


SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2021/22

Item CB 21/20 referred from Cabinet of 11 February 2021

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 1972 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 2021/22 by the major precepting authorities.

Attention was drawn to the reduced council tax base available as a result of the coronavirus pandemic due to the lower number of houses built in 2020 and increased claims for council tax support.

Consideration was given to a draft resolution identifying the process to be undertaken in arriving at the levels of council tax applicable to each part of the Borough to which any charges under the special expenses scheme would be added. The resolution and further information regarding the precepts of the other authorities would be reported to the full Council on 23 February 2021.

RECOMMENDED: That the resolution be noted and the Council be recommended to approve a 2.3% or £5.00 per annum increase in the Borough Council's element of the council tax for 2021/22, representing a notional "average" charge at Band D of £219.50. 

***Referred to Council**