

**Meeting:** COUNCIL

**Date:** Wednesday 20 February 2019

**Subject:** COUNCIL BUDGET AND SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2019/20

**Report of:** Councillor Stephen Holt, Cabinet Member for Financial Services

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The Council is asked to consider the reports to Cabinet and also the Cabinet minutes and resolutions from the meeting held on 6 February 2019 and Scrutiny Committee minutes and resolutions from the meeting held on 4 February 2019 (items 7a and 7b to this agenda).

The budget book 2019/20 will be circulated to all Members of the Council, once the budget has been formally adopted. A copy will be deposited at the Town Hall Reception for public inspection purposes and on the Council's website.

The reports may also be viewed on the Council's website at:  
<http://democracy.eastbourne.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=125&MIId=1649&Ver=4>  
 (This is the listing for the Cabinet meeting held on 6 February 2018)

Please contact Local Democracy (see below for contact details) in the first instance if you require a printed copy of any of the reports.

The resolutions in this report, which must include the requirements of all precepting authorities, are based on the recommendations made to those Authorities and the budget approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex. As the meeting of East Sussex Fire Authority will not be held until 14 February 2019, **their figures are currently left blank and it will be necessary to issue replacement resolutions once this information has been received.**

A summary of the demand on the Collection Fund is as follows:

Authority	Precept/Demand		2019/20 Band D Council Tax	Change over 2017/18	
	£	%	£	£	%
Eastbourne Borough Council	8,579,050		<b>246.77</b>	7.10	2.96
East Sussex County Council	49,880,557		<b>1,434.78</b>	41.67	2.99
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex	6,602,278		<b>189.91</b>	24.00	14.47
East Sussex Fire Authority					
Total					

After consideration of the foregoing, the Council is asked to approve the following **Recommendations:**

1. The recommendations as detailed in the reports from the Chief Finance Officer and the Director of Service Delivery to Cabinet on 6 February 2019, including an amended recommendation (i):

- (i) The General Fund net expenditure for 2019/20 of £12,832,750 and the growth and savings proposals.
  - (ii) The charge for council tax for Eastbourne Borough Council Band D change to £246.77; an increase of 2.96%.
  - (iii) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) income and expenditure proposals, including revised HRA budget for 2018/19 and the budget for 2019/20, rents and service charges and the arrangements for finalising Eastbourne Homes' management fee.
  - (iv) General Fund capital programme as set out in the report of the Chief Finance Officer.
  - (v) The Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.
2. Since the Cabinet meeting on 6 February the Business Rates return to the Government (NNDR1) has been finalised and the levy figures for the Business Rate pilot pool have been confirmed by the lead authority (Wealden District Council). Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report has been updated in respect of these figures. In addition, in the light of feedback from the Scrutiny Committee, Appendix 1 has also been amended in the interests of greater clarity and transparency to more clearly show the financing of the Council's budget. **Appendix 1** of the Cabinet report is attached, together with an amended **Appendix 1 (a)** highlighting these amendments. An updated **Appendix 1 (b)** is also attached showing the revised Reserves position. These updated figures have also been reflected in the table below and recommendation (1) from the Cabinet shown above in paragraph 1.
3. That consequent upon a General Fund budget of £12,832,750 and other matters, the basic amount (Band D) of Council Tax for the Borough Council's functions will be £246.77 calculated as follows:

	£'000	£'000
Gross Expenditure:		
General Fund		97,039
HRA		15,333
Business Rates payable to Government		13,645
		<u>126,017</u>
Less Income:		
Service Income	(97,348)	
Contribution from Reserves	(2,192)	
Other Government Grants	(2,053)	
Business Rates income	(15,787)	
Collection Fund Surplus (Council Tax)	(58)	
		<u>(117,438)</u>
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT		<u><u>8,579</u></u>
Band 'D' Council Tax		£246.77

The statutory resolutions relating to this matter are given at paragraphs 4 and 5 below.

4. That it be noted that at its meeting on 12 December 2018 the Cabinet (in exercise of powers delegated to them by the Council) delegated the final determination of the Council Tax Base to the Chief Finance Officer. This has been set at an amount of 34,765.3 Band 'D' equivalent properties for the year 2019/20 (Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended).
5. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 as £8,579,050.
6. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:

(a)	£126,017,000	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	£117,437,950	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£8,579,050	being the amount by which the aggregate at 5(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 5(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
(d)	£246.77	being the amount at 5(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (4 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

7. To note that East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Authority and Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
8. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings. :

Council Tax Valuation Bands								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	2
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Precepting Authorities</b>								
Eastbourne Borough Council	164.51	191.93	219.35	246.77	301.61	356.45	411.28	493.54
East Sussex County Council	956.52	1,115.94	1,275.36	1,434.78	1,753.62	2,072.46	2,391.30	2,869.56
Sussex Police Authority	126.61	147.71	168.81	189.91	232.11	274.31	316.52	379.82
East Sussex Fire Authority								
<b>Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements</b>								

9. Determine that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

As the billing authority, the Council has **not** been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

#### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Revised Cabinet Report Appendix 1. Including Appendix 1(a) showing amendments, and Appendix 1(b) showing revised reserves position.

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