

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM 1, TOWN LODGE, GERON ROAD,
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors Julian Cunningham (Chairman), Ian Albert, Lynda Needham and Richard Thake.*

In Attendance: *Ian Couper (Head of Finance, Performance and Asset Management) and Ian Gourlay (Committee and Member Services Manager)*

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Tony Hunter.

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 January 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

10 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no notification of other business.

11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

13 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2018/19

Members were reminded that the Council, at its meeting held on 8 February 2018, had approved a 2018/19 Council Tax increase of 2.99% for North Hertfordshire. This equated to a District Council Tax of £223.45 for a Band D property in 2018/19. At that meeting, the Council had been unable to formally approve the Council Tax resolution because it had not been notified of the Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner precept requirements for 2018/19.

It was reported that the precept for the Hertfordshire Police Authority was set at a level which equated to a Council Tax of £164.00 for a Band D property, which was a £12.00 increase on the Council Tax for 2017/18. The Hertfordshire County Council precept had been set at a level which equated to a Council Tax of £1,320.46 for a Band D property. This was a Council Tax increase of 5.99% for 2018/19, which included an increase of 3% for the Adult Social Care precept.

The effect of the Council's decision made at its meeting on 8 February 2018, coupled with the County Council and Police Commissioner precepts, resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £1,707.91. This charge would be increased by the appropriate parish precepts, as detailed in the agenda papers.

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.16(f), Councillor Julian Cunningham requested that a recorded vote be taken on the above motion.

(Voting:

For: Councillors Ian Albert, Julian Cunningham, Lynda Needham and Richard Thake – 4.

Against: None – 0.

Abstentions: None – 0.

The motion was carried.)

It was therefore,

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the following, as submitted in the 2018/19 Estimate Book, be noted:-
- (a) The revenue estimates for 2018/2019.
 - (b) The capital programme for 2018/2019.
 - (c) The workforce salary estimates for 2018/2019.
- (2) That it be noted that at its meeting on 11 January 2018 the Council Tax Setting Committee confirmed the amount 49,118.50 as its Council Tax base for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (the Regulations).
- a) 49,118.50 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Regulations, as its Council Tax base for the year.

b)

Parish/Town	Council Tax Base	Parish/Town	Council Tax Base
Ashwell	857.10	Langley	82.50
Barkway	377.80	Lilley	169.60
Barley	324.20	Nuthampstead	70.40
Bygrave	125.40	Offley	610.80
Caldecote and Newnham	49.50	Pirton	550.70
Clothall	81.40	Preston	215.70
Codicote	1629.10	Radwell	55.50
Graveley	172.20	Reed	157.50
Great Ashby	2051.00	Royston	6402.00
Hexton	61.30	Rushden and Wallington	201.60
Hinxworth	160.20	St Ippolyts	897.30
Holwell	148.40	St Pauls Walden	546.00
Ickleford	742.00	Sandon	235.80
Kelshall	78.50	Therfield	253.20
Kimpton	1057.90	Weston	441.00
Kings Walden	417.00	Wymondley	418.50
Knebworth	1971.30		

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

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- c) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 8 February 2018 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) as £10,975,529 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) as £12,071,060.
- (3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2018/2019 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (the Act):-

- a) £75,299,259 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act.
- b) £63,228,228 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act.
- c) £12,071,031 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- d) £245.75 being the amount at (c) above divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B(1) as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- e) £1,095,531 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £223.45 being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

g)

Parish/Town	Basic £	Parish Precept £	Total £
Ashwell	223.45	74.20	297.65
Barkway	223.45	95.78	319.23
Barley	223.45	66.10	289.55
Bygrave	223.45	51.83	275.28
Caldecote and Newnham	223.45	27.99	251.44
Clothall	223.45	22.87	246.32
Codicote	223.45	64.02	287.47
Graveley	223.45	34.84	258.29
Great Ashby	223.45	19.87	243.32
Hexton	223.45	0.00	223.45
Hinxworth	223.45	64.05	287.50
Holwell	223.45	53.28	276.73
Ickleford	223.45	62.46	285.91
Kelshall	223.45	36.68	260.13

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Kimpton	223.45	68.06	291.51
Kings Walden	223.45	67.98	291.43
Knebworth	223.45	73.44	296.89
Langley	223.45	0.00	223.45
Lilley	223.45	61.89	285.34
Nuthampstead	223.45	0.00	223.45
Offley	223.45	51.16	274.61
Pirton	223.45	64.15	287.60
Preston	223.45	28.75	252.20
Radwell	223.45	16.41	239.86
Reed	223.45	25.49	248.94
Royston	223.45	42.53	265.98
Rushden and Wallington	223.45	20.68	244.13
St Ippolyts	223.45	26.23	249.68
St Pauls Walden	223.45	90.31	313.76
Sandon	223.45	32.58	256.03
Therfield	223.45	21.47	244.92
Weston	223.45	43.55	267.00
Wymondley	223.45	74.58	298.03

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

h)

Parish/Town	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ashwell	198.43	231.51	264.58	297.65	363.79	429.94	496.08	595.30
Baldock	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Barkway	212.82	248.29	283.76	319.23	390.17	461.11	532.05	638.46
Barley	193.03	225.21	257.38	289.55	353.89	418.24	482.58	579.10
Bygrave	183.52	214.11	244.69	275.28	336.45	397.63	458.80	550.56
Caldecote								
Newnham	167.63	195.56	223.50	251.44	307.32	363.19	419.07	502.88
Clothall	164.21	191.58	218.95	246.32	301.06	355.80	410.53	492.64
Codicote	191.65	223.59	255.53	287.47	351.35	415.23	479.12	574.94
Graveley	172.19	200.89	229.59	258.29	315.69	373.09	430.48	516.58
Great Ashby	162.21	189.25	216.28	243.32	297.39	351.46	405.53	486.64
Hexton	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Hinxworth	191.67	223.61	255.56	287.50	351.39	415.28	479.17	575.00
Hitchin	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Holwell	184.49	215.23	245.98	276.73	338.23	399.72	461.22	553.46
Ickleford	190.61	222.37	254.14	285.91	349.45	412.98	476.52	571.82
Kelshall	173.42	202.32	231.23	260.13	317.94	375.74	433.55	520.26
Kimpton	194.34	226.73	259.12	291.51	356.29	421.07	485.85	583.02
Kings Walden	194.29	226.67	259.05	291.43	356.19	420.95	485.72	582.86
Knebworth	197.93	230.91	263.90	296.89	362.87	428.84	494.82	593.78
Langley	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Letchworth	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Lilley	190.23	221.93	253.64	285.34	348.75	412.16	475.57	570.68
Nuthampstead	148.97	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.76	372.42	446.90
Offley	183.07	213.59	244.10	274.61	335.63	396.66	457.68	549.22
Pirton	191.73	223.69	255.64	287.60	351.51	415.42	479.33	575.20
Preston	168.13	196.16	224.18	252.20	308.24	364.29	420.33	504.40

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Radwell	159.91	186.56	213.21	239.86	293.16	346.46	399.77	479.72
Reed	165.96	193.62	221.28	248.94	304.26	359.58	414.90	497.88
Royston	177.32	206.87	236.43	265.98	325.09	384.19	443.30	531.96
Rushden and								
Wallington	162.75	189.88	217.00	244.13	298.38	352.63	406.88	488.26
St Ippolyts	166.45	194.20	221.94	249.68	305.16	360.65	416.13	499.36
St Pauls Walden	209.17	244.04	278.90	313.76	383.48	453.21	522.93	627.52
Sandon	170.69	199.13	227.58	256.03	312.93	369.82	426.72	512.06
Therfield	163.28	190.49	217.71	244.92	299.35	353.77	408.20	489.84
Weston	178.00	207.67	237.33	267.00	326.33	385.67	445.00	534.00
Wymondley	198.69	231.80	264.92	298.03	364.26	430.49	496.72	596.06

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(f) and 2.3(g) 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(l) 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.

- (4) That it be noted that for 2018/2019 Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hertfordshire County Council								
COUNTY PRECEPT	816.46	952.51	1,088.60	1,224.67	1,496.83	1,768.96	2,041.13	2,449.34
SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	63.85	74.51	85.14	95.79	117.07	138.37	159.64	191.58
Total Hertfordshire County Council	880.31	1,027.02	1,173.74	1,320.46	1,613.90	1,907.33	2,200.77	2,640.92
Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner	109.33	127.56	145.78	164.00	200.44	236.89	273.33	328.00

- (5) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(h) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets out the following provisional amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/2019 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

List of parishes and tax at different bands (County, Care, Police, District and Parish)

Parish/Town	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ashwell	1,188.07	1,386.09	1,584.10	1,782.11	2,178.13	2,574.16	2,970.18	3,564.22
Baldock	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Barkway	1,202.46	1,402.87	1,603.28	1,803.69	2,204.51	2,605.33	3,006.15	3,607.38
Barley	1,182.67	1,379.79	1,576.90	1,774.01	2,168.23	2,562.46	2,956.68	3,548.02
Bygrave	1,173.16	1,368.69	1,564.21	1,759.74	2,150.79	2,541.85	2,932.90	3,519.48
Caldecote and								
Newnham	1,157.27	1,350.14	1,543.02	1,735.90	2,121.66	2,507.41	2,893.17	3,471.80
Clothall	1,153.85	1,346.16	1,538.47	1,730.78	2,115.40	2,500.02	2,884.63	3,461.56

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Codicote	1,181.29	1,378.17	1,575.05	1,771.93	2,165.69	2,559.45	2,953.22	3,543.86
Graveley	1,161.83	1,355.47	1,549.11	1,742.75	2,130.03	2,517.31	2,904.58	3,485.50
Great Ashby	1,151.85	1,343.83	1,535.80	1,727.78	2,111.73	2,495.68	2,879.63	3,455.56
Hexton	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Hinxworth	1,181.31	1,378.19	1,575.08	1,771.96	2,165.73	2,559.50	2,953.27	3,543.92
Hitchin	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Holwell	1,174.13	1,369.81	1,565.50	1,761.19	2,152.57	2,543.94	2,935.32	3,522.38
Ickleford	1,180.25	1,376.95	1,573.66	1,770.37	2,163.79	2,557.20	2,950.62	3,540.74
Kelshall	1,163.06	1,356.90	1,550.75	1,744.59	2,132.28	2,519.96	2,907.65	3,489.18
Kimpton	1,183.98	1,381.31	1,578.64	1,775.97	2,170.63	2,565.29	2,959.95	3,551.94
Kings Walden	1,183.93	1,381.25	1,578.57	1,775.89	2,170.53	2,565.17	2,959.82	3,551.78
Knebworth	1,187.57	1,385.49	1,583.42	1,781.35	2,177.21	2,573.06	2,968.92	3,562.70
Langley	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Letchworth	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Lilley	1,179.87	1,376.51	1,573.16	1,769.80	2,163.09	2,556.38	2,949.67	3,539.60
Nuthampstead	1,138.61	1,328.37	1,518.14	1,707.91	2,087.45	2,466.98	2,846.52	3,415.82
Offley	1,172.71	1,368.17	1,563.62	1,759.07	2,149.97	2,540.88	2,931.78	3,518.14
Pirton	1,181.37	1,378.27	1,575.16	1,772.06	2,165.85	2,559.64	2,953.43	3,544.12
Preston	1,157.77	1,350.74	1,543.70	1,736.66	2,122.58	2,508.51	2,894.43	3,473.32
Radwell	1,149.55	1,341.14	1,532.73	1,724.32	2,107.50	2,490.68	2,873.87	3,448.64
Reed	1,155.60	1,348.20	1,540.80	1,733.40	2,118.60	2,503.80	2,889.00	3,466.80
Royston	1,166.96	1,361.45	1,555.95	1,750.44	2,139.43	2,528.41	2,917.40	3,500.88
Rushden and								
Wallington	1,152.39	1,344.46	1,536.52	1,728.59	2,112.72	2,496.85	2,880.98	3,457.18
St Ippolyts	1,156.09	1,348.78	1,541.46	1,734.14	2,119.50	2,504.87	2,890.23	3,468.28
St Pauls								
Walden	1,198.81	1,398.62	1,598.42	1,798.22	2,197.82	2,597.43	2,997.03	3,596.44
Sandon	1,160.33	1,353.71	1,547.10	1,740.49	2,127.27	2,514.04	2,900.82	3,480.98
Therfield	1,152.92	1,345.07	1,537.23	1,729.38	2,113.69	2,497.99	2,882.30	3,458.76
Weston	1,167.64	1,362.25	1,556.85	1,751.46	2,140.67	2,529.89	2,919.10	3,502.92
Wyndley	1,188.33	1,386.38	1,584.44	1,782.49	2,178.60	2,574.71	2,970.82	3,564.98

REASON FOR DECISION: To set the Council Tax for the District of North Hertfordshire.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Chairman