

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING
ON THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2021 AT 5.00 PM**

MINUTES

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

In Attendance: *Ian Couper (Service Director - Resources), Matthew Hepburn (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer) and William Edwards (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer)*

Also Present: *At the commencement of the meeting approximately 1 member of the public.*

9 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

Audio Recording – 35 Seconds

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Council Tax Setting Committee meeting.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call to ensure all those present could hear and be heard and drew attention to the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol which was noted.

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio Recording – 1 Minute 33 Seconds

There were no apologies for absence received.

11 MINUTES - 14 JANUARY 2021

Audio Recording – 1 Minute 39 Seconds

Councillor Ian Albert proposed and Councillor Sam North seconded the approval of the Minutes of 14 January 2021.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 January 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair; and
- (2) That, with the authorisation of the Chair, his electronic signature and initials be attached to the Minutes approved in (1) above.

12 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio Recording – 3 Minutes 5 Seconds

There was no other business notified.

13 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio Recording – 3 Minutes 10 Seconds

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting;
- (2) The Chair announced that, in accordance with Council policy, this meeting was being audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recordings would be available to view on Mod.gov and the film recording via the NHDC Youtube channel; and
- (3) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the detailed reminder about this and speaking rights was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio Recording – 3 Minutes 35 Seconds

There was no public participation.

15 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2021/22

Audio Recording – 3 Minutes 39 Seconds

The Service Director – Resources presented the Addendum Report entitled Council Tax Resolution 2021/2022.

The Service Director – Resources advised that on 23 February 2021, Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner formally requested their precept.

The Service Director – Resources affirmed that Council had approved an increase in Council Tax. However, a referendum on the Council Tax level was not required.

Prior to the vote, Councillor Claire Strong declared that she was a resident of Holwell which was one of the Parishes detailed in the recommendations.

The recommendations, as per the addendum report, were proposed by Councillor Ian Albert and seconded by Councillor Sam North.

In accordance with the Constitution, Standing Order 4.8.16 (h) (i), the Chair requested a Recorded Vote.

The result of the recorded vote was:

For: Councillors Ian Albert, David Levett, Sam North and Martin Stears-Handscomb. **Total 4**

Against: Total 0

Abstain: Councillor Claire Strong. **Total 1**

It was:

RESOLVED:

(1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 January 2021 the Council Tax Setting Committee confirmed the amount 49,396.90 as its Council Tax base for the year 2021/2022 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

a) 49,396.90 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	850.40	Langley	89.60
Barkway	408.80	Lilley	166.20
Barley	323.90	Nuthampstead	69.10
Bygrave	128.10	Offley	614.80
Caldecote and Newnham	50.60	Pirton	612.40
Clothall	85.40	Preston	215.20
Codicote	1646.50	Radwell	55.50
Graveley	170.10	Reed	163.60
Great Ashby	2031.10	Royston	6511.70
Hexton	64.80	Rushden and Wallington	201.90
Hinxworth	162.50	St Ippolyts	900.00
Holwell	148.90	St Pauls Walden	550.30
Ickleford	763.10	Sandon	244.50
Kelshall	75.40	Therfield	263.80
Kimpton	1047.30	Weston	435.60
Kings Walden	404.10	Wymondley	418.80
Knebworth	1963.90		

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 11 February 2021 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) as £11,861,677. As detailed in 2.2 (e) below the sum of special items is £1,231,115 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) is £13,092,792.

1.1. 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) £68,839,140 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) £55,746,348 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) £13,092,792 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) £265.05 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) £1,231,115 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £240.13 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	Total
	£	Precept £	£
Ashwell	240.13	93.56	333.69
Barkway	240.13	96.34	336.47
Barley	240.13	66.26	306.39
Bygrave	240.13	50.89	291.02
Caldecote and Newnham	240.13	27.62	267.75
Clothall	240.13	33.57	273.70
Codicote	240.13	64.89	305.02
Graveley	240.13	59.00	299.13
Great Ashby	240.13	19.88	260.01
Hexton	240.13	0.00	240.13
Hinxworth	240.13	63.23	303.36
Holwell	240.13	60.14	300.27
Ickleford	240.13	68.04	308.17
Kelshall	240.13	37.76	277.89
Kimpton	240.13	72.35	312.48
Kings Walden	240.13	70.00	310.13
Knebworth	240.13	80.36	320.49
Langley	240.13	0.00	240.13
Lilley	240.13	90.01	330.14
Nuthampstead	240.13	0.00	240.13
Offley	240.13	66.29	306.42
Pirton	240.13	67.32	307.45

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Preston	240.13	37.66	277.79
Radwell	240.13	19.35	259.48
Reed	240.13	30.58	270.71
Royston	240.13	50.90	291.03
Rushden and Wallington	240.13	21.67	261.80
St Ippolyts	240.13	29.60	269.73
St Pauls Walden	240.13	80.52	320.65
Sandon	240.13	34.36	274.49
Therfield	240.13	21.53	261.66
Weston	240.13	46.33	286.46
Wymondley	240.13	82.62	322.75

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	222.46	259.54	296.61	333.69	407.84	482.00	556.15	667.38
Baldock	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Barkway	224.31	261.70	299.08	336.47	411.24	486.01	560.78	672.94
Barley	204.26	238.30	272.35	306.39	374.48	442.56	510.65	612.78
Bygrave	194.01	226.35	258.68	291.02	355.69	420.36	485.03	582.04
Caldecote and Newnham	178.50	208.25	238.00	267.75	327.25	386.75	446.25	535.50
Clothall	182.47	212.88	243.29	273.70	334.52	395.34	456.17	547.40
Codicote	203.35	237.24	271.13	305.02	372.80	440.58	508.37	610.04
Graveley	199.42	232.66	265.89	299.13	365.60	432.08	498.55	598.26
Great Ashby	173.34	202.23	231.12	260.01	317.79	375.57	433.35	520.02
Hexton	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Hinxworth	202.24	235.95	269.65	303.36	370.77	438.19	505.60	606.72
Hitchin	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Holwell	200.18	233.54	266.91	300.27	367.00	433.72	500.45	600.54
Ickleford	205.45	239.69	273.93	308.17	376.65	445.13	513.62	616.34
Kelshall	185.26	216.14	247.01	277.89	339.64	401.40	463.15	555.78
Kimpton	208.32	243.04	277.76	312.48	381.92	451.36	520.80	624.96
Kings Walden	206.75	241.21	275.67	310.13	379.05	447.97	516.88	620.26
Knebworth	213.66	249.27	284.88	320.49	391.71	462.93	534.15	640.98
Langley	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Letchworth	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Lilley	220.09	256.78	293.46	330.14	403.50	476.87	550.23	660.28
Nuthampstead	160.09	186.77	213.45	240.13	293.49	346.85	400.22	480.26
Offley	204.28	238.33	272.37	306.42	374.51	442.61	510.70	612.84
Pirton	204.97	239.13	273.29	307.45	375.77	444.09	512.42	614.90
Preston	185.19	216.06	246.92	277.79	339.52	401.25	462.98	555.58
Radwell	172.99	201.82	230.65	259.48	317.14	374.80	432.47	518.96
Reed	180.47	210.55	240.63	270.71	330.87	391.03	451.18	541.42
Royston	194.02	226.36	258.69	291.03	355.70	420.38	485.05	582.06
Rushden and Wallington	174.53	203.62	232.71	261.80	319.98	378.16	436.33	523.60
St Ippolyts	179.82	209.79	239.76	269.73	329.67	389.61	449.55	539.46
St Pauls Walden	213.77	249.39	285.02	320.65	391.91	463.16	534.42	641.30
Sandon	182.99	213.49	243.99	274.49	335.49	396.49	457.48	548.98
Therfield	174.44	203.51	232.59	261.66	319.81	377.95	436.10	523.32
Weston	190.97	222.80	254.63	286.46	350.12	413.78	477.43	572.92
Wymondley	215.17	251.03	286.89	322.75	394.47	466.19	537.92	645.50

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.

- 1.2. That it be noted that for 2021/2022 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	879.57	1026.17	1172.76	1,319.36	1,612.55	1,905.74	2,198.93	2,638.72
SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	100.85	117.65	134.46	151.27	184.89	218.50	252.12	302.54
Total Hertfordshire County Council	980.42	1,143.82	1,307.22	1,470.63	1,797.44	2,124.24	2,451.05	2,941.26
Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner	142.00	165.67	189.33	213.00	260.33	307.67	355.00	426.00

- 1.3. 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 2021/2022 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	1,344.88	1,569.03	1,793.17	2,017.32	2,465.61	2,913.91	3,362.20	4,034.64
Baldock	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Barkway	1,346.73	1,571.19	1,795.64	2,020.10	2,469.01	2,917.92	3,366.83	4,040.20
Barley	1,326.68	1,547.79	1,768.91	1,990.02	2,432.25	2,874.47	3,316.70	3,980.04
Bygrave	1,316.43	1,535.84	1,755.24	1,974.65	2,413.46	2,852.27	3,291.08	3,949.30
Caldecote and Newnham	1,300.92	1,517.74	1,734.56	1,951.38	2,385.02	2,818.66	3,252.30	3,902.76
Clothall	1,304.89	1,522.37	1,739.85	1,957.33	2,392.29	2,827.25	3,262.22	3,914.66
Codicote	1,325.77	1,546.73	1,767.69	1,988.65	2,430.57	2,872.49	3,314.42	3,977.30
Graveley	1,321.84	1,542.15	1,762.45	1,982.76	2,423.37	2,863.99	3,304.60	3,965.52
Great Ashby	1,295.76	1,511.72	1,727.68	1,943.64	2,375.56	2,807.48	3,239.40	3,887.28
Hexton	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Hinxworth	1,324.66	1,545.44	1,766.21	1,986.99	2,428.54	2,870.10	3,311.65	3,973.98
Hitchin	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Holwell	1,322.60	1,543.03	1,763.47	1,983.90	2,424.77	2,865.63	3,306.50	3,967.80
Ickleford	1,327.87	1,549.18	1,770.49	1,991.80	2,434.42	2,877.04	3,319.67	3,983.60
Kelshall	1,307.68	1,525.63	1,743.57	1,961.52	2,397.41	2,833.31	3,269.20	3,923.04
Kimpton	1,330.74	1,552.53	1,774.32	1,996.11	2,439.69	2,883.27	3,326.85	3,992.22
Kings Walden	1,329.17	1,550.70	1,772.23	1,993.76	2,436.82	2,879.88	3,322.93	3,987.52
Knebworth	1,336.08	1,558.76	1,781.44	2,004.12	2,449.48	2,894.84	3,340.20	4,008.24
Langley	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Letchworth	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Lilley	1,342.51	1,566.27	1,790.02	2,013.77	2,461.27	2,908.78	3,356.28	4,027.54
Nuthampstead	1,282.51	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.76	3,206.27	3,847.52
Offley	1,326.70	1,547.82	1,768.93	1,990.05	2,432.28	2,874.52	3,316.75	3,980.10
Pirton	1,327.39	1,548.62	1,769.85	1,991.08	2,433.54	2,876.00	3,318.47	3,982.16
Preston	1,307.61	1,525.55	1,743.48	1,961.42	2,397.29	2,833.16	3,269.03	3,922.84
Radwell	1,295.41	1,511.31	1,727.21	1,943.11	2,374.91	2,806.71	3,238.52	3,886.22
Reed	1,302.89	1,520.04	1,737.19	1,954.34	2,388.64	2,822.94	3,257.23	3,908.68

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Royston	1,316.44	1,535.85	1,755.25	1,974.66	2,413.47	2,852.29	3,291.10	3,949.32
Rushden and Wallington	1,296.95	1,513.11	1,729.27	1,945.43	2,377.75	2,810.07	3,242.38	3,890.86
St Ippolyts	1,302.24	1,519.28	1,736.32	1,953.36	2,387.44	2,821.52	3,255.60	3,906.72
St Pauls Walden	1,336.19	1,558.88	1,781.58	2,004.28	2,449.68	2,895.07	3,340.47	4,008.56
Sandon	1,305.41	1,522.98	1,740.55	1,958.12	2,393.26	2,828.40	3,263.53	3,916.24
Therfield	1,296.86	1,513.00	1,729.15	1,945.29	2,377.58	2,809.86	3,242.15	3,890.58
Weston	1,313.39	1,532.29	1,751.19	1,970.09	2,407.89	2,845.69	3,283.48	3,940.18
Wymondley	1,337.59	1,560.52	1,783.45	2,006.38	2,452.24	2,898.10	3,343.97	4,012.76

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

- (1) The functions of the Council Tax Setting Committee are to set the Council Tax and to set the overall level of Council Tax for the following financial year, taking into account the precepts of all major and local precepting authorities.
- (2) The level of Council Tax Requirement has been considered necessary to meet the budgeting needs of the Council for 2021/22.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm

Chair