

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 1 MARCH 2012

COUNCIL TAX - FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2012/13

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, AUDIT AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

1. **PURPOSE**

To seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2012/13. 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.

2. **INFORMATION**

The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the authority to set a Council Tax requirement for the year, not it's budget requirement as previously.

The Council's budget for 2012/13 was agreed earlier at this meeting. The budget is made up of a General Fund element and a much smaller Special Fund element. The Special Fund is required to required to ring fence costs that apply to areas that were previously unparished and where the Council still provides some additional services normally provided by Town and Parish Councils mainly relating to footway lighting and cemeteries whereas some parishes provide and pay for these services.

Some parishes in the special fund area have, however, assumed responsibility for footway lighting so that two special fund charges are applied in different areas dependent upon whether footway lighting is provided by this Council or the Parish Council. The charge for special fund areas has reduced by 12% due to the incidence of savings made by the Council but across the Borough as a whole the proposals set out in this report represent a 2.5% increase on average in the Council Tax levied by Telford & Wrekin Council.

The Council Tax Base was determined at the Council Meeting held on 19 January 2012.

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

Authority		Band D Council Tax £	Increase %
Telford & Wrekin Council (NB this represents a 2.5% increase on average across the borough as whole).	General Fund	1,111.84	2.7
	Special Fund	14.25	-12.0
Telford & Wrekin Council	Total	1,126.09	2.5
West Mercia Police Authority		178.72	0.0
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority		86.93	3.7
Parish & Town Councils		59.43	3.4
Total Council Tax		1,451.17	2.3

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

The increases in overall council tax will vary dependent on parish area. The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 1.96% to 3.84% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts. The highest percentage increase in Parish Council Council Tax is an increase of 178% in Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote (increase of £19.55 at Band D) and the lowest is a reduction of 0.9% in Little Wenlock.

While the total average Band D bill will be £1,451.17, 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 £1,128.69

The necessary formal resolutions are set out below.

3. **FORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

3.1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 19 January 2012 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2012/13 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) 51,345.1 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:-

Chetwynd	242.6
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	163.9
Church Aston	493.4
Dawley Hamlets	2,109.4
Edgmond	533.8
Ercall Magna	616.2
The Gorge	1,248.4
Great Dawley	3,211.6
Hadley & Leegomery	4,217.4
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,559.1
Ketley	1,182.6
Kynnersley	75.6
Lawley & Overdale	2,185.8
Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton	4,507.7
Little Wenlock	232.6
Madeley	4,848.2
Newport	3,686.8
Oakengates	2,506.3
Preston	95.3
Rodington	347.4
St. Georges & Priorslee	3,858.5
Stirchley & Brookside	2,730.2
Tibberton & Cherrington	281.1
Waters Upton	392.4
Wellington	6,931.6
Wrockwardine	1,442.4
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	1,608.7
	51,309.0

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.

3.2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £414,101,082 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 precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £353,230,382 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £60,870,700 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 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £1,185.52 being the amount at 3.2(c) above divided by the Council Tax base, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including parish precepts and special items).
- (e) £3,782,892 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,111.84 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(d) above, the quotient of the amount at 3.2(e) above divided by the Council Tax Base). The only area that this relates to is the Parish of Eyton.

(g)	<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£
	The Parish of:	
	Chetwynd	1,126.26
	Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,142.34
	Church Aston	1,147.91
	Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,149.16
	Edgmond	1,136.88
	Ercall Magna	1,159.38
	The Gorge (SF2*)	1,189.42
	Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,215.96
	Hadley & Leegomery	1,176.19
	Hollinswood & Randlay	1,239.52
	Ketley	1,206.36
	Kynnersley	1,129.06
	Lawley & Overdale (SF1*)	1,169.18
	Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton	1,156.76
	Little Wenlock	1,159.13

Madeley (SF2*)	1,207.24
Newport	1,217.24
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,217.67
Preston	1,119.18
Rodington	1,138.58
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,148.28
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,238.39
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,125.18
Waters Upton	1,143.95
Wellington (SF2*)	1,184.13
Wrockwardine	1,143.03
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,177.89

**SF1 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge is made for cemeteries.*

**SF2 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has not taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge is made for both cemeteries and footway lighting.*

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

- (h) The amounts in Appendix 1 being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.2(f) and 3.2(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. The West Mercia Police Authority's precept for 2012/13 was set at its meeting on 14 February 2012. 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. The Shropshire & Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority's precept for 2012/13 was set at its meeting on 13 February 2012. 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	57.95
B	67.61
C	77.27
D	86.93
E	106.25
F	125.57
G	144.88
H	173.86

6. 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 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

7. Background Papers
 Service & Financial Planning Report 2012/13 – 2014/15
 Parish Precept Requests
 Police Authority Precept Request
 Fire Authority Precept Request
 2012/13 Revenue Support Grant Settlement
 Acts, Directions and Regulations as quoted above.