

## SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2011/12

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks authorisation from Council to set the Council Tax for the year 2011/12. The appendices referred to in this report will be sent under separate cover before this meeting.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 25 January 2011, the Council agreed the revenue budget for 2011/12 within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). It was agreed to set a local tax with a zero increase. Appendix A sets out the committee budget summary and balances, which have been updated to reflect the revised Government Grant for 2011/12.
- 2.2 In order to set the Council Tax, information is required from Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Authority and the Parish and Town Councils. This information is provided in appendices A to E that are referred to in this report.
- 2.3 Although Essex County Council have provided their provisional Council Tax, it is subject to final approval at their Council meeting which will be held on the morning of 22 February. If there are any changes to their Council Tax, then supplementary Appendices will be issued at our meeting.

### 3 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Government grant for 2011/12 was confirmed on 31 January 2011, as £3,653,481, after £527,952 has been held back for floor damping. This is an improvement of £16,050 on the provisional figure of £3,637,431 after £504,511 for floors. For 2012/13, the new provisional figure is £3,249,250 after £424,077 held back for floors, compared to the original provisional figure of £3,219,911 after £414,185 for floors. The 2012/13 figure is still a provisional amount and will be confirmed in January 2012.
- 3.2 The change means that General Fund balances will be as follows:-

Year	General Fund Balance carried forward at end of year				
	2011/12 £000s	2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
Reported to Council 25/1/11	621	765	1,090	1,294	1,336
Current estimate	638	773	1,099	1,303	1,344

- 3.3 There are no changes to the total budget or budget gap figures previously reported to Council.

- 3.4 In the report to Council on 25 January 2011, the Head of Finance advised Members that she was able to give the necessary assurances with regard to the robustness of the budget.
- 3.5 The estimate process has been employed successfully over a number of years. It has been the subject of review by both internal and external audit. The system used is regarded as producing robust information for Members' consideration of the MTFS.

#### **4 NNDR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1 The Authority is required by law to separately identify the figure in respect of economic development in advance of the coming financial year. For 2011/12 this is estimated at £185,100 using the best value format of estimates, which includes staffing and NNDR relief. The comparison figure for 2010/11 was £281,500 in 2010/11 which included a number of one off projects totalling £91,800.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the total for economic development is estimated at £185,100.
- (2) That the total for gross expenditure of the District together with the Parish precepts be £37,456,839
- (3) That the total of income for the District Council be £26,152,914.
- (4) That the total net expenditure of the District Council together with the Parishes be £11,303,925.
- (5) That the total of the sums payable into the general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and Government grant together with adjustments from the collection fund be £3,902,290.
- (6) That the budget requirement for the year of £11,303,925 less the net income receivable of £3,902,290 which, divided by the tax base of 31,385.71 is equal to £235.83, which is the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (7) That the total of Parish precepts included within the above is £1,088,277.
- (8) That the Council Tax relating to the District Council without Parish precepts is £201.15 which is a zero increase.
- (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, Essex Fire and Rescue Authority 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 2011/12.

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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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# **COMMITTEE BUDGET SUMMARY AND BALANCES 2011/2012**

	2010/11				2011/12	
	Estimate £	Per Band D Property £	Revised Estimate £	Per Band D Property £	Estimate £	Per Band D Property £
Central Services	4,896,176	155.94	4,835,176	153.99	4,634,077	147.65
Cultural, Environmental & Planning	10,094,700	321.50	9,389,400	299.04	9,072,900	289.08
Highways, Roads & Transport	355,400	11.32	308,400	9.82	(403,600)	-12.86
Housing Services	1,471,600	46.87	1,380,700	43.97	1,538,786	49.03
Reversal of Parish Precepts	(1,010,668)	(32.19)	(1,010,668)	(32.19)	(1,088,277)	(34.67)
Add to Reserves / (Use of Reserves)	(1,233,526)	(39.29)	(1,233,526)	(39.29)	(302,962)	(9.65)
Net Committee Expenditure	14,573,682	464.15	13,669,482	435.35	13,450,924	428.57
Reversal of Depreciation Charge:	(1,756,600)	(55.94)	(1,585,100)	(50.48)	(1,653,500)	(52.68)
Reversal of Revenue Expenditure Funded by Capital	(150,000)	(4.78)	(417,300)	(13.29)	(475,000)	(15.13)
Target Efficiency Savings	(750,000)	(23.89)	-	0.00	(185,900)	(5.92)
Salary Savings	(400,000)	(12.74)	(150,000)	(4.78)	(921,000)	(29.34)
Net Expenditure	11,517,082	366.80	11,517,082	366.80	10,215,524	325.48
Less: Business Rate	(4,471,460)	(142.41)	(4,471,460)	(142.41)	(2,790,828)	(88.92)
Government Grant	(678,117)	(21.60)	(678,117)	(21.60)	(862,653)	(27.49)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	-	0.00	-	0.00	(158,777)	(5.06)
Collection Fund	(51,738)	(1.65)	(51,738)	(1.65)	(90,032)	(2.87)
Sub-Total	6,315,767	201.15	6,315,767	201.15	6,313,234	201.15
Add: Parish Council Expenditure	1,010,668	32.19	1,010,668	32.19	1,088,277	34.67
Net sum to be met from Council Tax	7,326,435	233.33	7,326,435	233.33	7,401,511	235.82
Taxbase		31,398.81				31,385.71
<b>Statement of Revenue Balances</b>		General Fund				
		£				
Brought forward 1st April 2010		2,174,218				
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2010/2011		(1,233,526)				
Estimated Balance 1st April 2011		940,692				
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2011/12		(302,962)				
Estimated Balance 31st March 2012		637,730				

**Total Council Tax for Parish/Town Council and Rochford District Council**

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,231.28	45,096	36.63	201.15	237.78
Barling	627.64	35,840	57.10	201.15	258.25
Canewdon	546.57	29,627	54.21	201.15	255.36
Foulness Island	61.21	2,700	44.11	201.15	245.26
Great Wakering	1,991.13	62,000	31.14	201.15	232.29
Hawkwell	4,572.12	138,541	30.30	201.15	231.45
Hockley	3,835.62	217,004	56.58	201.15	257.73
Hullbridge	2,389.19	90,263	37.78	201.15	238.93
Paglesham	102.90	4,000	38.87	201.15	240.02
Rawreth	436.00	10,000	22.94	201.15	224.09
Rayleigh	12,321.66	320,000	25.97	201.15	227.12
Rochford	2,982.85	112,722	37.79	201.15	238.94
Stambridge	233.52	14,300	61.24	201.15	262.39
Sutton	54.02	6,184	114.48	201.15	315.63
	<u>31,385.71</u>	<u>1,088,277</u>			

# District and Parish/Town Council tax by Bands A - H

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	Total Charge
Ashington	1,231.28	45,096	36.63	201.15	237.78
Barling	627.64	35,840	57.10	201.15	258.25
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	BAND A 6/9	BAND B 7/9	BAND C 8/9	BAND D 1	BAND E 11/9	BAND F 13/9	BAND G 15/9	BAND H 2
Ashington	158.52	184.94	211.36	237.78	290.62	343.46	396.30	475.56
Barling	172.17	200.86	229.56	258.25	315.64	373.03	430.42	516.50
Canewdon	170.24	198.61	226.99	255.36	312.11	368.85	425.60	510.72
Foulness Island	163.51	190.76	218.01	245.26	299.76	354.26	408.77	490.52
Great Wakering	154.86	180.67	206.48	232.29	283.91	335.53	387.15	464.58
Hawkwell	154.30	180.02	205.73	231.45	282.88	334.32	385.75	462.90
Hockley	171.82	200.46	229.09	257.73	315.00	372.28	429.55	515.46
Hullbridge	159.29	185.83	212.38	238.93	292.03	345.12	398.22	477.86
Paglesham	160.01	186.68	213.35	240.02	293.36	346.70	400.03	480.04
Rawreth	149.39	174.29	199.19	224.09	273.89	323.69	373.48	448.18
Rayleigh	151.41	176.65	201.88	227.12	277.59	328.06	378.53	454.24
Rochford	159.29	185.84	212.39	238.94	292.04	345.14	398.23	477.88
Stambridge	174.93	204.08	233.24	262.39	320.70	379.01	437.32	524.78
Sutton	210.42	245.49	280.56	315.63	385.77	455.91	526.05	631.26

**Precepts for Essex County Council, Essex Fire & Rescue Authority and Essex Police Authority**

<b>County Charge</b>	<b>Police Charge</b>	<b>Fire Charge</b>	<b>Total Charge</b>	<b>BAND A 6/9</b>	<b>BAND B 7/9</b>	<b>BAND C 8/9</b>	<b>BAND D 1</b>	<b>BAND E 11/9</b>	<b>BAND F 13/9</b>	<b>BAND G 15/9</b>	<b>BAND H 2</b>
<b>1,086.75</b>			1,086.75	724.50	845.25	966.00	1,086.75	1,328.25	1,569.75	1,811.25	2,173.50
	<b>132.12</b>		132.12	88.08	102.76	117.44	132.12	161.48	190.84	220.20	264.24
		<b>66.42</b>	66.42	44.28	51.66	59.04	66.42	81.18	95.94	110.70	132.84

# **Total Council Tax by Bands A-H**

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	County Charge	Fire Charge	Police Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,231.28	45,096	36.63	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,523.07
Barling	627.64	35,840	57.10	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,543.54
Canewdon	546.57	29,627	54.21	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,540.65
Foulness Island	61.21	2,700	44.11	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,530.55
Great Wakering	1,991.13	62,000	31.14	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,517.58
Hawkwell	4,572.12	138,541	30.30	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,516.74
Hockley	3,835.62	217,004	56.58	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,543.02
Hullbridge	2,389.19	90,263	37.78	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,524.22
Paglesham	102.90	4,000	38.87	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,525.31
Rawreth	436.00	10,000	22.94	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,509.38
Rayleigh	12,321.66	320,000	25.97	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,512.41
Rochford	2,982.85	112,722	37.79	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,524.23
Stambridge	233.52	14,300	61.24	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,547.68
Sutton	54.02	6,184	114.48	201.15	1,086.75	66.42	132.12	1,600.92
	<u>31,385.71</u>	<u>1,088,277</u>						

	BAND A 6/9	BAND B 7/9	BAND C 8/9	BAND D 1	BAND E 11/9	BAND F 13/9	BAND G 15/9	BAND H 2
Ashingdon	1,015.38	1,184.61	1,353.84	1,523.07	1,861.53	2,199.99	2,538.45	3,046.14
Barling	1,029.03	1,200.53	1,372.04	1,543.54	1,886.55	2,229.56	2,572.57	3,087.08
Canewdon	1,027.10	1,198.28	1,369.47	1,540.65	1,883.02	2,225.38	2,567.75	3,081.30
Foulness Island	1,020.37	1,190.43	1,360.49	1,530.55	1,870.67	2,210.79	2,550.92	3,061.10
Great Wakering	1,011.72	1,180.34	1,348.96	1,517.58	1,854.82	2,192.06	2,529.30	3,035.16
Hawkwell	1,011.16	1,179.69	1,348.21	1,516.74	1,853.79	2,190.85	2,527.90	3,033.48
Hockley	1,028.68	1,200.13	1,371.57	1,543.02	1,885.91	2,228.81	2,571.70	3,086.04
Hullbridge	1,016.15	1,185.50	1,354.86	1,524.22	1,862.94	2,201.65	2,540.37	3,048.44
Paglesham	1,016.87	1,186.35	1,355.83	1,525.31	1,864.27	2,203.23	2,542.18	3,050.62
Rawreth	1,006.25	1,173.96	1,341.67	1,509.38	1,844.80	2,180.22	2,515.63	3,018.76
Rayleigh	1,008.27	1,176.32	1,344.36	1,512.41	1,848.50	2,184.59	2,520.68	3,024.82
Rochford	1,016.15	1,185.51	1,354.87	1,524.23	1,862.95	2,201.67	2,540.38	3,048.46
Stambridge	1,031.79	1,203.75	1,375.72	1,547.68	1,891.61	2,235.54	2,579.47	3,095.36
Sutton	1,067.28	1,245.16	1,423.04	1,600.92	1,956.68	2,312.44	2,668.20	3,201.84