

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2013/14
REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE
DIRECTION)



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 In the earlier report (ref: 11), Council has been asked to endorse the 2013/14 General Fund Revenue Budget. Council is now also asked to formally approve the Council Tax for the financial year 2013/14.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by Local Government Finance Act 2012) it is recommended that for 2013/14:

- 2.1 The Council's budget requirement, as set out in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 (report 11), excluding Special Expenses and Parish Councils be £10,016,260.
- 2.2 The Council's budget requirement as set out in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 (Report 12), including Special Expenses, be £10,570,271.
- 2.3 The Council's total net budget requirement including Special Expenses and Parish Councils be £11,996,403.
- 2.4 The contribution from Revenue Support Grant and Non Domestic Rates (indicated by the NNDR Baseline) be £4,983,086.
- 2.5 A surplus of £2,066 on the Collection Fund will be transferred to an earmarked Reserve in accordance with Council policy in 2013/14
- 2.6 The Council Tax for Borough wide services, excluding Special Expenses and Parish Council precepts, for Band D be £95.96 (the same level as the previous 3 years)
- 2.7 The Council Tax for Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses Services for Band D be £112.09
- 2.8 The basic amount of Council Tax, being the tax relating to Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses and Parish Council services for Band D, be £153.61
- 2.9 The total Council Tax, including amounts for the County Council, Police Authority, and Fire Authority and for each area and valuation band be approved (Attached as Appendix A).
- 2.10 The calculation of the estimated surplus on the Collection Fund be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction). The surplus will be transferred in accordance with Council's Policy to the Pension Reserve.

3 BACKGROUND TO REPORT

- 3.1 The General Fund Revenue Budget for 2013/14 has been drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in the Budget Strategy agreed by Executive and endorsed by the Finance, Audit and Performance Select Committee in October 2012 and in accordance with the Medium Term Financial

Strategy. The key objectives are summarised in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 (Report 11).

- 3.2 The Council Tax Base was approved at Executive on 30th January and due to rounding this is 34,351.1
- 3.3 In addition to the Borough wide element, the Borough Council, as billing authority, has to collect Council Tax elements on behalf of the County Council, the Police Authority, the Combined Fire Authority, 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 Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction), Head of Finance, or the relevant service manager.

4 COUNCIL TAX 2013/14

- 4.1 The approved budgets for this Council result in an average increase in Council Tax both excluding and including the Special Expenses area of Hinckley, of 0%. This ensures this Council is eligible for receipt of a Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2013/14 equivalent to 1% (£42,597)
- 4.2 At the time of writing this report, formal ratification of the Council Tax and precept for Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police Authority and Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority was pending. The figures in this report have therefore been based on proposed levels. Any change following formal ratification will be tabled at this meeting.
- 4.3 The County Council element of the Council Tax has increased by 0% compared with 2012/13, the Police element has increased by 0%, and the Combined Fire Authority element has increased by 9.4%.

The resulting Council Tax amount for each valuation band is as follows:

Valuation Band	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1,063.00	1,299.22	1,535.44	1,771.66	2,126.00
Leicestershire Police Authority	115.91	135.24	154.56	173.88	212.51	251.15	289.79	374.75
Combined Fire Authority	38.92	45.41	51.89	58.38	71.35	84.33	97.30	116.76

- 4.4 The 2013/14 Council Tax relating to Special Expenses items of expenditure for Band D is £58.63, an increase of 0% over 2012/13.
- 4.5 The average 2013/14 Council Tax relating to Parish Council items of expenditure, including Special Expenses, for Band D is £57.64, an increase of 2.7% over 2012/13.
- 4.6 The average total amount of Council Tax due at Band D will be £1,448.87 for 2013/14, an increase of 0.4% over 2012/13. The actual percentage increase for each taxpayer will vary depending on the area in which they live.

4.7 In summary, the average band D Council tax is made up as follows:

Precepting Authority	2013/14 Tax	2012/13 Tax	Increase
Leicestershire County Council	£1,063.00	£1,063.00	0%
Combined Fire Authority	£58.38	£53.38	9.4%
Leicestershire Police Authority - *	£173.88	£173.87	0%
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Including Special Expenses	£112.09	£112.17	(0.1)%
Parish Councils	£41.52	£39.95	3.9%
Total Council Tax	<u>£1,448.87</u>	<u>£1,442.37</u>	0.4%

* Leicester Police Authority have frozen council tax at £173.875 it has been rounded down in 2012/13 and rounded up in 2013/14

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (KB)

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 (LH)

These are contained within the body of the report.

7 CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

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

8 CONSULTATION

The Council consulted on all budget priorities in the Budget Setting Survey conducted in August/September 2012.

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.

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	<p>A budget strategy is produced to ensure that the objectives of the budget exercise are known throughout the organisation.</p> <p>The budget is scrutinised on an ongoing basis to ensure that assumptions are robust and reflective of financial performance.</p> <p>Sufficient levels of reserves and balances are maintained to ensure financial resilience</p>	S. Kohli

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 notification of contributions.

Notification of Leicestershire County Council precept.

Notification of Leicestershire Police Authority precept.

Notification of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority precept.

Notification of Parish Council precepts.

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APPENDIX A

COUNCIL TAX 2013/14

VALUATION BAND PROPORTION OF BAND D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p
Parish								
HINCKLEY	966.57	1,127.66	1,288.76	1,449.85	1,772.04	2,094.23	2,416.42	2,899.70
BAGWORTH	996.82	1,162.96	1,329.09	1,495.23	1,827.50	2,159.78	2,492.05	2,990.46
BARLESTONE	971.19	1,133.06	1,294.92	1,456.79	1,780.52	2,104.25	2,427.98	2,913.58
BARWELL	970.56	1,132.32	1,294.08	1,455.84	1,779.36	2,102.88	2,426.40	2,911.68
BURBAGE	963.88	1,124.53	1,285.17	1,445.82	1,767.11	2,088.41	2,409.70	2,891.64
CADEBY	948.68	1,106.79	1,264.91	1,423.02	1,739.25	2,055.47	2,371.70	2,846.04
CARLTON	952.25	1,110.96	1,269.67	1,428.38	1,745.80	2,063.22	2,380.63	2,856.76
DESFORD	968.31	1,129.70	1,291.08	1,452.47	1,775.24	2,098.01	2,420.78	2,904.94
EARL SHILTON	966.06	1,127.07	1,288.08	1,449.09	1,771.11	2,093.13	2,415.15	2,898.18
GROBY	968.23	1,129.61	1,290.98	1,452.35	1,775.09	2,097.84	2,420.58	2,904.70
HIGHAM	954.46	1,113.54	1,272.61	1,431.69	1,749.84	2,068.00	2,386.15	2,863.38
MARKET BOSWORTH	959.75	1,119.70	1,279.66	1,439.62	1,759.54	2,079.45	2,399.37	2,879.24
MARKFIELD	969.51	1,131.10	1,292.68	1,454.27	1,777.44	2,100.61	2,423.78	2,908.54
NAILSTONE	955.25	1,114.45	1,273.66	1,432.87	1,751.29	2,069.70	2,388.12	2,865.74
NEWBOLD VERDON	963.32	1,123.87	1,284.43	1,444.98	1,766.09	2,087.19	2,408.30	2,889.96
OSBASTON	948.36	1,106.42	1,264.48	1,422.54	1,738.66	2,054.78	2,370.90	2,845.08
PECKLETON	957.18	1,116.71	1,276.24	1,435.77	1,754.83	2,073.89	2,392.95	2,871.54
RATBY	968.34	1,129.73	1,291.12	1,452.51	1,775.29	2,098.07	2,420.85	2,905.02
SHACKERSTONE	954.89	1,114.03	1,273.18	1,432.33	1,750.63	2,068.92	2,387.22	2,864.66
SHEEPY	954.89	1,114.03	1,273.18	1,432.33	1,750.63	2,068.92	2,387.22	2,864.66
STANTON-U-BARDON	960.45	1,120.53	1,280.60	1,440.68	1,760.83	2,080.98	2,401.13	2,881.36
STOKE GOLDING	955.71	1,114.99	1,274.28	1,433.56	1,752.13	2,070.70	2,389.27	2,867.12
SUTTON CHENEY	951.63	1,110.23	1,268.84	1,427.44	1,744.65	2,061.86	2,379.07	2,854.88
TWYCROSS	947.29	1,105.17	1,263.05	1,420.93	1,736.69	2,052.45	2,368.22	2,841.86
WITHERLEY	952.65	1,111.42	1,270.20	1,428.97	1,746.52	2,064.07	2,381.62	2,857.94