawley | 1,186.22 |
| Hadley & Leegomery | 1,143.77 |
| Hollinswood & Randlay | 1,208.78 |
| Ketley | 1,174.99 |
| Kynnersley | 1,098.97 |
| Lawley & Overdale | 1,139.48 |
| Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton | 1,126.03 |
| Little Wenlock | 1,130.14 |
| Madeley | 1,180.98 |
| Newport | 1,187.77 |
| Oakengates | 1,174.69 |
| Preston | 1,085.94 |
| Rodington | 1,109.25 |
| St. Georges & Priorslee | 1,121.51 |
| Stirchley & Brookside | 1,212.64 |
| Tibberton & Cherrington | 1,093.21 |
| Waters Upton | 1,114.33 |
| Wellington | 1,156.57 |
| Wrockwardine | 1,113.56 |
| Wrockwardine Wood & Trench | 1,151.25 |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.2(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 at 3.1(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.

- (i) The amounts in Appendix 1 being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.2(g) and 3.2(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.

- 5.3** The West Mercia Police Authority's precept for 2011/12 was set at its meeting on 15 February 2011. The following amounts were stated 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:-

| <u>Valuation Band</u> | <u>Amount</u> £ |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A | 119.15 |
| B | 139.00 |
| C | 158.86 |
| D | 178.72 |
| E | 218.44 |
| F | 258.15 |
| G | 297.87 |
| H | 357.44 |

- 5.4** The Shropshire & Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority's precept for 2011/12 was set at its meeting on 9 February 2011. The following amounts were stated 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:-

| <u>Valuation Band</u> | <u>Amount</u> £ |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A | 55.87 |
| B | 65.19 |
| C | 74.50 |
| D | 83.81 |
| E | 102.43 |
| F | 121.06 |
| G | 139.68 |
| H | 167.62 |

- 5.5** That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.2(i) and 4 and 5 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2)

of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, hereby sets the amounts in Appendix 2 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

6.0 Background Papers

Service & Financial Planning Report 2011/12 – 2013/14

Parish Precept Requests

Police Authority Precept Request

Fire Authority Precept Request

2011/12 Revenue Support Grant Settlement

Acts, Directions and Regulations as quoted above

Council Tax Base Setting Report 2011/12

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