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## SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2003/04

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report seeks authorisation from Council to set the Council Tax for the year 2003/04.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2003 the Council agreed the Revenue Budget for 2003/04 within a three year budget strategy. It was agreed to set a local tax with an increase of 9%.

The Committee budget summary and Balances is appended to this report. **(Appendix A)**

In order to set the total Council Tax information is required from Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, the Parishes and Town Council within the District. All Authorities have now notified the District Council of their precepts.

### 3 NNDR & Economic Development

- 3.1 The views of the business community were discussed at The Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2002.
- 3.2 The Authority is required by law to separately identify the figure in respect of economic development in advance of the coming financial year. For 2003/04 this is estimated at £ 82,500 using the best value format of estimates, which includes staffing and NNDR relief. (£ 77,500 2002/03)

### 4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 All Corporate objectives are affected by the budget and Council Tax.

### 5 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the total for economic development is estimated at £82,500
- (2) That the total for gross expenditure of the District together with the Parish precepts be £19,270,684.
- (3) That the total of income for the District Council be £10,318,450.

- (4) That the total net expenditure of the District Council together with the Parishes be £8,952,234.
- (5) That the total of the sums payable into the general fund in respect of redistributed non domestic rates, revenue support grant, together with adjustments from the collection fund be £3,859,585.
- (6) That the budget requirement for the year of £8,952,234 less the net income receivable of £3,859,585 which, divided by the tax base of 30,457.62 is equal to £167.20, which is the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (7) That the total of Parish precepts included within the above is £758,834.
- (8) That the Council Tax relating to the District Council without Parish precepts is £142.29.
- (9) That the total tax for both District and Parishes be as set out in the schedule which is included as **Appendix B**. These sums are calculated as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
- (10) The sums given above for Band D but now shown in the particular valuations bands A-H are set out in the schedule shown as **Appendix C**.
- (11) The precepts issued to the Council in respect of Essex County Council and Essex Police Authority for each valuation band A-H as set out in the schedule as shown as **Appendix D**.
- (12) The total Council Tax for the area for each valuation band A-H is set out in **Appendix E**. These are the amounts set as Council Tax for the year 2003/04. (HFS)

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**Background Papers:**

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