

Item CB 17/20 referred from Cabinet minutes of 9 February 2017

CB 17/20 SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

The joint report of the Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Transformation, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation and Property set out the requirements under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for a billing authority to set an amount of council tax for each category of dwelling in its area. Members were advised of the position concerning the determination of their respective precepts for 2017/18 by the major precepting authorities.

Consideration was given to a draft resolution identifying the processes to be undertaken in arriving at the levels of council tax applicable to each part of the Borough. The resolution and further information regarding the precepts of the other authorities would be reported to the full Council on 14 February 2017. The Director of Finance and Transformation explained that there would be a basic level of council tax to which any charges under the special expenses scheme would be added, giving a notional “average” Band D charge for official reporting purposes. An explanatory leaflet regarding the introduction of special expenses would be included with council tax bills together with usual financial information on the website.

RECOMMENDED: That the resolution be noted and the Council be recommended to approve a £5 per annum increase in the Borough Council’s element of the council tax for 2017/18, representing an annual charge at Band D of £181.61 plus special expenses where applicable (giving a notional “average” charge of £197.51).

***Referred to Council**