

## SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2015/16

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks authorisation from Council to set the Council Tax for the year 2015/16.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2015, the Council agreed the revenue budget for 2015/16 within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Council agreed to freeze council tax at £208.98 for a Band D property.
- 2.2 In order to set the Council Tax, information is required from Essex County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, Essex Fire Authority and the Parish and Town Councils. This information is provided in Appendices A to E.

### 3 2015/16 COUNCIL TAX

- 3.1 When publishing Council Tax figures for local authority areas, it is usual practice to use the Band D charge and an average charge for the parish/town council tax. The 2015/16 charge compared to 2014/15 is shown below:-

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase £	Increase %
Essex County Council	1,086.75	1,086.75	-	0.00%
Essex Fire Authority	66.42	66.42	-	0.00%
Police & Crime Commissioner	144.27	147.15	2.88	1.99%
Town/Parish Councils	39.78	40.01	0.23	0.58%
Rochford District Council	208.98	208.98	-	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,546.20</b>	<b>1,549.31</b>	<b>3.11</b>	<b>0.20%</b>

- 3.2 While the average Band D Charge for the district is £1,549.31, this will vary across the district due to the differences in the town/parish councils. The Band D charge in the district will be between £1,539.64 (Great Wakering) to £1,619.55 (Sutton). The average increase is 0.20%.

- 3.3 The breakdown of the town and parish councils' band D charge and increases:-

	Band D Charge		Increase / (Reduction)	
	2014/15	2015/16	£	%
Ashingdon	42.41	45.29	2.88	6.8
Barling Magna	58.98	59.36	0.38	0.6
Canewdon	59.55	60.89	1.34	2.3
Foulness	40.37	34.93	(5.44)	(13.5)
Great Wakering	31.00	30.34	(0.66)	(2.1)
Hawkwell	32.61	33.89	1.28	3.9
Hockley	63.29	61.60	(1.69)	(2.7)
Hullbridge	49.71	52.33	2.62	5.3
Paglesham	40.13	40.85	0.72	1.8
Rawreth	44.79	44.79	-	-
Rayleigh	30.97	30.38	(0.59)	(1.9)
Rochford	39.95	41.97	2.02	5.1
Stambridge	100.93	105.59	4.66	4.6
Sutton	108.46	110.25	1.79	1.7

#### 4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council is required to take a recorded vote when setting the Council Tax for the district.

#### 5 RECOMMENDATION

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

- (1) The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish and Town precepts) is £6,316,678.
- (2) That the total for gross expenditure of the District together with the Parish and Town precepts be £35,415,634.

- (3) That the total of income for the District Council be £27,889,714.
- (4) That the Council Tax requirement of the District Council together with the Parish and Town Councils be £7,525,920
- (5) That the basic amount of Council Tax (including Parish and Town Precepts) be £248.99 for the year. This being the Council Tax requirement £7,525,920 divided by the Council Tax base 30,226.2.
- (6) That the total of the sums payable into the general fund in respect of redistributed Business rates and Government grant, including New Homes Bonus and adjustments from the collection fund, be £4,013,713.
- (7) That the total of Parish and Town precepts included within the above is £1,209,242.
- (8) That the basic rate of Council Tax relating to the District Council without Parish and Town precepts is £208.98 which is a 0.00% 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 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 2015/16.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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# **COMMITTEE BUDGET SUMMARY AND BALANCES 2015/2016**

	2014/15				2015/16	
	Estimate	Per Band D	Revised	Per Band D	Estimate	Per Band D
	£	Property	Estimate	Property	£	Property
		£	£	£		£
Central Services	4,789,713	163.40	4,288,408	146.30	4,303,442	142.37
Cultural & Related Services	2,229,500	76.06	2,060,100	70.28	1,845,500	61.06
Environmental Services	3,836,800	130.89	3,668,900	125.16	2,891,500	95.66
Planning Services	1,820,200	62.09	1,650,700	56.31	1,575,500	52.12
Highways, Roads & Transport	(491,200)	(16.76)	(344,100)	(11.74)	(373,800)	(12.37)
Housing Services	1,659,900	56.63	1,835,100	62.60	1,822,730	60.30
Reversal of Parish Precepts	(1,166,171)	(39.78)	(1,166,171)	(39.78)	(1,209,242)	(40.01)
Add to Reserves / (Use of Reserves)	76,269	2.60	362,074	12.35	957,761	31.69
Net Committee Expenditure	12,755,011	435.13	12,355,011	421.48	11,813,391	390.83
Collection Fund Deficit	10,363	0.35	10,363	0.35	(103,541)	(3.43)
Reversal of Capital Charges	(1,961,400)	(66.91)	(1,961,400)	(66.91)	(1,183,000)	(39.14)
Target Efficiency Savings	(100,000)	(3.41)	0	0.00	(100,000)	(3.31)
Salary Savings	(300,000)	(10.23)	0	0.00	(200,000)	(6.62)
Net Expenditure	10,403,974	354.92	10,403,974	354.92	10,226,850	338.34
Less: Retained Business Rates	(1,939,760)	(66.17)	(1,939,760)	(66.17)	(1,587,870)	(52.53)
Government Grant	(1,742,608)	(59.45)	(1,742,608)	(59.45)	(1,268,988)	(41.98)
New Homes Bonus	(595,754)	(20.32)	(595,754)	(20.32)	(1,053,315)	(34.85)
Council Tax Requirement	6,125,852	208.98	6,125,852	208.98	6,316,678	208.98
Add: Parish Council Expenditure	1,166,171	39.78	1,166,171	39.78	1,209,242	40.01
Council Tax Requirement including local precepts	7,292,023	248.76	7,292,023	248.76	7,525,920	248.99
Taxbase		29,313.20				30,226.20
<b>Statement of Revenue Balances</b>		General				
		Fund				
		£				
Brought forward 1st April 2014		994,200				
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2014/2015		(232,818)	(after one off termination costs have been paid)			
Estimated Balance 1st April 2015		761,382				
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2015/16		957,583				
Estimated Balance 31st March 2016		1,718,965				

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

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,173.40	53,146	45.29	208.98	254.27
Barling	591.30	35,099	59.36	208.98	268.34
Canewdon	509.40	31,019	60.89	208.98	269.87
Foulness Island	69.80	2,438	34.93	208.98	243.91
Great Wakering	1,813.60	55,018	30.34	208.98	239.32
Hawkwell	4,553.40	154,315	33.89	208.98	242.87
Hockley	3,717.30	229,000	61.60	208.98	270.58
Hullbridge	2,227.50	116,566	52.33	208.98	261.31
Paglesham	103.00	4,208	40.85	208.98	249.83
Rawreth	422.60	18,928	44.79	208.98	253.77
Rayleigh	12,046.30	365,989	30.38	208.98	239.36
Rochford	2,724.90	114,370	41.97	208.98	250.95
Stambridge	221.10	23,347	105.59	208.98	314.57
Sutton	52.60	5,799	110.25	208.98	319.23
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# District and Parish/Town Council tax by Bands A - H

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,173.40	53,146	45.29	208.98	254.27
Barling	591.30	35,099	59.36	208.98	268.34
Canewdon	509.40	31,019	60.89	208.98	269.87
Foulness Island	69.80	2,438	34.93	208.98	243.91
Great Wakering	1,813.60	55,018	30.34	208.98	239.32
Hawkwell	4,553.40	154,315	33.89	208.98	242.87
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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
Ashingdon	169.51	197.77	226.02	254.27	310.77	367.28	423.78	508.54
Barling	178.89	208.71	238.52	268.34	327.97	387.60	447.23	536.68
Canewdon	179.91	209.90	239.88	269.87	329.84	389.81	449.78	539.74
Foulness Island	162.61	189.71	216.81	243.91	298.11	352.31	406.52	487.82
Great Wakering	159.55	186.14	212.73	239.32	292.50	345.68	398.87	478.64
Hawkwell	161.91	188.90	215.88	242.87	296.84	350.81	404.78	485.74
Hockley	180.39	210.45	240.52	270.58	330.71	390.84	450.97	541.16
Hullbridge	174.21	203.24	232.28	261.31	319.38	377.45	435.52	522.62
Paglesham	166.55	194.31	222.07	249.83	305.35	360.87	416.38	499.66
Rawreth	169.18	197.38	225.57	253.77	310.16	366.56	422.95	507.54
Rayleigh	159.57	186.17	212.76	239.36	292.55	345.74	398.93	478.72
Rochford	167.30	195.18	223.07	250.95	306.72	362.48	418.25	501.90
Stambridge	209.71	244.67	279.62	314.57	384.47	454.38	524.28	629.14
Sutton	212.82	248.29	283.76	319.23	390.17	461.11	532.05	638.46

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

<b>County Charge</b>	<b>Police Charge</b>	<b>Fire Charge</b>	<b>District 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>147.15</b>			147.15	98.10	114.45	130.80	147.15	179.85	212.55	245.25	294.30
		<b>66.42</b>		66.42	44.28	51.66	59.04	66.42	81.18	95.94	110.70	132.84
			<b>208.98</b>	208.98	139.32	162.54	185.76	208.98	255.42	301.86	348.30	417.96

# **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	1,173.40	53,146	45.29	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,554.59
Barling	591.30	35,099	59.36	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,568.66
Canewdon	509.40	31,019	60.89	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,570.19
Foulness Island	69.80	2,438	34.93	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,544.23
Great Wakering	1,813.60	55,018	30.34	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,539.64
Hawkwell	4,553.40	154,315	33.89	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,543.19
Hockley	3,717.30	229,000	61.60	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,570.90
Hullbridge	2,227.50	116,566	52.33	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,561.63
Paglesham	103.00	4,208	40.85	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,550.15
Rawreth	422.60	18,928	44.79	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,554.09
Rayleigh	12,046.30	365,989	30.38	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,539.68
Rochford	2,724.90	114,370	41.97	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,551.27
Stambridge	221.10	23,347	105.59	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,614.89
Sutton	52.60	5,799	110.25	208.98	1,086.75	66.42	147.15	1,619.55
	<u>30,226.20</u>	<u>1,209,242</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	1,036.39	1,209.13	1,381.86	1,554.59	1,900.05	2,245.52	2,590.98	3,109.18
Barling	1,045.77	1,220.07	1,394.36	1,568.66	1,917.25	2,265.84	2,614.43	3,137.32
Canewdon	1,046.79	1,221.26	1,395.72	1,570.19	1,919.12	2,268.05	2,616.98	3,140.38
Foulness Island	1,029.49	1,201.07	1,372.65	1,544.23	1,887.39	2,230.55	2,573.72	3,088.46
Great Wakering	1,026.43	1,197.50	1,368.57	1,539.64	1,881.78	2,223.92	2,566.07	3,079.28
Hawkwell	1,028.79	1,200.26	1,371.72	1,543.19	1,886.12	2,229.05	2,571.98	3,086.38
Hockley	1,047.27	1,221.81	1,396.36	1,570.90	1,919.99	2,269.08	2,618.17	3,141.80
Hullbridge	1,041.09	1,214.60	1,388.12	1,561.63	1,908.66	2,255.69	2,602.72	3,123.26
Paglesham	1,033.43	1,205.67	1,377.91	1,550.15	1,894.63	2,239.11	2,583.58	3,100.30
Rawreth	1,036.06	1,208.74	1,381.41	1,554.09	1,899.44	2,244.80	2,590.15	3,108.18
Rayleigh	1,026.45	1,197.53	1,368.60	1,539.68	1,881.83	2,223.98	2,566.13	3,079.36
Rochford	1,034.18	1,206.54	1,378.91	1,551.27	1,896.00	2,240.72	2,585.45	3,102.54
Stambridge	1,076.59	1,256.03	1,435.46	1,614.89	1,973.75	2,332.62	2,691.48	3,229.78
Sutton	1,079.70	1,259.65	1,439.60	1,619.55	1,979.45	2,339.35	2,699.25	3,239.10