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To: **All Members of Council**

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Dear Councillor,

Please see overleaf a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting of the COUNCIL on THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2016 at 6.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Owen

Democratic Services Officer

COUNCIL - 18 FEBRUARY 2016

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

6. QUESTIONS

To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 11.1

Question from Councillor Cartwright:

"(a) Given that the public perception of all councils is reducing rapidly with having to pay more council tax for less service, could the Leader of the Council please explain why, in a recent press release, he made the comments that he was happy with the response to the consultation when only a fraction of households responded (2150) from more than 48,000 households – a return rate of just 4.4%?

Whilst the Leader could not have predicted the return rate, would it not have been more plausible to have thanked the people that chose to respond with the more real statement that he was disappointed that so few residents actually did. Surely this would have created more respect in the public opinion in light of the actual result.

- (b) Having produced, created and distributed such a large piece of work at expense to the tax payer for the benefit of the customer, would the Leader please explain why the administration have chosen to completely ignore their views and choose instead to pick a third option not available to residents in the questionnaire?
- (c) Given the damage that this will do to the reputation of this consultation and the authority as a whole and potential future consultations (they never bothered to listen to my views last time), what does the administration propose to do to remedy what a large portion of the customers whom you sought guidance from will think about the result and actual outcome?"

Response from the Leader of the Council:

- "(a) Cllr Cartwright questions the value of 2150 responses, and he therefore obviously does not understand the statistical significance of such a response rate. This compares favourably with national polls, such as those used by MORI, who take much smaller samples as the basis for their conclusions. This response is twice the sample size of 1107 people from Leicestershire and Rutland (120 were from Hinckley and Bosworth) who responded to the police consultation on their proposed 1.99% increase. Our number of responses therefore provides a very high level of confidence that the answers provided were representative of residents in general.
 - So, I am happy to repeat my comment, I am pleased that so many people responded to the consultation, it has given us statistically relevant and valuable information to inform our decision making, and I thank them for taking the opportunity to respond.
- (b) Public consultation plays a vital role in advising the council of its customers' views and is conducted in a variety of different formats, and for different reasons. In this instance we wanted to reach as many people as possible within a specific

timeframe to assist with our decision making. It was a consultation; not a referendum or ballot of any other sort. We were seeking the views of the public on options that we were considering to fill the void, left by the Lib Dem administration, in the council's budget for 2016/17. We provided two different options to focus those views.

The consultation provided us with two significant pieces of information, firstly that 70% of residents would vote 'yes' in a referendum to a Council Tax increase of £16. Secondly, just under 40% of people who currently use the green waste service told us that they would pay £35 to retain the service. It also means that 60% of people thought £35 was too expensive. They are right, and that is why we are not proposing a charge of £35.

The Government's recently announced finance settlement introduced another option, which was to increase Council Tax by £5 without the need for public referendum. Officers have also worked with the Executive to identify other savings to close the funding gap. As Cllr Cartwright will be aware, the cost of a referendum would be in the order of £100,000, which would also reduce the benefit of a larger Council Tax increase, and if we can avoid spending such money then we should. For those reasons, the budget that will be presented tonight is a balanced budget, without a £35 green waste charge, with only a £5 Council Tax increase, and without the need for a referendum.

So, far from ignoring residents' views, we are taking them into account in our decision making. We are taking advantage of what the Government has put on offer to us, and fixing the budget situation we inherited in as fair a way as we possibly can.

(c) Asking for people's opinion is rarely something that will cause reputational damage. What does cause damage is when Cllr Cartwright writes articles which state that this Council used the bin men to deliver consultation documents, and then blames a contractor's illness for their lateness, and then claims that he was responsible for the extension of the deadline for the return of questionnaires, when in fact he was not.

Last year, the Liber Democrat administration ducked the budget issue, in fact they have been ducking it for years, hiding behind the temporary grants and bonuses that were provided by the last Government - using them to prop up the day to day running of the Council, failing communities who have had homes built in their backyard, and failing to put long term solutions in place. We have tackled it head on, and softened the impact of putting the finances right by making sure that we will introduce efficiencies over the next three years. I am sure that the public will respect responsibility far more than they will respect irresponsibility and inaction!

I would suggest that Cllr Cartwright should be more worried about what our customers think about the damage inflicted on the finances of this Council by him and his colleagues, and leave us to get on with fixing the mess they have left us in."

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

Leader's Position Statement, 18 February 2016

When I became Leader of this Council, one of my priorities was to sort out the Council's finances.

The last administration of this Council produced a final budget which was only balanced through the use of reserves, and an MTFS which merely provided a list of possible problems, none of which were addressed by them.

They ducked the key issues, using New Homes Bonus, temporary grants from Government and council reserves to sustain a balanced budget and to freeze Council Tax. As a result they left this administration to make all of the difficult decisions, and that is something that we have done.

Liberal Democrats have made this Council completely dependent on New Homes Bonus for its day to day operation, and in the process deprived our communities of £5.5 million of investment, this will not be put right quickly.

Their administration spent 14 minutes discussing the borrowing of £67 million, before making decisions which have cost this Council over £15m in additional interest.

I could go on but this evening, with the presentation of our first budget, you will see that we are starting to fix these built in problems. By reducing costs, increasing income, and protecting the future of the Council's general fund through an MTFS which doesn't just list problems, it identifies solutions to delivering a balanced budget for the next four years.

10-16 FINANCE REPORTS

Members are asked to note that any reference to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) in the following reports (items 10-16) should read 'Interim Deputy Section 151 Officer' as the former has not been involved in the compilation of these reports. By contributing to and being involved in the presentation of these reports, the Interim Deputy Section 151 Officer is confirming the necessary financial assurances.

11. FEES & CHARGES (Pages 1 - 6)

Report seeking approval of the Fees & Charges book for 2016/17.

An amendment to correct an error in the fees & charges book is attached. The amended line is highlighted and amends the 2016/17 charge for 'Aqua Lunchtime' from £3.70 to £2.70 (page 83 of the agenda).

Appendix 2 which was omitted from the report is also attached.

13. <u>COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2016/17</u> (Pages 7 - 12)

Report seeking approval of the Council Tax for 2016/17.

An updated report is attached following a change during the setting of a parish council's precept.

16. <u>SETTING OF PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2015/16 - 2018/19 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2015/16 - 2018/19</u>

Report outlining the Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 to 2018/19 and setting out the expected treasury operations for the same period for approval.

Members are asked to note and delete a duplicate paragraph on page 151 of the agenda pack – paragraph 3.27 is repeated in 3.28.

The statement made above (Finance Reports 10-16) still applies, with the exception of paragraphs 3.33 and 3.48, where the reference to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) is correct.



| CATEGORY | 2015/16 £ | 2016/17 £ | % increase |
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| EISURE CENTRE - (Fees set by the external partner, People Leise | | L | |
| Swimming | | | |
| Adult | 3.60 | £4.05 | 12.50% |
| Senior (60 Plus) | 1.70 | £1.85 | 8.82% |
| Concession (inc. Junior Under 16, unemployed, student) | 2.20 | £2.25 | 2.27% |
| Disabled | No Charge | No Charge | - |
| Under 8's (accompanied with adult) | No Charge | No Charge | - |
| Spectator | 0.50 | No Charge | - |
| Junior Lesson (per half hour) | 4.40 | £4.65 | 5.68% |
| Adult Lessons (per half hour) | 4.40 | £4.65 | 5.68% |
| Tots Lessons (per half hour) | 4.40 | £4.65 | 5.68% |
| Private Lessons | POR | £20.50 | - |
| Memberships | | | |
| Swimming - Direct Debit | 22.85 | £19.99 | -12.52% |
| Swimming - Paid in full | 228.50 | £199.90 | -12.52% |
| Pool Hire | | | |
| Private Hire – Main Pool (per 1 hour) | 52.10 | £9.00 | -82.73% |
| Private Hire – Aqua Pool (per 1 hour) | 35.50 | £41.80 | 17.75% |
| Fitness & Health Exercise Classes | | | |
| Group Exercise Classes | 4.90 | £5.00 | 2.04% |
| Adult Rec | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Senior Rec / Ladies Rec (2 hours) | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Senior Exercise (1 hour) | 2.60 | £3.90 | 3.85% |
| Aqua Lunchtime | 2.60 | £2.70 | 3.85% |
| Junior Fitness Class | 2.00 | £2.70 £3.70 | New charge |
| Fitness & Health Membership | | | |
| All Inclusinve Fitness (monthly) | 38.50 | £39.99 | 3.87% |
| Joint Monthly Fitness | 65.50 | £71.99 | 9.91% |
| All Inclusive Fitness (annual) | 385.00 | £399.00 | 3.64% |
| Joint All Inclusinve Fitness (annual) | 655.00 | £719.90 | 9.91% |
| Junior Active 11-15yrs - Monthly | 14.50 | £14.90 | 2.76% |
| Junior Active 11-15yrs - Annual | 145.00 | £149.00 | 2.76% |
| Concession | 21.50 | £29.99 | 39.49% |
| Concession - Annual | 215.00 | £299.90 | 39.49% |
| Corporate | 32.00 | 15-20% off all inclusiv | /e - |
| Gym only | | £29.99 | New charge |
| Gym Only (12 month contract) | | £19.99 | New charge |
| Fitness & Harlin Count | | | |
| Fitness & Health Casual Gym Induction | 15.00 | £15.40 | 2.67% |
| Gym Session Casual | 7.60 | £7.80 | 2.63% |
| Gym Session Concession (9.00am – 5.00pm only) | 4.20 | £4.20 | 0.00% |
| GP Referral / Heartsmart Session | 2.30 | £2.35 | 2.17% |
| Kidz Active - under 5's activities | | | |
| Active Antz | 2.80 | £2.90 | 3.57% |
| Crafty Tots | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Mini Dribblers | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Kidz Active - 5-11 years activities | | | |
| Badminton | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Basketball | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Football | 3.80 | £3.90 | 2.63% |
| Гrampoline _EISURE CENTRE - (Fees set by the external partner, People Leisı | 4.05 | £3.90 | -3.70% |
| | ure management Ltu) | | |
| Holiday Day Camp Holiday Activities (8.30-5.45) | | £25.15 | New charge |
| Dirthday Dartics with food up to 40 shildren | | | |
| Birthday Parties with food up to 10 children | 00.00 | 0405.00 | 6 000/ |
| Minimum 10 Children (1.5 hours) Dryside | 99.00 | £105.00 | 6.06% |
| Additional Children (each) | 7.50 | £8.00 | 6.67% |
| Minimum 12 Children (1.5 hours) Wetside | 110.00 | £115.00 | 4.55% |

| Additional Children (each) | 8.00 | £8.00 | 0.00% |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trampoling Party | 110.00 | £115.00 | 4.55% |
| Bouncy Castle Party | 99.00 | £105.00 | 6.06% |
| Roller Disco Party up to 50 children (food £2.60 per child on top) | 110.00 | £125.00 | 13.64% |
| Extra Lifeguard | 24.20 | £24.10 | -0.41% |
| Extra Leader | 14.00 | £15.40 | 10.00% |
| Adventure Play Party (per person) | | £10.00 | New charge |
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| Sports Halls and Courts | | | |
| Sports Halls and Courts Adult Badminton Court | 7.60 | £7.80 | 2.63% |
| | 7.60 4.05 | £7.80 £4.15 | 2.63% 2.47% |
| Adult Badminton Court | | | |
| Adult Badminton Court Concession (off peak only) Badminton | 4.05 | £4.15 | 2.47% |

Commercial Bookings Commercial Rate 150% of Standard Charge

| CATEGORY | | VAT | 2015/16 £ | 2016/17 £ | % increase | Movement explanations |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| Interments | | | | | | |
| Sexton led interment - No Funeral Director (in addition to above charges) | | Non-Business | 32.95 | 33.50 | 1.67% | Rounding |
| Exclusive Rights of Burial for 70 Years | | | | | | |
| Casket plot 150 x 90cm (5'x3') (up to 2 caskets/Ashes Interment) | | Non-Business | 206.00 | 300.00 | 45.63% | Bench marking with neighboroughing authority |
| Grave plot of a child up to the age of 18yrs (Appropriate plot size) Outside Spec | al Expense Area, but within Borough | Non-Business | 192.60 | 200.00 | 3.84% | Bench marking with neighboroughing authority |
| Grave plot 240 x 120cm (8'x4') | | Non-Business | 466.60 | 580.00 | 24.30% | Bench marking with neighboroughing authority |
| Reservation Fee | | Non-Business | 65.90 | 100.00 | 51.75% | Bench marking with neighboroughing authority |
| Rights to Erect Memorial on a Grave Plot | | | | | | |
| Other Charges (incl. VAT) | | | | | | |
| Entries in Book of Remembrance per line | | Standard Rated | 27.80 | 35.00 | 25.90% | Increase due to benchmarking and costing calculations |
| Copy of entry in burial register | | Standard Rated | 2.00 | 2.05 | 2.50% | Rounding |
| Bowls – Hollycroft Park | | | | | | |
| | Ordinary | Standard Rated | 6.10 | 6.20 | 1.64% | Rounding |
| Tennis – Hollycroft Park | | | | | | |
| Tennis Balls & Rackets | Penalty - Lost Balls | Standard Rated | 2.55 | 2.60 | 1.96% | Rounding |
| Pitch & Put – Hollycroft Park | | 0 | | | 4.500/ | |
| Adult Junior | | Standard Rated | 3.20 1.60 | 3.25 | 1.56% | Rounding |
| JUNIOI | Danalhi, Jast Dalla | Standard Rated Standard Rated | 2.55 | 1.65 2.60 | 3.13% 1.96% | Rounding |
| Golf Balls & Clubs - | Penalty - lost Balls | Standard Rated Standard Rated | 2.55 1.35 | 1.40 | 3.70% | Rounding Rounding |
| Groups of 10 or more students under 18 in full time education (price per person) | | Standard Nateu | 1.33 | 1.40 | 3.7076 | Counting |
| Events | | | | | | |
| Food Stalls | | Standard Rated | 61.80 | 65.00 | 5.18% | Demand lead increase |
| Daily Right to Sell Ice Cream at an event | | Standard Rated | 61.80 | 65.00 | 5.18% | Demand lead increase |
| Countryside Management | | | | | | |
| Timber per trailer full (subject to availability) | | Standard Rated | 54.00 | 55.00 | 1.85% | Rounding |
| Bark chippings per trailer full (subject to availability) | | Standard Rated | 54.00 | 55.00 | 1.85% | Rounding |
| LICENCES | | | | | | |
| Taxis | | | | | | |
| Private or Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence (3 Year validity Period from 1 Octob | er 2015) | Non-Business | 76.00 | 142.00 | 86.84% | Prices legislated |
| Animal Establishments | | | | | | |
| Riding Establishments * | | Non-Business | 104.00 | 115.00 | 10.58% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence applicatio |
| Pet Shops * | | | | | | |
| Ordinary | | Non-Business | 90.00 | 105.00 | 16.67% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence applicatio |
| Where dangerous wild animals sold * | | Non-Business | 106.00 | 240.00 | 126.42% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Animal Boarding * | | | | | | |

| CATEGORY | | VAT | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | | Movement explanations |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Home Boarders | | Non-Business | 74.00 | 80.00 | 8.11% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Commercial Boarders | <25 animals boarded | Non-Business | 108.00 | 115.00 | 6.48% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| | 25 – 49 | Non-Business | 114.50 | 122.00 | 6.55% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| | 50 – 150 | Non-Business | 127.00 | 135.00 | 6.30% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Dog Breeding * | | Non-Business | 117.50 | 125.00 | 6.38% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Dangerous Wild Animals * | 2 yr. licence | Non-Business | 106.00 | 125.00 | 17.92% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Zoos* | | Non-Business | 475.00 | 550.00 | 15.79% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Registration | | | | | | |
| Skin Pierces (1 off reg. Fee) | | | | | | |
| Premises | | Non-Business | 106.00 | 120.00 | 13.21% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Cosmetic Skin Piercing & Skin-colouring | | | | | .0.2.70 | ggg |
| Premises | | Non-Business | 106.00 | 120.00 | 13.21% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| Hairdressers (1 off Registration Fee) | | Non-Dusiness | 100.00 | 120.00 | 13.21/0 | Neworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| | | Nan Duninan | 100.00 | 100.00 | 42.240/ | Daywalcad acata of administration the License application |
| Premises | | Non-Business | 106.00 | 120.00 | 13.21% | Reworked costs of administering the Licence application |
| CAR PARKS | | | | | | A normal permit costs £375. Permits introduced at low cost |
| Residents parking season ticket (restricted availability) | | Standard Rated | 30.00 | 35.00 | 16.67% | initially to determine demand. Increase reflects low charge benefit residents receive. |
| ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Pest Control | | | | | | |
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| | | Standard Rated | 50.00 | 52.00 | 4.00% | Bench marking against market competition |
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| CATEGORY | VAT | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | % increas | e Movement explanations |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Groby Community Centre | | | | | |
| Whole Building | | | | | |
| 3 hour session | Exempt | 38.92 | 40.00 | 2.77% | Rounding |
| Small Room | | | | | |
| 3 hour session | Exempt | 18.73 | 20.00 | 6.78% | Rounding |

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COUNCIL – 18 FEBRUARY 2016

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2016/17 REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE DIRECTION)

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

A Borough to be proud of

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain approval of Council Tax for 2016/17.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the following be approved in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act (1992) for 2016/17:
 - A Council budget requirement excluding Special Expenses and Parish Councils of £10,248,194.
 - A Council budget requirement including Special Expenses of £10,861,146.
 - A total net budget requirement including Special Expenses and Parish Councils of £12.603.423.
 - A contribution from Revenue Support Grant (including the element indicated for Local Council Tax Support) and Non Domestic Rates (indicated by the NNDR Baseline) of £3,635,744.
 - A forecast transfer of £53,112 surplus from the Collection Fund to the General Fund.
 - A Band D Council Tax for Borough wide services, excluding Special Expenses and Parish Council precepts, of £100.25.
 - A Band D Council Tax for Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses Services of £117.09
 - An average Band D Council Tax relating to Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses and Parish Council services of £164.96
 - The total Council Tax, including amounts for the County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Combined Fire Authority and for each area and valuation band as detailed in Appendix A.

3 BACKGROUND TO REPORT

Background

- 3.1 The General Fund revenue budget for 2016/17 has been drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in the Budget Strategy (the Strategy) and in accordance with the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The key objectives of the Strategy are summarised in the General Fund revenue budget 2016/17 presented alongside this report.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base for 2016/17 is 36,398.6 and was approved, in accordance with the delegation scheme by the Interim Head of Finance (Deputy S151 Officer) on 7th January 2016.
- 3.3 In addition to the Borough wide element, the Borough Council, as billing authority, has to collect Council Tax on behalf of the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire and Rescue Service, Parish Councils and the Special Expenses Area. These other bodies issue precepts to the Borough Council specifying the amounts to be collected. These amounts are then paid over during the year in accordance with statutory timescales.

3.4 The full "Budget Book" detailing further details on all Council budgets is available for members in the Members' room. Members are requested to raise any specific questions directly with the Interim Head of Finance or the relevant service manager.

Council Tax 2016/17

- 3.5 The approved budgets for this Council result in an average increase in Council Tax excluding the Special Expenses area of Hinckley of 4.47% and including the Special Expenses area of Hinckley of 4.46%.
- 3.6 The proposed levels of increases for each of the precepting bodies are as follows:
 - Leicestershire County Council 3.99%
 - The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire 1.99%
 - Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority 1.97%
- 3.7 Based on these levels the resulting Council Tax amount for each valuation band is as follows:

| Valuation Band | Α | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н |
|---|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Leicestershire County Council | 751.60 | 876.87 | 1,002.14 | 1,127.40 | 1,377.94 | 1,628.47 | 1,879.00 | 2,254.80 |
| The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire | 122.39 | 142.78 | 163.18 | 183.58 | 224.38 | 265.17 | 305.97 | 367.16 |
| Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority | 41.08 | 47.93 | 54.77 | 61.62 | 75.31 | 89.01 | 102.70 | 123.24 |

- 3.8 The 2016/17 Council Tax relating to the Hinckley Special Expense Area items of expenditure for Band D is £59.87, an increase over 2015/16 of 3.69%.
- 3.9 The average 2016/17 Council Tax relating to Parish Council items of expenditure, including Special Expenses, for Band D is £64.71, an increase of 9.2% over 2015/16.
- 3.10 The average total amount of Council Tax due at Band D will be £1,537.56 for 2016/17, an increase of 3.90% over 2015/16. The actual percentage increase for each taxpayer will vary depending on the area in which they live.

3.11 In summary, the average band D Council Tax is made up as follows:

| | 2016/17 Council Tax | 2015/16 Council Tax | Increase |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Leicestershire County Council * | £1,127.40 | £1,084.15 | 3.99% |
| Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority | £61.62 | £60.43 | 1.97% |
| The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire | £183.58 | £180.00 | 1.99% |
| Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Including Special Expenses | £117.09 | £112.09 | 4.46% |
| Parish Councils | £47.87 | £43.13 | 10.92% |
| Total Council Tax | £1,537.56 | £1,479.80 | 3.90% |

^{*} The 2016/17 amount for Leicestershire County Council includes a new precept charge of £21.68 that relates to Adult Social Care. For comparative purposes the Council Tax for 2016/17 excluding Adult Social Care for Leicestershire County Council is £1,105.72, an increase of 1.99%

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (AW)

The Council Tax amounts above, when applied to the approved Council Tax Base, will provide sufficient income to meet the estimated Borough wide and Special Expenses area spending and Parish, County, Police and Fire precepts.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (MR)

The Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) set out the requirement for the Council to confirm and formally approve its Council Tax Base and notify it to its precepting bodies.

Precept setting must be completed and submitted to the Council by the 31st March by precepting bodies. In the event this deadline is missed the Billing Authorities (Anticipation of Precepts) Regulations 1992 contain provisions for anticipating the precept, provided they have issued one in the last three years immediately previous.

7 CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Council Tax levels will have an indirect impact on all Corporate Plan targets

8 CONSULTATION

All budget holders, Corporate Operations Board and the Strategic Leadership Board have been consulted throughout the budget setting process.

9 RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision/project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

| Manage | Management of Significant (Net Red) Risks | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Risk Description | Mitigating Actions | Owner | | | | | | | |
| That the Council has insufficient resources to meet its aspirations and cannot set a balanced budget | A budget strategy is produced to ensure that the objectives of the budget exercise are known throughout the organisation. | S. Kohli | | | | | | | |
| | The budget is scrutinised on an ongoing basis to ensure that assumptions are robust and reflective of financial performance. | | | | | | | | |
| | Sufficient levels of reserves and balances are maintained to ensure financial resilience | | | | | | | | |

10 KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY & RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Precepts for parishes will fund expenditure on their services. Rural communities also benefit from services provided by other precepting authorities.

11 CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety Implications
- Environmental Implications
- ICT Implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources Implications

Background Papers: DCLG notifications

Notification of precepts

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Executive Member Cllr. M Surtees

APPENDIX A

COUNCIL TAX 2016/17

| | VALUATION BAND | Α | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н |
|---------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | PROPORTION OF BAND D | 6/9 | 7/9 | 8/9 | 9/9 | 11/9 | 13/9 | 15/9 | 18/9 |
| | | £p |
| | Parish | | | | | | | | |
| | HINCKLEY | 1,021.81 | 1,192.11 | 1,362.42 | 1,532.72 | 1,873.33 | 2,213.94 | 2,554.53 | 3,065.44 |
| | BAGWORTH | 1,043.18 | 1,217.04 | 1,390.91 | 1,564.77 | 1,912.51 | 2,260.24 | 2,607.95 | 3,129.54 |
| | BARLESTONE | 1,038.45 | 1,211.52 | 1,384.60 | 1,557.67 | 1,903.83 | 2,249.98 | 2,596.12 | 3,115.35 |
| | BARWELL | 1,037.81 | 1,210.77 | 1,383.74 | 1,556.71 | 1,902.66 | 2,248.59 | 2,594.52 | 3,113.42 |
| | BURBAGE | 1,026.03 | 1,197.04 | 1,368.05 | 1,539.05 | 1,881.07 | 2,223.09 | 2,565.09 | 3,078.10 |
| | CADEBY | 1,007.82 | 1,175.78 | 1,343.75 | 1,511.72 | 1,847.67 | 2,183.61 | 2,519.54 | 3,023.45 |
| τ | CARLTON | 1,005.19 | 1,172.73 | 1,340.26 | 1,507.79 | 1,842.86 | 2,177.93 | 2,512.98 | 3,015.58 |
| ນັ | | 1,033.37 | 1,205.60 | 1,377.83 | 1,550.06 | 1,894.53 | 2,238.99 | 2,583.44 | 3,100.12 |
| Q (P | EARL SHILTON | 1,026.23 | 1,197.27 | 1,368.31 | 1,539.35 | 1,881.43 | 2,223.51 | 2,565.58 | 3,078.69 |
| ע | GROBY | 1,027.27 | 1,198.48 | 1,369.69 | 1,540.91 | 1,883.34 | 2,225.76 | 2,568.18 | 3,081.81 |
| _ | HIGHAM | 1,010.68 | 1,179.13 | 1,347.57 | 1,516.02 | 1,852.92 | 2,189.82 | 2,526.70 | 3,032.04 |
| | MARKET BOSWORTH | 1,030.46 | 1,202.20 | 1,373.95 | 1,545.69 | 1,889.19 | 2,232.67 | 2,576.15 | 3,091.38 |
| | MARKFIELD | 1,028.05 | 1,199.39 | 1,370.73 | 1,542.07 | 1,884.76 | 2,227.45 | 2,570.12 | 3,084.14 |
| | NAILSTONE | 1,014.87 | 1,184.01 | 1,353.16 | 1,522.30 | 1,860.60 | 2,198.89 | 2,537.17 | 3,044.61 |
| | NEWBOLD VERDON | 1,022.13 | 1,192.49 | 1,362.84 | 1,533.20 | 1,873.92 | 2,214.63 | 2,555.33 | 3,066.39 |
| | OSBASTON | 1,006.38 | 1,174.11 | 1,341.85 | 1,509.58 | 1,845.05 | 2,180.51 | 2,515.96 | 3,019.15 |
| | PECKLETON | 1,020.24 | 1,190.28 | 1,360.32 | 1,530.36 | 1,870.45 | 2,210.53 | 2,550.60 | 3,060.72 |
| | RATBY | 1,023.11 | 1,193.63 | 1,364.14 | 1,534.66 | 1,875.71 | 2,216.74 | 2,557.77 | 3,069.32 |
| | SHACKERSTONE | 1,010.68 | 1,179.12 | 1,347.57 | 1,516.02 | 1,852.92 | 2,189.81 | 2,526.69 | 3,032.03 |
| | SHEEPY | 1,008.93 | 1,177.09 | 1,345.25 | 1,513.40 | 1,849.72 | 2,186.03 | 2,522.34 | 3,026.80 |
| | STANTON-U-BARDON | 1,009.79 | 1,178.09 | 1,346.39 | 1,514.69 | 1,851.30 | 2,187.89 | 2,524.48 | 3,029.38 |
| | STOKE GOLDING | 1,015.04 | 1,184.21 | 1,353.39 | 1,522.56 | 1,860.92 | 2,199.26 | 2,537.60 | 3,045.12 |
| | SUTTON CHENEY | 1,008.95 | 1,177.10 | 1,345.26 | 1,513.42 | 1,849.75 | 2,186.06 | 2,522.37 | 3,026.84 |
| | TWYCROSS | 1,008.68 | 1,176.79 | 1,344.90 | 1,513.02 | 1,849.25 | 2,185.48 | 2,521.69 | 3,026.03 |
| | WITHERLEY | 1,008.63 | 1,176.74 | 1,344.85 | 1,512.95 | 1,849.17 | 2,185.38 | 2,521.59 | 3,025.90 |

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