

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**COUNCIL – 27 FEBRUARY 2014****COUNCIL TAX - FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2014/15****REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, AUDIT AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE)****LEAD MEMBER – COUNCILLOR BILL McCLEMENTS****1. PART A – SUMMARY REPORT**

Council Tax levels must be approved by Full Council. This report sets out the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2014/15. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority, and the various Parish and Town Councils.

The Council's General and Special Fund budgets for 2014/15 were approved earlier at this meeting and the Council Tax Base was approved at the meeting of Full Council on 23 January 2014.

Council Tax levels are based on spending requirements and the council tax base (number of chargeable Band D equivalent dwellings). Once this report is agreed the Band D Council Tax will be:

Authority		Band D Council Tax £	Increase %
Telford & Wrekin	General Fund	1,132.96	0.00
	Special Fund	14.53	0.00
Telford & Wrekin Council	Total	1,147.49	0.00
West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner		182.28	1.99
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority		90.42	1.99
Parish & Town Councils		65.41	4.89
Total Council Tax		1,485.60	0.57

The % increase all relate to change from current year levels

The increases in overall council tax will vary dependent on parish area. This Council has set a 0% increase, but overall the average bill has

increased by 0.57% due to increases by Police, Fire and Parish and Town Councils.

The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 0.15% to 1.67% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

While the total average Band D bill will be £1,485.60, the majority of properties in the area fall in Bands A and B - an average bill for the area is around Band B, an overall average bill of £1,155.46.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out in section 5 of the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to approve the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for 2014/15 as detailed in the report.

3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific priorities?	
	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 to deliver corporate priorities.
	No	
TARGET COMPLETION /DELIVERY DATE	The Council Tax must be set by 11 March each year prior to the start of the financial year to which it relates.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	The financial impacts are detailed in the Service & Financial Planning Report.
LEGAL ISSUES	No	There is a duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for the Council, as 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 this report.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	These are considered as part of the Service & Financial Planning report.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough Wide

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.0. INFORMATION

The Council Tax Base was approved at Full Council on 23 January 2014. The Council's budget for 2014/15 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 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 increased by 0.0%, and across the Borough as a whole the proposals set out in this report represent a 0.0% increase on average in the Council Tax levied by Telford & Wrekin Council.

5. FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

5.1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 23 January 2014 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2013 made under Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (The Act):-

- (a) **44,306.3** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2013 (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	233.4
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	164.6
CHURCH ASTON	474.0
DAWLEY HAMLETS	2,002.8
EDGMOND	512.2
ERCALL MAGNA	540.6
THE GORGE	1,217.5
GREAT DAWLEY	2,230.0
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	3,594.3
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,271.3
KETLEY	1,050.5
KYNNERSLEY	74.0
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	2,083.8
LILLESHALL & DONNINGTON	4,012.9
LITTLE WENLOCK	226.5
MADELEY	3,659.3
NEWPORT	3,305.1
OAKENGATES	2,121.7
PRESTON	97.1
RODINGTON	328.2
ST. GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	3,562.7
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	2,109.1
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	265.0
WATERS UPTON	371.0
WELLINGTON	6,028.7
WROCKWARDINE	1,380.1
WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH	1,352.7
	44,269.1

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 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-
- (a) £408,374,385 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) £354,635,163 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £53,739,222 being the amount by which the aggregate at 5.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 5.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as

its Council Tax requirement for the year.

- (d) £1,212.90 being the amount at 5.2(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) £3,541,584 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,132.96 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 5.2(d) above, the quotient of the amount at 5.2(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	1,145.42
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,157.01
Church Aston	1,169.18
Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,183.48
Edgmond	1,160.92
Ercall Magna	1,188.18
The Gorge (SF2*)	1,214.03
Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,271.13
Hadley & Leegomery	1,202.05
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,277.02
Ketley	1,226.50
Kynnersley	1,151.50
Lawley & Overdale (SF1*)	1,197.54
Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton	1,177.66
Little Wenlock	1,190.30
Madeley (SF2*)	1,233.11
Newport	1,245.01
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,261.80
Preston	1,136.04
Rodington	1,159.80
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,172.45
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,267.15
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,149.56
Waters Upton	1,171.89
Wellington (SF2*)	1,214.29
Wrockwardine	1,179.39
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,199.86

**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 5.2(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 5.1(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 5.2(f) and 5.2(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.

6. The West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner precept for 2014/15 was set at its meeting on 17 February 2014. 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	121.52
B	141.77
C	162.02
D	182.28
E	222.78
F	263.29
G	303.80
H	364.56

7. The Shropshire & Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority's precept for 2014/15 was set at its meeting on 26 February 2014. 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	60.28
B	70.33
C	80.37
D	90.42
E	110.51
F	130.61
G	150.70
H	180.84

8. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 5.2(h) and 6 and 7 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 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

9. Background Papers
Service & Financial Planning Report 2014/15 – 2015/16
Parish Precept Requests
Police & Crime Commissioner Precept Request
Fire Authority Precept Request
2014/15 Revenue Support Grant Settlement
Acts, Directions and Regulations as quoted above.