

**Meeting:** COUNCIL

**Date:** Wednesday 24 February 2010

**Subject:** COUNCIL BUDGET AND SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2010/2011

**Report of:** Councillor Gill Mattock, Cabinet Finance Spokesperson on behalf of the Cabinet

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The Council is asked to consider the reports to Cabinet (Enclosures A and B to this report) and also the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet minutes and resolutions from the meetings held on 8 February and 10 February 2010 respectively (Enclosure C to this report).

The reports (Enclosures A and B) may be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet>

(Go to the listing for the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2010 and look for the documents under "Report 2" and "Report 3")

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

1. The recommendations as detailed in the reports to Cabinet (Enclosures A & B):-
  - (i) General Fund net expenditure, growth and savings proposals as set out in Enclosure A section 2 and within Appendix 1 and 2;
  - (ii) An increase of 2.44% in the council tax for Eastbourne Borough Council to a Band D charge of £224.19;
  - (iii) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) income and expenditure proposals as set out in Enclosure B section 8 and within Appendix 2, including revised HRA budget for 2009/10 and the budget for 2010/11, rents and service charges, arrangements for finalising Eastbourne Homes' management fee and annual plan and the response to the Government's debt settlement offer;
  - (iv) General Fund capital programme as set out in Enclosure A, Appendix 3 and the Housing Revenue Account capital programme as set out in Enclosure B, Appendix 1;
  - (v) The current Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators are adopted until the Council considers a revision in March in the light of the Government's impending debt offer;

2. That consequent upon a general fund budget of £18,422,314 and other matters, the basic amount (Band D) of council tax for the borough council's functions will be £224.19 calculated as follows:

	£	Band D Council Tax
Borough requirement:	18,422,314	
Less:	£	
Government formula grant (RSG + NNDR)	(10,420,056)	
Council tax collection fund deficit	196,986	
	(10,223,070)	
Council tax requirement:	8,199,244	£224.19

The statutory resolutions relating to this matter are given at paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

3. That it be noted that at its meeting on 17 December 2009 the Cabinet (in exercise of powers delegated to them by the Council) calculated the amount of 36,572 as the Council's tax base for the year 2010/2011 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 1999, made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 and by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, made under Sections 75 and 76 of the Local Government Act 2003.
4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/2011 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£79,540,000	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
(b)	£61,117,686	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (d) of the Act.
(c)	£18,422,314	being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
(d)	£10,223,070	being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant plus the surplus on the Collection Fund.

(e)	£224.19	being the amount at 4(c) above less the amount at 4(d) above, all divided by the amount at 3 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.						
(f)	Valuation Bands							
	A	£149.46	B	£174.37	C	£199.28	D	£224.19
	E	£274.01	F	£323.83	G	£373.65	H	£448.38
	being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4(e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.							

5. That it be noted that for the year 2010/2011 the East Sussex County Council at its meeting on 9 February 2010 had set the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands								
	A	£772.20	B	£900.90	C	£1,029.60	D	£1,158.30
	E	£1,415.70	F	£1,673.10	G	£1,930.50	H	£2,316.60

6. That it be noted that for the year 2010/2011 the Sussex Police Authority at its meeting on 11 February 2010 had set the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands								
	A	£92.28	B	£107.66	C	£123.04	D	£138.42
	E	£169.18	F	£199.94	G	£230.70	H	£276.84

7. That it be noted that for the year 2010/2011 the East Sussex Fire Authority at its meeting on 4 February 2010 set the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands								
	A	£54.57	B	£63.67	C	£72.76	D	£81.86
	E	£100.05	F	£118.24	G	£136.43	H	£163.72

8. That, having calculated the aggregate in each of the amounts at 4(f), 5, 6 and 7 above the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/2010 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands							
A	£1,068.51	B	£1,246.60	C	£1,424.68	D	£1,602.77
E	£1,958.94	F	£2,315.11	G	£2,671.28	H	£3,205.54

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