NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR ROOM 2, COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY ON THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 7.00 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Ian Albert (Chair), David Levett, Sam North, Martin Stears-Handscomb and Claire Strong*

In Attendance: *Ian Couper (Service Director – Resources) and Amelia McInally (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer)*

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio Recording – Start of Item - 11 Seconds

There were no apologies for absence.

9 MINUTES - 14 JANUARY 2020

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 16 Seconds

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 January 2020 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

10 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 25 Seconds

There was no other business notified.

11 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 30 Seconds

(1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;

(2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;

(3) 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.

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 1 Minute 35 Seconds

There was no public participation.

13 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2020/21

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 1 Minute 40 Seconds

The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled Council Tax Resolution 2020/2021.

The report set out the increases which were all within the statutory levels and did not require a referendum.

North Hertfordshire District Council had set its' basic Council Tax level at £235.13 as detailed in point (g) of the report.

Councillor Claire Strong informed the Committee that she was a resident of Holwell, one of the Parishes referred to within the report.

The recommendations were proposed and seconded on a recorded vote.

All Councillors present agreed to set the Council Tax as detailed below:

RESOLVED:

(1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 January 2020 the Council Tax Committee confirmed the amount 49,979.60 as its Council Tax base for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

1.1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 January 2020 the Council Tax Setting Committee confirmed the amount 49,979.60 as its Council Tax base for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

a) 49,979.60 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	861.10	Langley	91.90
Barkway	407.30	Lilley	172.40
Barley	328.30	Nuthampstead	69.90
Bygrave	127.80	Offley	617.40
Caldecote and Newnham	51.90	Pirton	623.00
Clothall	81.10	Preston	223.90
Codicote	1635.50	Radwell	58.10
Graveley	175.80	Reed	158.00
Great Ashby	2053.20	Royston	6555.80
Hexton	65.00	Rushden and Wallington	201.20
Hinxworth	161.80	St Ippolyts	896.80
Holwell	149.60	St Pauls Walden	551.80
Ickleford	768.90	Sandon	242.80
Kelshall	73.40	Therfield	262.90
Kimpton	1054.40	Weston	439.90
Kings Walden	450.50	Wymondley	421.60
Knebworth	2015.10		

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

c) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 6 February 2020 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) as £11,751,704 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) is £12,952,052.

1.2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2020/2021 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (the Act):-

a) £70,158,900 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) £57,206,848 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) £12,952,052 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) £259.15 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) £1,200,348 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

f) £235.13 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	235.13	92.39	327.52
Barkway	235.13	88.87	324.00
Barley	235.13	65.45	300.58
Bygrave	235.13	50.86	285.99
Caldecote and Newnham	235.13	27.37	262.50
Clothall	235.13	35.34	270.47
Codicote	235.13	65.38	300.51
Graveley	235.13	46.59	281.72
Great Ashby	235.13	19.77	254.90
Hexton	235.13	0.00	235.13

Hinxworth	235.13	63.58	298.71
Holwell	235.13	60.02	295.15
Ickleford	235.13	66.07	301.20
Kelshall	235.13	38.82	273.95
Kimpton	235.13	71.89	307.02
Kings Walden	235.13	70.00	305.13
Knebworth	235.13	75.81	310.94
Langley	235.13	0.00	235.13
Lilley	235.13	72.29	307.42
Nuthampstead	235.13	0.00	235.13
Offley	235.13	65.49	300.62
Pirton	235.13	59.93	295.06
Preston	235.13	31.62	266.75
Radwell	235.13	18.93	254.06
Reed	235.13	30.63	265.76
Royston	235.13	48.49	283.62
Rushden and Wallington	235.13	21.82	256.95
St Ippolyts	235.13	29.70	264.83
St Pauls Walden	235.13	80.30	315.43
Sandon	235.13	34.31	269.44
Therfield	235.13	21.75	256.88
Weston	235.13	46.00	281.13
Wymondley	235.13	77.86	312.99

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)

	Valuation Bands							
Parish/Town	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**	**H**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Ashwell	218.35	254.74	291.13	327.52	400.30	473.09	545.87	655.04
Baldock	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Barkway	216.00	252.00	288.00	324.00	396.00	468.00	540.00	648.00
Barley	200.39	233.79	267.18	300.58	367.37	434.17	500.97	601.16
Bygrave	190.66	222.44	254.21	285.99	349.54	413.10	476.65	571.98
Caldecote and Newnham	175.00	204.17	233.33	262.50	320.83	379.17	437.50	525.00
Clothall	180.31	210.37	240.41	270.47	330.57	390.68	450.78	540.94
Codicote	200.34	233.73	267.12	300.51	367.29	434.07	500.85	601.02
Graveley	187.81	219.12	250.41	281.72	344.32	406.93	469.53	563.44
Great Ashby	169.93	198.26	226.57	254.90	311.54	368.19	424.83	509.80
Hexton	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Hinxworth	199.14	232.33	265.52	298.71	365.09	431.47	497.85	597.42
Hitchin	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Holwell	196.77	229.56	262.35	295.15	360.74	426.33	491.92	590.30
Ickleford	200.80	234.27	267.73	301.20	368.13	435.07	502.00	602.40
Kelshall	182.63	213.08	243.51	273.95	334.82	395.71	456.58	547.90
Kimpton	204.68	238.80	272.90	307.02	375.24	443.48	511.70	614.04
Kings Walden	203.42	237.33	271.22	305.13	372.93	440.75	508.55	610.26
Knebworth	207.29	241.85	276.39	310.94	380.03	449.14	518.23	621.88
Langley	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Letchworth	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Lilley	204.95	239.11	273.26	307.42	375.73	444.05	512.37	614.84
Nuthampstead	156.75	182.88	209.00	235.13	287.38	339.63	391.88	470.26
Offley	200.41	233.82	267.21	300.62	367.42	434.23	501.03	601.24
Pirton	196.71	229.49	262.27	295.06	360.63	426.20	491.77	590.12

Preston	177.83	207.48	237.11	266.75	326.02	385.31	444.58	533.50
Radwell	169.37	197.61	225.83	254.06	310.51	366.98	423.43	508.12
Reed	177.17	206.71	236.23	265.76	324.81	383.88	442.93	531.52
Royston	189.08	220.60	252.10	283.62	346.64	409.68	472.70	567.24
Rushden and Wallington	171.30	199.85	228.40	256.95	314.05	371.15	428.25	513.90
St Ippolyts	176.55	205.98	235.40	264.83	323.68	382.54	441.38	529.66
St Pauls Walden	210.29	245.34	280.38	315.43	385.52	455.62	525.72	630.86
Sandon	179.63	209.57	239.50	269.44	329.31	389.19	449.07	538.88
Therfield	171.25	199.80	228.33	256.88	313.96	371.05	428.13	513.76
Weston	187.42	218.66	249.89	281.13	343.60	406.08	468.55	562.26
Wymondley	208.66	243.44	278.21	312.99	382.54	452.10	521.65	625.98

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.

1.3. That it be noted that for 2020/2021 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:-

	Valuation Bands							
Precepting Authority	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**	**H**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hertfordshire County Council								
COUNTY PRECEPT	860.82	1004.26	1,147.75	1,291.21	1,578.16	1,865.07	2,152.03	2,582.42
SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	81.98	95.67	109.32	122.99	150.31	177.66	204.97	245.98
Total Hertfordshire County Council	**942.80**	**1,099.93**	**1,257.07**	**1,414.20**	**1,728.47**	**2,042.73**	**2,357.00**	**2,828.40**
Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner	**132.00**	**154.00**	**176.00**	**198.00**	**242.00**	**286.00**	**330.00**	**396.00**

1.4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.2(h) and 2.3 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 2020/2021 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

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

	Valuation Bands							
Parish/Town	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**	**H**
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ashwell	1,293.15	1,508.67	1,724.20	1,939.72	2,370.77	2,801.82	3,232.87	3,879.44
Baldock	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Barkway	1,290.80	1,505.93	1,721.07	1,936.20	2,366.47	2,796.73	3,227.00	3,872.40
Barley	1,275.19	1,487.72	1,700.25	1,912.78	2,337.84	2,762.90	3,187.97	3,825.56
Bygrave	1,265.46	1,476.37	1,687.28	1,898.19	2,320.01	2,741.83	3,163.65	3,796.38
Caldecote and Newnham	1,249.80	1,458.10	1,666.40	1,874.70	2,291.30	2,707.90	3,124.50	3,749.40
Clothall	1,255.11	1,464.30	1,673.48	1,882.67	2,301.04	2,719.41	3,137.78	3,765.34
Codicote	1,275.14	1,487.66	1,700.19	1,912.71	2,337.76	2,762.80	3,187.85	3,825.42
Graveley	1,262.61	1,473.05	1,683.48	1,893.92	2,314.79	2,735.66	3,156.53	3,787.84
Great Ashby	1,244.73	1,452.19	1,659.64	1,867.10	2,282.01	2,696.92	3,111.83	3,734.20
Hexton	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Hinxworth	1,273.94	1,486.26	1,698.59	1,910.91	2,335.56	2,760.20	3,184.85	3,821.82
Hitchin	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Holwell	1,271.57	1,483.49	1,695.42	1,907.35	2,331.21	2,755.06	3,178.92	3,814.70
Ickleford	1,275.60	1,488.20	1,700.80	1,913.40	2,338.60	2,763.80	3,189.00	3,826.80

Kelshall	1,257.43	1,467.01	1,676.58	1,886.15	2,305.29	2,724.44	3,143.58	3,772.30
Kimpton	1,279.48	1,492.73	1,705.97	1,919.22	2,345.71	2,772.21	3,198.70	3,838.44
Kings Walden	1,278.22	1,491.26	1,704.29	1,917.33	2,343.40	2,769.48	3,195.55	3,834.66
Knebworth	1,282.09	1,495.78	1,709.46	1,923.14	2,350.50	2,777.87	3,205.23	3,846.28
Langley	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Letchworth	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Lilley	1,279.75	1,493.04	1,706.33	1,919.62	2,346.20	2,772.78	3,199.37	3,839.24
Nuthampstead	1,231.55	1,436.81	1,642.07	1,847.33	2,257.85	2,668.36	3,078.88	3,694.66
Offley	1,275.21	1,487.75	1,700.28	1,912.82	2,337.89	2,762.96	3,188.03	3,825.64
Pirton	1,271.51	1,483.42	1,695.34	1,907.26	2,331.10	2,754.93	3,178.77	3,814.52
Preston	1,252.63	1,461.41	1,670.18	1,878.95	2,296.49	2,714.04	3,131.58	3,757.90
Radwell	1,244.17	1,451.54	1,658.90	1,866.26	2,280.98	2,695.71	3,110.43	3,732.52
Reed	1,251.97	1,460.64	1,669.30	1,877.96	2,295.28	2,712.61	3,129.93	3,755.92
Royston	1,263.88	1,474.53	1,685.17	1,895.82	2,317.11	2,738.41	3,159.70	3,791.64
Rushden and Wallington	1,246.10	1,453.78	1,661.47	1,869.15	2,284.52	2,699.88	3,115.25	3,738.30
St Ippolyts	1,251.35	1,459.91	1,668.47	1,877.03	2,294.15	2,711.27	3,128.38	3,754.06
St Pauls Walden	1,285.09	1,499.27	1,713.45	1,927.63	2,355.99	2,784.35	3,212.72	3,855.26
Sandon	1,254.43	1,463.50	1,672.57	1,881.64	2,299.78	2,717.92	3,136.07	3,763.28
Therfield	1,246.05	1,453.73	1,661.40	1,869.08	2,284.43	2,699.78	3,115.13	3,738.16
Weston	1,262.22	1,472.59	1,682.96	1,893.33	2,314.07	2,734.81	3,155.55	3,786.66
Wymondley	1,283.46	1,497.37	1,711.28	1,925.19	2,353.01	2,780.83	3,208.65	3,850.38

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

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Chair