

## 2016/17 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 2016/17.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.
- 2.2 The Chancellor introduced in the Autumn Statement 2015 a new social care precept of up to 2% on Council Tax for those Councils with responsibility for Adult Social Care. This flexibility is available to West Sussex County Council.
- 2.3 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 2016/17 is detailed in the Appendix A and totals £8,227,860. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Worthing Borough Council is 1.96% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £220.23 for 2016/17.

- 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<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Executive approved the tax base for the Worthing Borough Council for 2016/17 totalling 37,360.30 Band D equivalents.

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- 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.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and set their precept at £45,127,132.77. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,207.89. This includes an amount for the new social care precept, which has been set at £23.24 per Band D property.

#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. The Council has now received the precept notification of £5,563,322.27. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £148.91.

#### **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 9th February 2016.

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 2016/17 of £14,038,620, 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, and other government funding.

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c) Basic Amount of Council Tax (Resolution 3)

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

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:

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase %
<b>Worthing BC</b>	<b>216.00</b>	<b>220.23</b>	<b>1.96%</b>
<b>West Sussex County Council Total split as below:</b>	<b>1,161.99</b>	<b>1,207.89</b>	<b>3.95%</b>
West Sussex County Council Core Precept	1,161.99	1,184.65	1.95%
West Sussex County Council Adult Social Care Precept	-	23.24	2.00%
<b>Sussex Police Authority</b>	<b>143.91</b>	<b>148.91</b>	<b>3.47%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,521.90</b>	<b>1,577.03</b>	<b>3.62%</b>

### 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 2016/17 which is to be £220.23 for a Band D equivalent property.

## **Background Papers**

Budget Spending Plans Report submitted to the Executive on 9th February 2016.

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

Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015. HM Treasury  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/autumn-statement-and-spending-review-2015>

Local Authority Finance (England) Settlement Revenue Support Grant for 2016/17 and Related Matters

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### The council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Executive calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17 as **37,360.30** [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 2016/17 is **£8,227,860**
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) **£79,223,240** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
  - (b) **£70,995,380** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) **£8,227,860** 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) **£220.23** 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) **£220.23** 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 2016/17 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 2016/17	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
<b>Worthing Borough Council</b>	<b>146.82</b>	<b>171.29</b>	<b>195.76</b>	<b>220.23</b>	<b>269.17</b>	<b>318.11</b>	<b>367.05</b>	<b>440.46</b>
<b>West Sussex County Council Total as split below:</b>	<b>805.26</b>	<b>939.47</b>	<b>1,073.68</b>	<b>1,207.89</b>	<b>1,476.31</b>	<b>1,744.73</b>	<b>2,013.15</b>	<b>2,415.78</b>
West Sussex Council – 1.95%	789.77	921.39	1,053.02	1,184.65	1,447.91	1,711.16	1,974.42	2,369.30
West Sussex County Council – Adults Social Care element	15.49	18.08	20.66	23.24	28.40	33.57	38.73	46.48
<b>The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex</b>	<b>99.27</b>	<b>115.82</b>	<b>132.36</b>	<b>148.91</b>	<b>182.00</b>	<b>215.09</b>	<b>248.18</b>	<b>297.82</b>

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 2016/17 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 £
<b>All of the Council's Area</b>	1,051.35	1,226.58	1,401.80	1,577.03	1,927.48	2,277.93	2,628.38	3,154.06