

SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2008/09

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks authorisation from Council to set the Council Tax for the year 2008/09. The Appendices referred to in the report will be sent under separate cover before the meeting.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 29 January 2008, the Council agreed the Revenue Budget for 2008/09 within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). It was agreed to set a local tax with an increase of 4.87%. Appendix A sets out the committee budget summary and balances.
- 2.2 In order to set the total Council Tax, information is required from Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire Authority and the Parish and Town Councils. This information is given in appendices A to E that are referred to in this report.

3 BUDGET STRATEGY

- 3.1 At the Council meeting held on 29 January to approve the budget, the Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management advised Members that she was able to give the necessary assurances with regard to the robustness of the budget.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement was also agreed at Council on 29 January 2008.

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 2008/09 this is estimated at £111,400 using the best value format of estimates, which includes staffing and NNDR relief (£105,600 in 2007/08).

5 RECOMMENDATION

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

- (1) That the total for economic development is estimated at £111,400.
- (2) That the total for gross expenditure of the District together with the Parish precepts be £31,991,113.

- (3) That the total of income for the District Council be £20,152,263.
- (4) That the total net expenditure of the District Council together with the Parishes be £11,838,850.
- (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 £4,978,948.
- (6) That the budget requirement for the year of £11,838,850 less the net income receivable of £4,978,948 which, divided by the tax base of 31,324.11 is equal to £219.00, which is the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (7) That the total of Parish precepts included within the above is £970,656.
- (8) That the Council Tax relating to the District Council without Parish precepts is £188.01.
- (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 2008/09.

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Background Papers:-

None

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