



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Council 20 February 2025

Wards affected: All

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2025/26

Report of Head of Finance

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To obtain approval of Council Tax for 2025/26.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the following be approved in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act (1992) for 2025/26:

- (a) £65,944,419, being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act. **(Gross Expenditure on General Fund Services, Special District Expenses and Parish Precepts)**
- (b) £56,482,610, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. **(Gross Income including External Financing and the Use of Reserves)**
- (c) £9,461,809, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year **(Amount to be Funded from Council Tax, including Special expenses and Parish precepts)**
- (d) £159.87, being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31 (B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. **(Average Local Council Tax, not including Parish Precepts)**

- (e) A Band D Council Tax for Borough wide services, excluding Special Expenses and Parish Council precepts, of £140.50. (Section 34 (2))
- (f) An average Band D Council Tax relating to Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses and Parish Council services of £235.77 (Section 31B).
- (g) Appendix B, Section 34 (3), being the Council Tax for the HBBC District divided by the tax base, including amounts for the Leicestershire County Council, The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, and Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority and for each area and valuation. **(Council Tax Band Charges for each Parish and Special Expense area)**

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 The General Fund revenue budget for 2025/26 has been drawn up in accordance with the principles set out in the Budget Strategy (the Strategy). The General Fund revenue budget 2025/26 presented alongside this report.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base for 2025/26 is 40,132.4 and was approved, in accordance with the delegation scheme by the Head of Finance (S151 Officer) on 12th December 2024.
- 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 Capital & Revenue Estimates the “Budget Book” detailing further details on all Council budgets is available upon request and will be uploaded onto the intranet. Members are requested to raise any specific questions directly with the Head of Finance or the relevant service manager.

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- 3.5 The approved budgets for this Council result in an average increase in Council Tax excluding the Special Expenses area of Hinckley of 3.69% and including the Special Expenses area of Hinckley of 3.23%.
- 3.6 The proposed levels of increases for each of the precepting bodies are as follows:
 - Leicestershire County Council – 4.99%
 - The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire – 4.89%
 - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority – 6.12%

3.7 Based on these levels the resulting Council Tax amount for each valuation band is as follows (Section 40 of the Local Government Act):

Valuation Band	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Leicestershire County Council *	1,121.00	1,307.83	1,494.67	1,681.50	2,055.17	2,428.83	2,802.50	3,363.00
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	200.15	233.51	266.87	300.23	366.95	433.67	500.38	600.46
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority	57.77	67.39	77.02	86.65	105.91	125.16	144.42	173.30

* At the time of writing this report the precept for Leicestershire County Council is awaiting final approval by their appropriate committee to take place on 19th February 2025

3.8 The average 2025/26 Council Tax relating to Parish Council items of expenditure, including Special Expenses, for Band D is £95.27, an increase of 6.89% over 2024/25.

3.9 The average total amount of Council Tax due at Band D will be £2,304.15 for 2025/26, an increase of 5.02% over 2024/25. The actual percentage increase for each taxpayer will vary depending on the area in which they live. In summary, the average band D Council Tax is made up as follows:

	2025/26 Council Tax	2024/25 Council Tax	Increase
Leicestershire County Council	£1,681.50	£1,601.58	4.99%
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	£300.23	£286.23	4.89%
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority	£86.65	£81.65	6.12%
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Including Special Expenses	£159.87	£154.87	3.23%
Parish Councils	£75.90	£69.76	8.80%
Total Council Tax	£2,304.15	£2,194.09	5.02%

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 Report taken in open session.

5. Financial implications [AW]

5.1 Contained in the body of the report

6. Legal implications JS

6.1 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

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

8. Consultation

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

9. Risk implications

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

9.2 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.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

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>	A Wilson

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 10.1 Precepts for parishes will fund expenditure on their services. Rural communities also benefit from services provided by other precepting authorities
- 10.2 Various Council Tax concessions are available. These concessions are in accordance with rules set by MHCLG

11. Climate implications

- 11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
 - Community Safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset Management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human Resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data Protection implications
 - Voluntary Sector

Background papers: DCLG/ MHCLG notifications
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APPENDIX A: Council Tax breakdown

	£	£	£
Gross Income / Expenditure	47,980,159	(65,944,419)	(17,964,260)
National Non-Domestic Rates Baseline	3,095,874		3,095,874
New Homes Bonus	526,141		526,141
Collection Fund Deficit	82,515		82,515
National Non-Domestic Rates retained above Baseline	4,557,487		4,557,487
Lower Tier Support Grant	240,434		240,434
Services Grant	0		0
Total	56,482,610	(65,944,419)	(9,461,809)
Council Tax requirement (net position)		(9,461,809)	
			Council Tax at Band D
HBBC		5,638,422	140.50
Special Expenses		777,365	19.37
Council tax for the Borough		6,415,787	159.87
Parishes		3,046,022	75.90
Total		9,461,809	235.77
Preceptors other than parishes			
Leicestershire County Council	67,482,611		1,681.50
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority	3,477,585		86.65
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	12,048,959		300.23
Council Tax All Services 2024/25	92,470,964		2,304.15
£2,304.15 represents the Average Band D Council Tax payable to cover all Borough Council, Special Expense, Parish Council, County Council, Fire and Police Services. This average represents a 5.02% increase on 2024/25			

	Total £
HBBC Budget Requirement 2025/26 Excluding Special Expenses and Parish precepts	14,140,873
LESS External Funding:	
National Non-Domestic Rates Baseline	(3,095,874)
New Homes Bonus	(526,141)
Collection Fund (Surplus)/ Deficit	(82,515)
National Non-Domestic Rates retained above baseline	(4,557,487)
Funding Floor	(240,434)
	(8,502,451)
Funding from Council Taxpayer	5,638,422

APPENDIX B
Council Tax 2025/26

Valuation Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proportion Of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p
Parish								
Hinckley	1,518.56	1,771.64	2,024.74	2,277.84	2,784.03	3,290.20	3,796.40	4,555.68
Bagworth	1,579.70	1,842.98	2,106.27	2,369.55	2,896.12	3,422.68	3,949.25	4,739.10
Barlestone	1,555.61	1,814.86	2,074.14	2,333.41	2,851.95	3,370.47	3,889.02	4,666.82
Barwell	1,543.38	1,800.60	2,057.84	2,315.07	2,829.53	3,343.98	3,858.45	4,630.14
Burbage	1,525.82	1,780.11	2,034.42	2,288.72	2,797.33	3,305.92	3,814.54	4,577.44
Cadeby	1,509.03	1,760.52	2,012.04	2,263.54	2,766.55	3,269.55	3,772.57	4,527.08
Carlton	1,510.62	1,762.38	2,014.16	2,265.93	2,769.47	3,273.00	3,776.55	4,531.86
Desford	1,544.82	1,802.28	2,059.75	2,317.22	2,832.17	3,347.10	3,862.04	4,634.44
Earl Shilton	1,547.71	1,805.65	2,063.61	2,321.56	2,837.47	3,353.36	3,869.27	4,643.12
Groby	1,561.09	1,821.26	2,081.45	2,341.63	2,862.00	3,382.35	3,902.72	4,683.26
Higham	1,512.69	1,764.79	2,016.91	2,269.03	2,773.26	3,277.48	3,781.71	4,538.06
Market Bosworth	1,565.45	1,826.35	2,087.26	2,348.17	2,869.99	3,391.80	3,913.62	4,696.34
Markfield	1,545.87	1,803.50	2,061.15	2,318.79	2,834.09	3,349.37	3,864.66	4,637.58
Nailstone	1,540.36	1,797.07	2,053.80	2,310.53	2,823.99	3,337.43	3,850.88	4,621.06
Newbold Verdon	1,530.08	1,785.08	2,040.10	2,295.11	2,805.14	3,315.15	3,825.19	4,590.22
Osbaston	1,530.31	1,785.35	2,040.41	2,295.46	2,805.57	3,315.66	3,825.77	4,590.92
Peckleton	1,531.30	1,786.51	2,041.73	2,296.95	2,807.39	3,317.81	3,828.25	4,593.90
Ratby	1,573.83	1,836.12	2,098.43	2,360.74	2,885.35	3,409.95	3,934.56	4,721.48
Shackerstone	1,533.51	1,789.08	2,044.67	2,300.26	2,811.43	3,322.59	3,833.76	4,600.52
Sheepy	1,512.58	1,764.66	2,016.77	2,268.86	2,773.06	3,277.24	3,781.44	4,537.72
Stanton-U-Bardon	1,518.28	1,771.31	2,024.37	2,277.41	2,783.51	3,289.59	3,795.69	4,554.82
Stoke Golding	1,541.09	1,797.92	2,054.78	2,311.62	2,825.33	3,339.01	3,852.71	4,623.24
Sutton Cheney	1,538.99	1,795.48	2,051.99	2,308.48	2,821.49	3,334.47	3,847.47	4,616.96
Twycross	1,527.21	1,781.73	2,036.28	2,290.81	2,799.89	3,308.94	3,818.02	4,581.62
Witherley	1,527.43	1,781.99	2,036.57	2,291.14	2,800.28	3,309.41	3,818.56	4,582.28

Summary Of Council Tax Charges (Band D Council Tax 2025/26)

Parish	Parish/ Special Expenditure £	Tax Base	Parish/ Special Expenses £p	Leics. County Council £p	Combined Fire Authority £p	Leics. Police Authority £p	Borough Wide Services £p	Total Council Tax £p
Hinckley	777,365	11,273.4	68.96	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,277.84
Bagworth	163,498	1,017.6	160.67	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,369.55
Barlestone	105,898	850.4	124.53	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,333.41
Barwell	294,669	2,775.0	106.19	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,315.07
Burbage	486,266	6,090.5	79.84	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,288.72
Cadeby	6,160	112.7	54.66	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,263.54
Carlton	10,000	175.3	57.05	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,265.93
Desford	194,779	1,797.8	108.34	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,317.22
Earl Shilton	385,456	3,420.8	112.68	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,321.56
Groby	350,434	2,639.8	132.75	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,341.63
Higham	18,880	313.9	60.15	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,269.03
Market Bosworth	133,078	955.4	139.29	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,348.17
Markfield	189,987	1,728.5	109.91	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,318.79
Nailstone	23,125	227.5	101.65	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,310.53
Newbold Verdon	96,000	1,113.3	86.23	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,295.11
Osbaston	8,372	96.7	86.58	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,295.46
Peckleton	43,118	489.6	88.07	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,296.95
Ratby	244,077	1,607.3	151.86	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,360.74
Shackerstone	41,000	448.7	91.38	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,300.26
Sheepy	35,000	583.5	59.98	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,268.86
Stanton-U-Bardon	19,957	291.2	68.53	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,277.41
Stoke Golding	88,000	856.5	102.74	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,311.62
Sutton Cheney	23,984	240.8	99.60	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,308.48
Twycross	31,740	387.4	81.93	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,290.81
Witherley	52,545	638.8	82.26	1,681.50	86.65	300.23	140.50	2,291.14
Total	3,823,387	40,132.4						

