

2015/16 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

REPORT BY DIRECTOR FOR DIGITAL AND RESOURCES

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2015/16.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.2 Since the meeting of the Executive the precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed in the paragraphs below.

3.0 PROPOSALS

3.1 Worthing Borough Council

The Worthing Borough Council Precept for 2015/16 is detailed in the Appendix A and totals £7,897,910. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Worthing Borough Council is 0% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £216.00 for 2015/16.

- 3.1.1. Section 30(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the Council to set an amount of Council Tax each financial year for each category of dwelling in its area. Worthing Borough Council, as a billing authority for the purposes of Council Tax, is required to set its Council Tax before 11 March in the financial year preceding that for which the Council Tax is set.
- 3.1.2 These amounts are based on the Council's own budget, plus shares of the budget for West Sussex County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex, all divided by the tax base. At its meeting on 2nd February 2015, the Executive approved the tax base for the Worthing Borough Council for 2015/16 totalling 36,564.4 Band D equivalents.
- 3.1.3 For the purpose of calculating council tax, dwellings are allocated to valuation bands and the amount of Council Tax paid for dwellings in each band is calculated using nationally set weightings for each band.

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3.1 Worthing Borough Council

3.1.4 The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the Council to calculate a Council Tax Requirement for the year, not its Budget Requirement as previously.

3.1.5 Since the meeting of the Executive on 2nd February 2015, the precept levels of the other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed as follows:

West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council met on 13th February 2015 and set their precept at £42,487,467.16. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,161.99.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex met with the Police and Crime Panel who approved the Commission proposal on 23rd January 2015. The Council has now received the precept notification of £5,261,982.80. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £143.91.

3.2 Explanatory Note

3.2.1 The Act specifies the calculations required and the resolution is structured to meet those requirements. The resolution is divided into the following sections:

a) Council Tax Base (Resolution 1)

This resolution stipulates the Council Tax Base for the forthcoming financial year, as agreed by the Executive at its meeting on 2nd February 2015.

b) Council Tax Requirement (Resolution 2)

This resolution sets the Council's own Council Tax Requirement for the purpose of setting council tax. It represents the amount of council tax that the Council must collect from the council tax payers in its area to fund the budget for its own activities for the forthcoming year.

The Council Tax Requirement is calculated by taking the Council's Net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 of £13,843,480, and deducting the aggregate of the amount of support the Council receives from the government in the form of Baseline Funding and Additional Business Rate income, and transfers to or from the Collection Fund.

c) Basic Amount of Council Tax (Resolution 3)

This resolution sets the Basic Amount of Council Tax for the Council's area.

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d) Precepts of Major Precepting Authorities (Resolution 4)

As a billing authority, the Council also collects council tax in its area on behalf of West Sussex County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex. The amount that they precept is based on their Council Tax Requirement, divided between West Sussex districts and boroughs in proportion to the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in each district/borough area.

e) Setting of Council Tax (Resolution 5)

This resolution sets out the total amount of council tax payable for each category of dwelling, including the basic amount for the Council's area plus the amounts precepted by West Sussex County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The recommendations of the E are set out in the formal Council Tax Resolution in Appendix A.

4.2 If the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix A is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase %
Worthing BC	216.00	216.00	0.0%
West Sussex County Council	1,161.99	1,161.99	0.0%
Sussex Police Authority	141.12	143.91	1.98%
TOTAL	1,519.11	1,521.90	0.18%

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Council is recommended to approve the formal Council Tax resolution for Worthing Borough Council at Appendix A including the Council's specific Council Tax for 2015/16 which is to be £216.00 for a Band D equivalent property.

Background Papers

Budget Spending Plans Report submitted to the Executive on 2nd February 2015.

Local Government Finance Act 1992;

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1992/14>

Localism Act 2011

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5959/1896534.pdf

The Autumn Statement 2014 HM Treasury;

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/382327/44695_Accessible.pdf?dm_i=QTC,3287A,5JXOP0,B28SQ,1

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/autumn-statement-2014>

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The council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 2nd February 2015, the Executive calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16 as **36,564.4** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”)];
2. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2015/16 is **£7,897,910**
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£83,747,180** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) **£75,849,270** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£7,897,910** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R), in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£216.00** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
 - (e) **£0.00** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (f) **£216.00** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

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4. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 the West Sussex County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below:-

All of the Council's Area 2015/16	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Worthing Borough Council	144.00	168.00	192.00	216.00	264.00	312.00	360.00	432.00
West Sussex County Council	774.66	903.77	1,032.88	1,161.99	1,420.21	1,678.43	1,936.65	2,323.98
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex	95.94	111.93	127.92	143.91	175.89	207.87	239.85	287.82

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in table shown above, as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
All of the Council's Area	1014.60	1183.7	1352.8	1521.9	1860.1	2198.3	2536.5	3043.8