

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012

Subject: COUNCIL BUDGET AND SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2012/2013

Report of: Councillor Gill Mattock, lead Cabinet member for finance

The Council is asked to consider the reports to Cabinet, as included in draft budget book (please see note* below) and also the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet minutes and resolutions from the meetings held on 6 February and 8 February 2012 (appendix 1).

* Note: The draft budget book 2012/13 is being circulated to all members of the Council. A copy has also been deposited at the Town Hall Reception for public inspection purposes and on the Council's website at

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The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and the Council Tax resolutions set out below reflect these changes.

The resolutions in this report, which must include the requirements of all Precepting authorities, are based on the recommendations made to those authorities. Meetings of the East Sussex County Council and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service were held on 7 February 2012 and 2 February 2012 respectively. The meeting of the Sussex Police Authority will be held on 16 February 2012 and it will be necessary to issue replacement resolutions if there is any change to the recommendation being made to that authority.

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

Authority	Precept/Demand		2012/13 Band D Council Tax	Changer over 2011/12	
	£	%	£	£	%
Eastbourne Borough Council	8,291,950	13.99%	224.19	0.00	0.00%
East Sussex County Council	42,841,115	72.27%	1,158.30	0.00	0.00%
Sussex Police Authority	5,119,630	8.64%	138.42	0.00	0.00%
East Sussex Fire Authority	3,027,690	5.11%	81.86	0.00	0.00%
Total	59,280,385	100.00%	1,602.77	0.00	0.00%

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

1. The recommendations as detailed in the reports from the Chief Finance Officer and the Senior Head of Community to Cabinet on 8th February 2012:-
 - (i) The General Fund net expenditure for 2012/13 of £15,706,300, and the growth and savings proposals.
 - (ii) No change to the council tax for Eastbourne Borough Council to a Band D charge of £224.19;
 - (iii) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) income and expenditure proposals, including revised HRA budget for 2011/12 and the budget for 2012/13, rents and service charges, arrangements for finalising Eastbourne Homes' management fee and annual plan.
 - (iv) General Fund capital programme as set out in report of the Chief Finance Officer.
 - (v) The Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.
2. That consequent upon a general fund budget of £15,706,300 and other matters, the basic amount (Band D) of council tax for the borough council's functions will be £224.19 calculated as follows:

		£'000
Gross Expenditure – General Fund		85,835
Gross Expenditure - HRA		14,255
		100,090
Less Income:	£'000	
Gross Income	(84,570)	
Government formula grant (RSG, NNDR)	(7,012)	
Council Tax Grant	(207)	
Council tax collection fund surplus	(9)	
		(91,798)
Council tax requirement:		8,292
Band 'D' Council Tax		£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 14 December 2011 the Cabinet (in exercise of powers delegated to them by the Council) calculated the amount of 36,986.2 as the Council's tax base for the year 2012/2013 (Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

- 4 Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 is £8,291,950.
5. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/2013 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:

(a)	£100,089,950	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	£91,798,000	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£8,291,950	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)	£224.19	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. .

6. To note that East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Authority and Sussex Police Authority 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.
7. 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 tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings. :

Valuation Bands							
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL							
A	£149.46	B	£174.37	C	£199.28	D	£224.19
E	£274.01	F	£323.83	G	£373.65	H	£448.38
EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL							
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
SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY							
A	£92.28	B	£107.66	C	£123.04	D	£138.42
E	£169.18	F	£199.94	G	£230.70	H	£276.84

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY							
A	£54.57	B	£63.67	C	£72.76	D	£81.86
E	£100.05	F	£118.24	G	£136.43	H	£163.72

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AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS							
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

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

7. Determine that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

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