

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**COUNCIL – 28 FEBRUARY 2019****COUNCIL TAX - FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2019/20****REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES)****LEAD MEMBER – COUNCILLOR LEE CARTER****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 2019/20. 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 2019/20 were approved earlier at this meeting and the Council Tax Base was approved at the meeting of Full Council on 17 January 2019.

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	1,189.70	
	Special Fund	15.57	
Telford & Wrekin	Total (excluding Adult Social Care Precept)	1,205.27	1.2
Telford & Wrekin	Adult Social Care Precept	96.28	2.0
Telford & Wrekin	Total (including Adult Social Care Precept)	1,301.55	3.2
West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner		216.66	9.9
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority		100.25	3.0
Parish & Town Councils		85.51	1.7
Total Council Tax		1,703.97	3.9

The percentage increases all relate to the change from current year levels except in the case of the Adult Social Care precept where the Government require councils to show whether a further 2% or 3% precept is being applied in 2019/20.

The increases in overall council tax will vary dependent on parish area. This Council has set a 1.2% increase for the main part of its Council Tax. From 2016/17, a new “Adult Social Care Precept” was introduced by the Government, which is equivalent to a 2% Council Tax increase in 2016/17 and up to 3% for 2017/18 and 2018/19. If Councils applied the full 3% in each of these years then they can’t increase the precept again in 2019/20. This Council elected to increase the Adult Social Care Precept by 2% in both 2017/18 and 2018/19 and has therefore elected to increase the precept by a further 2% in 2019/20. The income from the precept must be ring-fenced to be spent on Adult Social Care Services.

In the Government’s calculation of core spending power from 2016/17 through to 2019/20, the Government have assumed that social services authorities such as Telford & Wrekin increase their council tax by 2% plus at least 2% for the Adult social Care Precept. Telford & Wrekin’s increase of 3.2% is therefore below the Government’s assumed increase each year.

Overall, the total average bill has increased by 3.9% after including increases by Police, Fire and the average increase applied by Parish and Town Councils.

The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 3.6% to 5.2% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

While the total average Band D bill will be £1,703.97, the majority of properties in the area fall in Bands A and B – for a Band B property the overall average bill is £1,325.31.

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 2019/20 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.
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	The Council must make calculations concerning its spending and Council Tax for the area to enable the Council's statutory obligations to be fulfilled. Members should note that the Local Government Finance Act 1992 imposes a statutory duty upon the Council to calculate its council tax requirement and to set its Council Tax for 2019/20 before the 11th March, 2019. 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 17 January 2019. The Council's budget for 2019/20 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 which otherwise would normally be provided by Town and Parish Councils. These services mainly relate to footway lighting and/or cemeteries.

The proposals set out in this report represent a 3.2% increase on the average Council Tax levied by Telford & Wrekin Council across the Borough as a whole. This proposal includes the Adult Social Care precept which is equivalent to a 2% Council Tax increase and must be ring-fenced to be spent on Adult Social Care Services.

5. FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

5.1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 17 January 2019 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 made under Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (The Act):-

(a) **50,640.3** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (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	259.3
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	205.0
CHURCH ASTON	515.7
DAWLEY HAMLETS	2,294.6
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	3,774.2
EDGMOND	546.6
ERCALL MAGNA	584.8
GORGE, THE	1,395.1
GREAT DAWLEY	2,609.2
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	4,286.9
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,407.5
KETLEY	1,323.0
KYNNERSLEY	78.7
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	3,187.1
LILLESHALL	553.0
LITTLE WENLOCK	243.2
MADELEY	4,169.0
NEWPORT	3,866.4
OAKENGATES	2,429.3
PRESTON	100.4
RODINGTON	376.0
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	3,849.8
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	2,281.7
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	284.0
WATERS UPTON	397.0
WELLINGTON	6,622.8
WROCKWARDINE	1,446.7
WROCKWARDINE WOOD	1,514.0
	50,601.0

These are 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 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £402,996,134 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) £332,755,215 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £70,240,919 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) £1,387.06 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) £5,118,507 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,285.98 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. This includes the Adult Social Care Precept of £96.28.

(g) <u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£
The Parish of:	
Chetwynd	1,301.40
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,320.12
Church Aston	1,323.11
Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,349.62
Donnington & Muxton	1,330.69
Edgmond	1,324.07
Ercall Magna	1,354.32
The Gorge (SF2*)	1,366.49
Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,505.79
Hadley & Leegomery	1,361.75
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,477.88

Ketley	1,413.16
Kynnersley	1,318.82
Lawley & Overdale (SF2*)	1,383.43
Lilleshall	1,392.26
Little Wenlock	1,344.48
Madeley (SF2*)	1,434.40
Newport	1,402.62
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,480.32
Preston	1,288.96
Rodington	1,330.70
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,324.94
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,432.29
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,305.87
Waters Upton	1,347.56
Wellington (SF2*)	1,379.35
Wrockwardine	1,334.51
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,362.59

**SF1 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge of £0.00 per Band D 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 of £29.87per Band D 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 2019/20 was set following its meeting on 7 February 2019. 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	144.44
B	168.51
C	192.59
D	216.66
E	264.81
F	312.95
G	361.10
H	433.32

7. The Shropshire & Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority's precept for 2019/20 was set at its meeting on 13 February 2019. 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	66.83
B	77.97
C	89.11
D	100.25
E	122.53
F	144.81
G	167.08
H	200.50

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 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

9. Background Papers
 Service & Financial Planning Report 2019/20 – 2021/22
 Parish Precept Requests
 Police & Crime Commissioner Proposed Budget 2019/20 and
 Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22
 Fire Authority Precept Request
 2019/20 Revenue Support Grant Settlement
 Acts, Directions and Regulations as quoted above.

UNITARY AUTHORITY AND TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL'S COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2019/20

Part of the Parish Council's Area The Parish Of :-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
CHETWYND	867.59	1,012.19	1,156.79	1,301.40	1,590.58	1,879.79	2,168.99	2,602.80
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	880.07	1,026.75	1,173.43	1,320.12	1,613.46	1,906.83	2,200.19	2,640.24
CHURCH ASTON	882.06	1,029.07	1,176.09	1,323.11	1,617.12	1,911.15	2,205.17	2,646.22
DAWLEY HAMLETS	899.73	1,049.69	1,199.65	1,349.62	1,649.51	1,949.43	2,249.35	2,699.24
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	887.11	1,034.97	1,182.83	1,330.69	1,626.38	1,922.10	2,217.80	2,661.38
EDGMOND	882.70	1,029.82	1,176.94	1,324.07	1,618.29	1,912.53	2,206.77	2,648.14
ERCALL MAGNA	902.87	1,053.35	1,203.83	1,354.32	1,655.26	1,956.23	2,257.19	2,708.64
EYTON	857.31	1,000.20	1,143.09	1,285.98	1,571.74	1,857.52	2,143.29	2,571.96
THE GORGE	910.98	1,062.81	1,214.65	1,366.49	1,670.13	1,973.80	2,277.47	2,732.98
GREAT DAWLEY	1,003.84	1,171.16	1,338.47	1,505.79	1,840.38	2,175.01	2,509.63	3,011.58
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	907.82	1,059.13	1,210.44	1,361.75	1,664.34	1,966.96	2,269.57	2,723.50
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	985.24	1,149.45	1,313.66	1,477.88	1,806.27	2,134.70	2,463.12	2,955.76
KETLEY	942.09	1,099.11	1,256.13	1,413.16	1,727.18	2,041.22	2,355.25	2,826.32
KYNNERSLEY	879.20	1,025.74	1,172.28	1,318.82	1,611.87	1,904.95	2,198.02	2,637.64
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	922.27	1,075.99	1,229.71	1,383.43	1,690.83	1,998.27	2,305.70	2,766.86
LILLESALL	928.16	1,082.86	1,237.56	1,392.26	1,701.63	2,011.03	2,320.42	2,784.52
LITTLE WENLOCK	896.31	1,045.70	1,195.09	1,344.48	1,643.24	1,942.02	2,240.79	2,688.96
MADELEY	956.25	1,115.63	1,275.01	1,434.40	1,753.13	2,071.89	2,390.65	2,868.80
NEWPORT	935.07	1,090.92	1,246.77	1,402.62	1,714.30	2,026.00	2,337.69	2,805.24
OAKENGATES	986.86	1,151.35	1,315.83	1,480.32	1,809.25	2,138.22	2,467.18	2,960.64
PRESTON	859.29	1,002.51	1,145.73	1,288.96	1,575.38	1,861.82	2,148.25	2,577.92
RODINGTON	887.12	1,034.98	1,182.84	1,330.70	1,626.39	1,922.11	2,217.82	2,661.40
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	883.28	1,030.50	1,177.72	1,324.94	1,619.35	1,913.79	2,208.22	2,649.88
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	954.84	1,113.99	1,273.14	1,432.29	1,750.55	2,068.85	2,387.13	2,864.58
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	870.57	1,015.67	1,160.77	1,305.87	1,596.05	1,886.25	2,176.44	2,611.74
WATERS UPTON	898.36	1,048.09	1,197.82	1,347.56	1,647.00	1,946.46	2,245.92	2,695.12
WELLINGTON	919.55	1,072.81	1,226.08	1,379.35	1,685.85	1,992.38	2,298.90	2,758.70
WROCKWARDINE	889.66	1,037.94	1,186.22	1,334.51	1,631.05	1,927.61	2,224.17	2,669.02
WROCKWARDINE WOOD	908.38	1,059.78	1,211.18	1,362.59	1,665.37	1,968.17	2,270.97	2,725.18

TOTAL COUNCIL TAX LEVELS FOR TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL FOR 2019/20

Part of the Parish Council's Area The Parish Of :-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
CHETWYND	1,078.86	1,258.68	1,438.49	1,618.31	1,977.91	2,337.54	2,697.17	3,236.62
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	1,091.34	1,273.24	1,455.13	1,637.03	2,000.79	2,364.58	2,728.37	3,274.06
CHURCH ASTON	1,093.33	1,275.56	1,457.79	1,640.02	2,004.45	2,368.90	2,733.35	3,280.04
DAWLEY HAMLETS	1,111.00	1,296.18	1,481.35	1,666.53	2,036.84	2,407.18	2,777.53	3,333.06
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	1,098.38	1,281.46	1,464.53	1,647.60	2,013.71	2,379.85	2,745.98	3,295.20
EDGMOND	1,093.97	1,276.31	1,458.64	1,640.98	2,005.62	2,370.28	2,734.95	3,281.96
ERCALL MAGNA	1,114.14	1,299.84	1,485.53	1,671.23	2,042.59	2,413.98	2,785.37	3,342.46
EYTON	1,068.58	1,246.69	1,424.79	1,602.89	1,959.07	2,315.27	2,671.47	3,205.78
THE GORGE	1,122.25	1,309.30	1,496.35	1,683.40	2,057.46	2,431.55	2,805.65	3,366.80
GREAT DAWLEY	1,215.11	1,417.65	1,620.17	1,822.70	2,227.71	2,632.76	3,037.81	3,645.40
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	1,119.09	1,305.62	1,492.14	1,678.66	2,051.67	2,424.71	2,797.75	3,357.32
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,196.51	1,395.94	1,595.36	1,794.79	2,193.60	2,592.45	2,991.30	3,589.58
KETLEY	1,153.36	1,345.60	1,537.83	1,730.07	2,114.51	2,498.97	2,883.43	3,460.14
KYNNERSLEY	1,090.47	1,272.23	1,453.98	1,635.73	1,999.20	2,362.70	2,726.20	3,271.46
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	1,133.54	1,322.48	1,511.41	1,700.34	2,078.16	2,456.02	2,833.88	3,400.68
LILLESALL	1,139.43	1,329.35	1,519.26	1,709.17	2,088.96	2,468.78	2,848.60	3,418.34
LITTLE WENLOCK	1,107.58	1,292.19	1,476.79	1,661.39	2,030.57	2,399.77	2,768.97	3,322.78
MADELEY	1,167.52	1,362.12	1,556.71	1,751.31	2,140.46	2,529.64	2,918.83	3,502.62
NEWPORT	1,146.34	1,337.41	1,528.47	1,719.53	2,101.63	2,483.75	2,865.87	3,439.06
OAKENGATES	1,198.13	1,397.84	1,597.53	1,797.23	2,196.58	2,595.97	2,995.36	3,594.46
PRESTON	1,070.56	1,249.00	1,427.43	1,605.87	1,962.71	2,319.57	2,676.43	3,211.74
RODINGTON	1,098.39	1,281.47	1,464.54	1,647.61	2,013.72	2,379.86	2,746.00	3,295.22
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	1,094.55	1,276.99	1,459.42	1,641.85	2,006.68	2,371.54	2,736.40	3,283.70
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	1,166.11	1,360.48	1,554.84	1,749.20	2,137.88	2,526.60	2,915.31	3,498.40
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	1,081.84	1,262.16	1,442.47	1,622.78	1,983.38	2,344.00	2,704.62	3,245.56
WATERS UPTON	1,109.63	1,294.58	1,479.52	1,664.47	2,034.33	2,404.21	2,774.10	3,328.94
WELLINGTON	1,130.82	1,319.30	1,507.78	1,696.26	2,073.18	2,450.13	2,827.08	3,392.52
WROCKWARDINE	1,100.93	1,284.43	1,467.92	1,651.42	2,018.38	2,385.36	2,752.35	3,302.84
WROCKWARDINE WOOD	1,119.65	1,306.27	1,492.88	1,679.50	2,052.70	2,425.92	2,799.15	3,359.00