

**CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2014/15**  
**REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE**  
**DIRECTION)**



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

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1 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To obtain approval of Council Tax for 2014/2015.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the following be approved in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act (2012) for 2014/2015:

- A Council budget requirement excluding Special Expenses and Parish Councils of £9,731,464.
- A Council's budget requirement including Special Expenses of £10,294,105.
- A total net budget requirement including Special Expenses and Parish Councils of £11,748,232.
- 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 £4,745,444.
- A forecast transfer of £38,416 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 £95.96 (the same level as the previous 4 years)
- A Band D Council Tax for Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses Services of £112.16
- An average Band D Council Tax relating to Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses and Parish Council services of £154.04
- The total Council Tax, including amounts for the County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Fire and Rescue Service 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 2014/15 has been drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in the Budget Strategy (the Strategy) agreed by Executive and endorsed by the Finance, Audit and Performance Select Committee and in accordance with the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The key objectives of the Strategy are summarised in the General Fund revenue Budget 2014/15 presented alongside this report.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base for 2014/2015 is 34,721.9 and was approved as delegated by the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- 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 Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction), Head of Finance, or the relevant service manager.

### **Council Tax 2014/2015**

- 3.5 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 2014/2015 equivalent to 1% (£42,513)

- 3.6 At the time of writing this report, formal ratification of the Council Tax and precept for Leicestershire County Council, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service 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.

- 3.7 The proposed levels of increases for each of the precepting bodies are as follows:

- Leicestershire County Council - 0% increase
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire – 1.5%
- Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service – 1.50%

- 3.8 Based on these levels the resulting Council Tax amount for each valuation band is as follows:

<b>Valuation Band</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1,063.00	1,299.22	1,535.44	1,771.66	2,126.00
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	117.65	137.26	156.87	176.48	215.70	254.92	294.13	352.96
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service	39.50	46.08	52.66	59.25	72.42	85.59	98.74	118.50

- 3.9 The 2014/15 Council Tax relating to the Hinckley Special Expense Area items of expenditure for Band D is £58.63, an increase of 0% over 2013/14.

- 3.10 The average 2014/15 Council Tax relating to Parish Council items of expenditure, including Special Expenses, for Band D is £58.08, an increase of 0.76% over 2013/14.

- 3.11 The average total amount of Council Tax due at Band D will be £1,452.77 for 2014/15, an increase of 0.27% over 2013/14. The actual percentage increase for each taxpayer will vary depending on the area in which they live.

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

	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>Increase</b>
	<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>Council Tax</b>	
Leicestershire County Council	£1,063.00	£1,063.00	0%
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service	£59.25	£58.38	1.5%
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	£176.48	£173.88	1.5%
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Including Special Expenses	£112.16	£112.09	0%
Parish Councils	£41.88	£41.52	0.9%
<b>Total Council Tax</b>	<b>£1,452.77</b>	<b>£1,448.87</b>	<b>0.27%</b>

5 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (KP)**

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 2013.

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.

<b>Management of Significant (Net Red) Risks</b>		
<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Mitigating Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>
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

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Background Papers: DCLG notification of contributions.  
Notification of precepts

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## APPENDIX A

### COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

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
<b>Parish</b>								
HINCKLEY	967.34	1,128.56	1,289.79	1,451.01	1,773.46	2,095.90	2,418.35	2,902.02
BAGWORTH	993.95	1,159.60	1,325.26	1,490.92	1,822.24	2,153.55	2,484.87	2,981.84
BARLESTONE	970.39	1,132.13	1,293.86	1,455.59	1,779.05	2,102.52	2,425.98	2,911.18
BARWELL	972.54	1,134.63	1,296.72	1,458.81	1,782.99	2,107.17	2,431.35	2,917.62
BURBAGE	964.65	1,125.43	1,286.20	1,446.98	1,768.53	2,090.08	2,411.63	2,893.96
CADEBY	948.53	1,106.62	1,264.71	1,422.80	1,738.98	2,055.16	2,371.33	2,845.60
CARLTON	952.08	1,110.76	1,269.44	1,428.12	1,745.48	2,062.84	2,380.20	2,856.24
DESFORD	969.45	1,131.03	1,292.60	1,454.18	1,777.33	2,100.48	2,423.63	2,908.36
EARL SHILTON	970.55	1,132.31	1,294.07	1,455.83	1,779.35	2,102.87	2,426.38	2,911.66
GROBY	968.80	1,130.27	1,291.73	1,453.20	1,776.13	2,099.07	2,422.00	2,906.40
HIGHAM	955.23	1,114.44	1,273.64	1,432.85	1,751.26	2,069.67	2,388.08	2,865.70
MARKET BOSWORTH	960.52	1,120.61	1,280.69	1,440.78	1,760.95	2,081.13	2,401.30	2,881.56
MARKFIELD	970.09	1,131.78	1,293.46	1,455.14	1,778.50	2,101.87	2,425.23	2,910.28
NAILSTONE	955.91	1,115.23	1,274.55	1,433.87	1,752.51	2,071.15	2,389.78	2,867.74
NEWBOLD VERDON	965.13	1,125.98	1,286.84	1,447.69	1,769.40	2,091.11	2,412.82	2,895.38
OSBASTON	949.02	1,107.19	1,265.36	1,423.53	1,739.87	2,056.21	2,372.55	2,847.06
PECKLETON	959.31	1,119.20	1,279.08	1,438.97	1,758.74	2,078.51	2,398.28	2,877.94
RATBY	969.11	1,130.63	1,292.15	1,453.67	1,776.71	2,099.75	2,422.78	2,907.34
SHACKERSTONE	955.66	1,114.94	1,274.21	1,433.49	1,752.04	2,070.60	2,389.15	2,866.98
SHEEPY	955.35	1,114.57	1,273.80	1,433.02	1,751.47	2,069.92	2,388.37	2,866.04
STANTON-U-BARDON	961.15	1,121.34	1,281.53	1,441.72	1,762.10	2,082.48	2,402.87	2,883.44
STOKE GOLDING	956.48	1,115.89	1,275.31	1,434.72	1,753.55	2,072.37	2,391.20	2,869.44
SUTTON CHENEY	952.40	1,111.13	1,269.87	1,428.60	1,746.07	2,063.53	2,381.00	2,857.20
TWYCROSS	948.06	1,106.07	1,264.08	1,422.09	1,738.11	2,054.13	2,370.15	2,844.18
WITHERLEY	954.02	1,113.02	1,272.03	1,431.03	1,749.04	2,067.04	2,385.05	2,862.06