

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting held at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City  
on Thursday, 23 February 2017 at 7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** *Councillors T.W. Hone (Chairman), Tony Hunter, Mrs L.A. Needham, and R.A.C. Thake.*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** *Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance, Head of Finance, Performance & Asset Management, Accountancy Manager and Committee & Member Services Manager.*

**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ian Albert.

**9. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments to Resolution (2) of Minute 6 – Council Tax Base 2017/18:

- (i) change “2016/17” to “2017/18”; and
- (ii) correction of the following figures in Appendix A (Council Tax Base by Parish) referred to in the resolution, so that they now read:

Caldecote & Newnham – 49.30  
Kings Walden – 412.00  
Nuthampstead – 70.90  
St. Pauls Walden – 545.80  
Rushden & Wallington – 199.30  
Wymondley – 412.30

**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 2017/2018**

Members were reminded that the Council, at its meeting held on 9 February 2017, had approved a 2017/18 Council Tax increase of £5.00 for North Hertfordshire. This equated to a District Council Tax of £216.96 for a Band D property in 2017/18. 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 2017/18.

It was reported that the precept for the Hertfordshire Police Authority was set at a level which equated to a Council Tax of £152.00 for a Band D property, which was also a £5.00 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 £1,245.83

for a Band D property. This was a Council Tax increase of 4.99% for 2016/17, which included a levy of a precept to fund Social Care expenditure equivalent to 3%.

The effect of the Council's decision made at its meeting on 9 February 2017, coupled with the County Council and Police Commissioner precepts, resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £1,614.79. This charge would be increased by the appropriate parish precepts, as detailed in the agenda papers.

The Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance circulated the Estimates Book for 2017/18.

It was moved by Councillor T.W. Hone, and seconded by Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham, that the Council Tax Resolution be approved.

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

*(Voting:*

*For: Councillors T.W. Hone, Tony Hunter, Mrs L.A. Needham and R.A.C. Thake – 4.*

*Against: None – 0.*

*Abstentions: None – 0.*

*The motion was carried.)*

It was therefore,

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That the following, as submitted in the 2017/2018 Estimates Book, be noted:

- (a) The revenue estimates for 2017/2018.
- (b) The capital programme for 2017/2018.
- (c) The workforce salary estimates for 2017/2018;

(2) That it be noted that at its meeting on 12 January 2017 the Council Tax Setting Committee calculated the amount 46,648.70 as its council tax base for the year 2017/2018 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (the Regulations).

- (a) 48,648.70 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Regulations, as its council tax base for the year.

(b)

<u>Parish/Town</u>	<u>Council Tax Base</u>	<u>Parish/Town</u>	<u>Council Tax Base</u>
Ashwell	845.70	Langley	86.10
Barkway	370.80	Lilley	173.10
Barley	323.40	Nuthampstead	70.90
Bygrave	126.10	Offley	603.90
Caldecote and Newnham	49.30	Pirton	547.90
Clothall	80.20	Preston	213.20
Codicote	1584.00	Radwell	56.00
Graveley	167.30	Reed	145.70
Great Ashby	2048.90	Royston	6332.40
Hexton	63.70	Rushden and Wallington	199.30
Hinxworth	159.60	St. Ippolyts	912.30
Holwell	141.40	St. Pauls Walden	545.80
Ickleford	736.60	Sandon	237.80
Kelshall	78.00	Therfield	250.10
Kimpton	1035.30	Weston	436.40
Kings Walden	412.00	Wymondley	412.30
Knebworth	1928.80		

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 9 February 2017 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) as £10,554,822 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) as £11,622,673.

- (3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2017/2018 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (the Act):

- (a) £78,946,704 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) £67,324,031 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) £11,622,673 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) £238.91 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) £1,067,851 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £216.96 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	216.96	77.63	294.59
Barkway	216.96	95.67	312.63
Barley	216.96	66.39	283.35
Bygrave	216.96	47.28	264.24
Caldecote and Newnham	216.96	28.57	245.53
Clothall	216.96	23.35	240.31
Codicote	216.96	64.09	281.05
Graveley	216.96	32.31	249.27
Great Ashby	216.96	19.98	236.94
Hinxworth	216.96	0.00	216.96
Holwell	216.96	64.37	281.33
Ickleford	216.96	54.68	271.64
Kelshall	216.96	60.99	277.95
Kimpton	216.96	37.23	254.19
Kings Walden	216.96	69.55	286.51
Knebworth	216.96	67.98	284.94
Lilley	216.96	73.28	290.24
Offley	216.96	0.00	216.96

Parish/Town	Basic	Parish Precept	Total
Pirton	216.96	59.77	276.73
Preston	216.96	25.40	242.36
Radwell	216.96	16.41	233.37
Reed	216.96	27.61	244.57
Royston	216.96	42.53	259.49
Rushden and Wallington	216.96	20.06	237.02
St. Ippolyts	216.96	25.82	242.78
St. Pauls Walden	216.96	74.59	291.55
Sandon	216.96	30.55	247.51
Therfield	216.96	21.73	238.69
Weston	216.96	44.13	261.09
Wymondley	216.96	71.75	288.71

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	196.40	229.13	261.86	294.59	360.05	425.52	490.99	589.18
Baldock	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Barkway	208.43	243.16	277.90	312.63	382.10	451.57	521.06	625.26
Barley	188.91	220.38	251.87	283.35	346.32	409.28	472.26	566.70
Bygrave	176.17	205.52	234.89	264.24	322.96	381.68	440.41	528.48
Caldecote and Newnham	163.69	190.97	218.25	245.53	300.09	354.65	409.22	491.06
Clothall	160.21	186.91	213.61	240.31	293.71	347.11	400.52	480.62
Codicote	187.37	218.60	249.83	281.05	343.50	405.96	468.42	562.10
Graveley	166.19	193.88	221.58	249.27	304.66	360.05	415.46	498.54
Great Ashby	157.97	184.29	210.62	236.94	289.59	342.24	394.91	473.88
Hexton	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Hinxworth	187.56	218.81	250.08	281.33	343.85	406.36	468.89	562.66
Hitchin	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Holwell	181.10	211.28	241.46	271.64	332.00	392.37	452.74	543.28
Ickleford	185.31	216.18	247.07	277.95	339.72	401.48	463.26	555.90
Kelshall	169.47	197.70	225.95	254.19	310.68	367.16	423.66	508.38
Kimpton	191.01	222.84	254.68	286.51	350.18	413.85	477.52	573.02
Kings Walden	189.97	221.62	253.29	284.94	348.26	411.58	474.91	569.88
Knebworth	193.50	225.74	258.00	290.24	354.74	419.23	483.74	580.48
Langley	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Letchworth	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Lilley	181.33	211.55	241.77	271.99	332.43	392.87	453.32	543.98
Nuthampstead	144.64	168.75	192.85	216.96	265.17	313.39	361.60	433.92
Offley	176.92	206.40	235.89	265.37	324.34	383.31	442.29	530.74
Pirton	184.49	215.24	245.99	276.73	338.22	399.72	461.22	553.46
Preston	161.58	188.50	215.44	242.36	296.22	350.07	403.94	484.72
Radwell	155.59	181.51	207.45	233.37	285.23	337.09	388.96	466.74
Reed	163.05	190.22	217.40	244.57	298.92	353.27	407.62	489.14
Royston	173.00	201.83	230.66	259.49	317.15	374.82	432.49	518.98
Rushden and Wallington	158.02	184.35	210.69	237.02	289.69	342.36	395.04	474.04
St. Ippolyts	161.86	188.83	215.81	242.78	296.73	350.68	404.64	485.56
St. Pauls Walden	194.37	226.76	259.16	291.55	356.34	421.13	485.92	583.10
Sandon	165.01	192.51	220.01	247.51	302.51	357.51	412.52	495.02
Therfield	159.13	185.65	212.17	238.69	291.73	344.77	397.82	477.38
Weston	174.07	203.07	232.09	261.09	319.11	377.13	435.16	522.18
Wymondley	192.48	224.55	256.64	288.71	352.87	417.02	481.19	577.42

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 2017/2018 Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner have 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 £
<b>Hertfordshire County Council</b>								
COUNTY PRECEPT	791.61	923.54	1,055.48	1,187.41	1,451.28	1,715.14	1,979.02	2,374.82
SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	38.94	45.44	51.92	58.42	71.40	84.39	97.36	116.84
<b>Total Hertfordshire County Council</b>	<b>830.55</b>	<b>968.98</b>	<b>1,107.40</b>	<b>1,245.83</b>	<b>1,522.68</b>	<b>1,799.53</b>	<b>2,076.38</b>	<b>2,491.66</b>
<b>Hertfordshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>	<b>101.33</b>	<b>118.22</b>	<b>135.11</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>185.78</b>	<b>219.56</b>	<b>253.33</b>	<b>304.00</b>

- (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 the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/2018 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

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

Parish/Town	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Ashwell	1,128.28	1,316.33	1,504.37	1,692.42	2,068.51	2,444.61	2,820.70	3,384.84
Baldock	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Barkway	1,140.31	1,330.36	1,520.41	1,710.46	2,090.56	2,470.66	2,850.77	3,420.92
Barley	1,120.79	1,307.58	1,494.38	1,681.18	2,054.78	2,428.37	2,801.97	3,362.36
Bygrave	1,108.05	1,292.72	1,477.40	1,662.07	2,031.42	2,400.77	2,770.12	3,324.14
Caldecote and Newnham	1,095.57	1,278.17	1,460.76	1,643.36	2,008.55	2,373.74	2,738.93	3,286.72
Clothall	1,092.09	1,274.11	1,456.12	1,638.14	2,002.17	2,366.20	2,730.23	3,276.28
Codicote	1,119.25	1,305.80	1,492.34	1,678.88	2,051.96	2,425.05	2,798.13	3,357.76
Graveley	1,098.07	1,281.08	1,464.09	1,647.10	2,013.12	2,379.14	2,745.17	3,294.20
Great Ashby	1,089.85	1,271.49	1,453.13	1,634.77	1,998.05	2,361.33	2,724.62	3,269.54
Hexton	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Hinxworth	1,119.44	1,306.01	1,492.59	1,679.16	2,052.31	2,425.45	2,798.60	3,358.32
Hitchin	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Holwell	1,112.98	1,298.48	1,483.97	1,669.47	2,040.46	2,411.46	2,782.45	3,338.94
Ickleford	1,117.19	1,303.38	1,489.58	1,675.78	2,048.18	2,420.57	2,792.97	3,351.56
Kelshall	1,101.35	1,284.90	1,468.46	1,652.02	2,019.14	2,386.25	2,753.37	3,304.04
Kimpton	1,122.89	1,310.04	1,497.19	1,684.34	2,058.64	2,432.94	2,807.23	3,368.68
Kings Walden	1,121.85	1,308.82	1,495.80	1,682.77	2,056.72	2,430.67	2,804.62	3,365.54
Knebworth	1,125.38	1,312.94	1,500.51	1,688.07	2,063.20	2,438.32	2,813.45	3,376.14
Langley	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Letchworth	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Lilley	1,113.21	1,298.75	1,484.28	1,669.82	2,040.89	2,411.96	2,783.03	3,339.64
Nuthampstead	1,076.52	1,255.95	1,435.36	1,614.79	1,973.63	2,332.48	2,691.31	3,229.58
Offley	1,108.80	1,293.60	1,478.40	1,663.20	2,032.80	2,402.40	2,772.00	3,326.40
Pirton	1,116.37	1,302.44	1,488.50	1,674.56	2,046.68	2,418.81	2,790.93	3,349.12
Preston	1,093.46	1,275.70	1,457.95	1,640.19	2,004.68	2,369.16	2,733.65	3,280.38
Radwell	1,087.47	1,268.71	1,449.96	1,631.20	1,993.69	2,356.18	2,718.67	3,262.40
Reed	1,094.93	1,277.42	1,459.91	1,642.40	2,007.38	2,372.36	2,737.33	3,284.80
Royston	1,104.88	1,289.03	1,473.17	1,657.32	2,025.61	2,393.91	2,762.20	3,314.64
Rushden and Wallington	1,089.90	1,271.55	1,453.20	1,634.85	1,998.15	2,361.45	2,724.75	3,269.70
St. Ippolyts	1,093.74	1,276.03	1,458.32	1,640.61	2,005.19	2,369.77	2,734.35	3,281.22
St. Pauls Walden	1,126.25	1,313.96	1,501.67	1,689.38	2,064.80	2,440.22	2,815.63	3,378.76
Sandon	1,096.89	1,279.71	1,462.52	1,645.34	2,010.97	2,376.60	2,742.23	3,290.68
Therfield	1,091.01	1,272.85	1,454.68	1,636.52	2,000.19	2,363.86	2,727.53	3,273.04
Weston	1,105.95	1,290.27	1,474.60	1,658.92	2,027.57	2,396.22	2,764.87	3,317.84
Wymondley	1,124.36	1,311.75	1,499.15	1,686.54	2,061.33	2,436.11	2,810.90	3,373.08

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To set the Council Tax for the District of North Hertfordshire for 2017/18.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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Chairman