

To: All Councillors

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Dear Councillor

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008
SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2008/09

Please find attached the Appendices A-E which accompany the report entitled *Setting the Council Tax 2008/09*; Item 3 on the Agenda for next week's Council.

We have received confirmation of the precepts for Essex County Council, Essex Fire Authority and the Parish and Town Councils. However, the Essex Police Authority will not be confirming their precept until Monday, 18 February. They have given us their provisional figure and this is used in the Appendices and the table below:-

	Proposed Council Tax Charge		
	– per Band D Property		
	2007/08	2008/09	Increase
	£	£	%
Essex County Council	1,003.95	1046.61	4.25%
Essex Police Authority	116.46	122.22	4.95%
Essex Fire Authority	59.94	62.28	3.90%
Average Parish/Town Council	29.06	30.99	6.64%
Rochford District Council	179.28	188.01	4.87%
Total	1,388.69	1,450.11	4.42%

In the very unlikely event that the Police Authority decide to set a different council tax charge at their meeting on Monday, a verbal report will be made to Council. Officers will also hand out amended Appendices at the Council meeting.

Council tax throughout the District will range from £1,441.85 to to £1,514.41 for a Band 'D' property.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures

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