

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Council Tax Setting Committee held in Floor 1, Room 2, District Council Offices,
Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF
on Thursday, 29th January, 2026 at 5.30 pm**

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2025/26

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ian Albert be elected as Chair of the Council Tax Setting Committee for the Civic Year 2025/26.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

Councillors Sean Nolan and Paul Ward were absent.

3 MINUTES - 23 JANUARY 2025

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 January 2025 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and 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.
- (3) The Chair advised that Members were required to be present for the entire item at this meeting in order to take part in the vote.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

7 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- (1) Set a non-collection rate of 1% for 2026/2027.
- (2) Set the Council Tax Base for 2026/2027 at 51,529.0 and that the individual sums shown in Appendix A for each Parish be agreed.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To fulfil the statutory requirement to set a Council Tax Base for the District and to enable Major and Local Precepting Authorities to set their levels of Council Tax for 2026/2027.

8 NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE RETURN 1 (NNDR1) 2026/27

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Draft NNDR 1 was approved.
- (2) That it be noted that the final version of the NNDR1 would need to be returned to MHCLG by Tuesday 3 February.
- (3) That the Committee delegated any amendments to the return resulting from changes to the return and any additional guidance to the Director – Resources in consultation with the Committee Chair.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To comply with statutory requirements.