

SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2020/21

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks authorisation from Council to set the Council Tax for the year 2020/21.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the Council Meeting held on 11 February 2020, Rochford District Council agreed its revenue budget for 2020/21 set out within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and to increase Council Tax by 2.15%, resulting in an average Band D property charge of £235.26 for 2020/21.
- 2.2 In order to set the total Council Tax, information is required from Essex County Council, the Essex Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and the Parish and Town Councils. This information is provided in Appendices A to E.

3 2020/21 COUNCIL TAX

- 3.1 When publishing Council Tax figures for local authority areas, it is established practice to use the Band D charge and an average charge for the Parish/Town Council Tax. The 2020/21 charge compared to 2019/20 is shown below:

	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Increase £	Increase %
Essex County Council	1179.63	1,204.92	25.29	2.99%
Essex County Council Social Care Levy	90.81	116.19	25.38	1.00%
Essex County Fire and Rescue	72.45	73.89	1.44	1.99%
Essex Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner	192.96	198.63	5.67	2.94%
Town/Parish Councils	48.66	51.74	3.08	6.33%
Rochford District Council	230.31	235.26	4.95	2.15%
Total	1814.82	1880.63		

- 3.2 While the average Band D charge purely for Rochford District Council is £235.26, the total will vary across the District due to the differences in the Town/Parish Councils. Accordingly, the Band D charge for the combined District and Parish/Town Council charge will be between £268.63 (Rayleigh) to £389.55 (Sutton). The average increase for these elements is 9%.

- 3.3 The breakdown of the Town and Parish Councils' Band D charge and increases is set out in the table below:

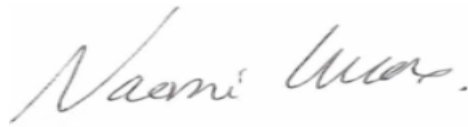
	Band D Charge		Increase / (Reduction)	
	2019/20	2020/21	£	%
Ashingdon	77.44	85.23	7.79	10.1%
Barling Magna	76.38	91.00	14.62	19.1%
Canewdon	75.98	81.47	5.49	7.2%
Foulness	41.74	44.70	2.96	7.1%
Great Wakering	34.96	35.66	0.7	2.0%
Hawkwell	37.79	39.49	1.7	4.5%
Hockley	69.07	75.50	6.43	9.3%
Hullbridge	72.06	76.33	4.27	5.9%
Paglesham	61.12	65.90	4.78	7.8%
Rawreth	55.67	75.48	19.81	35.6%
Rayleigh	33.44	33.37	-0.07	-0.2%
Rochford	60.50	65.76	5.26	8.7%
Stambridge	137.92	143.85	5.93	4.3%
Sutton	145.69	154.29	8.6	5.9%

4 EQUALTY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

5 RECOMMENDATION**5.1 It is proposed that Council RESOLVES**

- (1) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish and Town precepts) be £7,511,175.
- (2) That the Council Tax requirement of the Council, together with the Parish and Town Councils, be £9,163,127 for the same period.
- (3) That the basic amount of Council Tax (including Parish and Town Precepts) be £287.00 for the year. This being the Council Tax requirement £9,163,127 divided by the Council Tax base of 31,927.80.
- (4) That the total of Parish and Town precepts included within the above be £1,651,952.
- (5) That the basic rate of Council Tax relating to the Council without Parish and Town precepts be £235.26, which is a 2.15% increase.
- (6) That the total tax for both the Council and the Town/Parish Councils be as set out in the schedule which is included as **Appendix B**.
- (7) That the sums given above for Band D but now shown in the particular valuations bands A-H be as set out in the schedule shown at **Appendix C**.
- (8) That the precepts issued to the Council in respect of Essex County Council, Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service for each valuation band A-H be as set out in the schedule as shown at **Appendix D**.
- (9) That the total Council Tax for the area for each valuation band A-H be as set out in **Appendix E**. These are the amounts set as Council Tax for the year 2020/21.
- (10) That the total of the sums payable into the Council's General Fund in respect of redistributed business rates, New Homes Bonus and adjustments from the collection fund, be £2,847,715.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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BUDGET SUMMARY AND BALANCES 2020/21

	2019/20		2020/21	
	Estimate £	Per Band D Property £	Estimate £	Per Band D Property £
IT & Communications	1,156,300	36.63	1,329,678	41.65
Community	1,449,200	45.90	1,596,895	50.02
Enterprise	(743,700)	(23.56)	(675,312)	(21.15)
Environment	2,918,500	92.44	3,040,567	95.23
Finance	1,326,250	42.01	1,126,850	35.29
Governance	0	0.00	0	0.00
Leader/Deputy Leader	2,983,800	94.51	3,145,265	98.51
Planning	402,700	12.76	428,000	13.41
Add to Reserves / (Use of Reserves)	1,552,772	49.18	566,947	17.76
Net Committee Expenditure	11,045,822	349.88	10,558,890	330.71
Collection Fund Deficit/Surplus	(43,544)	(1.38)	(17,865)	(0.56)
Reversal of Capital Charges	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salary Savings	(200,000)	(6.34)	(200,000)	(6.26)
Net Expenditure	10,802,278	342.16	10,341,025	323.89
Less: Retained Business Rates	(2,847,329)	(90.19)	(2,332,003)	(73.04)
Government Grant	(26,233)	(0.83)	0.00	0.00
New Homes Bonus	(657,801)	(20.84)	(497,847)	(15.59)
New Transition Grant	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Tax Requirement	7,270,915	230.31	7,511,175	235.26
Add: Parish Council Expenditure	1,536,279	48.66	1,651,952	51.74
Council Tax Requirement including local precepts	8,807,194	278.97	9,163,127	287.00
Taxbase		31,570.40		31,927.80

Statement of Revenue Balances

	General Fund £
Brought forward 1st April 2019	909,000
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2019/20	
Estimated Balance 1st April 2020	909,000
Contribution to/(from) Balances 2020/21	67,000
Estimated Balance 31st March 2021	976,000

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

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,203.90	102,614	85.23	235.26	320.49
Barling	605.70	55,118	91.00	235.26	326.26
Canewdon	584.50	47,618	81.47	235.26	316.73
Foulness Island	63.60	2,843	44.70	235.26	279.96
Great Wakering	2,033.10	72,500	35.66	235.26	270.92
Hawkwell	4,785.90	188,995	39.49	235.26	274.75
Hockley	3,907.00	294,976	75.50	235.26	310.76
Hullbridge	2,359.60	180,119	76.33	235.26	311.59
Paglesham	104.70	6,900	65.90	235.26	301.16
Rawreth	463.70	35,000	75.48	235.26	310.74
Rayleigh	12,263.30	409,268	33.37	235.26	268.63
Rochford	3,273.40	215,261	65.76	235.26	301.02
Stambridge	226.90	32,640	143.85	235.26	379.11
Sutton	52.50	8,100	154.29	235.26	389.55
	<u>31,927.80</u>	<u>1,651,952</u>			

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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	1,203.90	102,614	85.23	235.26	320.49
Barling	605.70	55,118	91.00	235.26	326.26
Canewdon	584.50	47,618	81.47	235.26	316.73
Foulness Island	63.60	2,843	44.70	235.26	279.96
Great Wakering	2,033.10	72,500	35.66	235.26	270.92
Hawkwell	4,785.90	188,995	39.49	235.26	274.75
Hockley	3,907.00	294,976	75.50	235.26	310.76
Hullbridge	2,359.60	180,119	76.33	235.26	311.59
Paglesham	104.70	6,900	65.90	235.26	301.16
Rawreth	463.70	35,000	75.48	235.26	310.74
Rayleigh	12,263.30	409,268	33.37	235.26	268.63
Rochford	3,273.40	215,261	65.76	235.26	301.02
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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	213.66	249.27	284.88	320.49	391.71	462.93	534.15	640.98
Barling	217.51	253.76	290.01	326.26	398.76	471.26	543.77	652.52
Canewdon	211.15	246.35	281.54	316.73	387.11	457.50	527.88	633.46
Foulness Island	186.64	217.75	248.85	279.96	342.17	404.39	466.60	559.92
Great Wakering	180.61	210.72	240.82	270.92	331.12	391.33	451.53	541.84
Hawkwell	183.17	213.69	244.22	274.75	335.81	396.86	457.92	549.50
Hockley	207.17	241.70	276.23	310.76	379.82	448.88	517.93	621.52
Hullbridge	207.73	242.35	276.97	311.59	380.83	450.07	519.32	623.18
Paglesham	200.77	234.24	267.70	301.16	368.08	435.01	501.93	602.32
Rawreth	207.16	241.69	276.21	310.74	379.79	448.85	517.90	621.48
Rayleigh	179.09	208.93	238.78	268.63	328.33	388.02	447.72	537.26
Rochford	200.68	234.13	267.57	301.02	367.91	434.81	501.70	602.04
Stambridge	252.74	294.86	336.99	379.11	463.36	547.60	631.85	758.22
Sutton	259.70	302.98	346.27	389.55	476.12	562.68	649.25	779.10

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Precepts for Essex County Council, Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and Rochford District Council

ECC General Charge	ECC Adult Social Care Precept	Police Charge	Fire Charge	District Charge	Total Charge	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
1,204.92					1,204.92	803.28	937.16	1,071.04	1,204.92	1,472.68	1,740.44	2,008.20	2,409.84
	116.19				116.19	77.46	90.37	103.28	116.19	142.01	167.83	193.65	232.38
		198.63			198.63	132.42	154.49	176.56	198.63	242.77	286.91	331.05	397.26
			73.89		73.89	49.26	57.47	65.68	73.89	90.31	106.73	123.15	147.78
				235.26	235.26	156.84	182.98	209.12	235.26	287.54	339.82	392.10	470.52

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Total Council Tax by Bands A-H

	Band D Equivalents	Parish Precept	Parish Charge	District Charge	ECC General Charge	ECC Adult Social Care Precept	Fire Charge	Police Charge	Total Charge
Ashingdon	1,203.90	102,614	85.23	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,914.12
Barling	605.70	55,118	91.00	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,919.89
Canewdon	584.50	47,618	81.47	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,910.36
Foulness Island	63.60	2,843	44.70	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,873.59
Great Wakering	2,033.10	72,500	35.66	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,864.55
Hawkwell	4,785.90	188,995	39.49	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,868.38
Hockley	3,907.00	294,976	75.50	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,904.39
Hullbridge	2,359.60	180,119	76.33	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,905.22
Paglesham	104.70	6,900	65.90	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,894.79
Rawreth	463.70	35,000	75.48	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,904.37
Rayleigh	12,263.30	409,268	33.37	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,862.26
Rochford	3,273.40	215,261	65.76	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,894.65
Stambridge	226.90	32,640	143.85	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,972.74
Sutton	52.50	8,100	154.29	235.26	1,204.92	116.19	73.89	198.63	1,983.18
	<u>31,927.8</u>	<u>1,651,952</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	1,276.08	1,488.76	1,701.44	1,914.12	2,339.48	2,764.84	3,190.20	3,828.24
Barling	1,279.93	1,493.25	1,706.57	1,919.89	2,346.53	2,773.17	3,199.82	3,839.78
Canewdon	1,273.57	1,485.84	1,698.10	1,910.36	2,334.88	2,759.41	3,183.93	3,820.72
Foulness Island	1,249.06	1,457.24	1,665.41	1,873.59	2,289.94	2,706.30	3,122.65	3,747.18
Great Wakering	1,243.03	1,450.21	1,657.38	1,864.55	2,278.89	2,693.24	3,107.58	3,729.10
Hawkwell	1,245.59	1,453.18	1,660.78	1,868.38	2,283.58	2,698.77	3,113.97	3,736.76
Hockley	1,269.59	1,481.19	1,692.79	1,904.39	2,327.59	2,750.79	3,173.98	3,808.78
Hullbridge	1,270.15	1,481.84	1,693.53	1,905.22	2,328.60	2,751.98	3,175.37	3,810.44
Paglesham	1,263.19	1,473.73	1,684.26	1,894.79	2,315.85	2,736.92	3,157.98	3,789.58
Rawreth	1,269.58	1,481.18	1,692.77	1,904.37	2,327.56	2,750.76	3,173.95	3,808.74
Rayleigh	1,241.51	1,448.42	1,655.34	1,862.26	2,276.10	2,689.93	3,103.77	3,724.52
Rochford	1,263.10	1,473.62	1,684.13	1,894.65	2,315.68	2,736.72	3,157.75	3,789.30
Stambridge	1,315.16	1,534.35	1,753.55	1,972.74	2,411.13	2,849.51	3,287.90	3,945.48
Sutton	1,322.12	1,542.47	1,762.83	1,983.18	2,423.89	2,864.59	3,305.30	3,966.36