

SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2026/27

Item CB 26/20 referred from Cabinet of 10 February 2026

The joint report of the Chief Executive, Head of Finance, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Waste and Technical Services 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 2026/27 by the major precepting authorities.

Consideration was given to a draft resolution (attached at Annex 2) identifying the process 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 Council on 24 February 2026.

In recognition that Council Tax provided the major proportion of the Borough Council's Revenue Funding and to provide an efficient service for all residents, Cllr Boughton proposed, Cllr Betts seconded and Cabinet

***RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the draft resolution, which would be completed and presented to the Council, be noted; and
- (2) the Council be recommended to approve a 3% or £7.35 per annum increase in the Borough Council's element of the council tax for 2026/27, representing a notional 'average' charge at Band D of £252.65.

***Recommended to Council**