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ORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

ON MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2022 AT 5.00 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Morgan Derbyshire, Sam North and Claire Strong*

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

Also Present: *At the commencement of the meeting there were no members of the public present.*

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – 2:12

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg.

25 MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2022

Audio Recording – 2:20

Councillor Ian Albert proposed and Councillor Sam North seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2022 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

26 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio recording – 3:04

There was no other business notified.

27 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio recording – 3:09

- (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.

28 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*Audio recording – 3:32*

There was no public participation at this meeting.

29 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2022/23*Audio Recording: 3:35*

The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled Council Tax Resolution 2022/23 along with Appendix A: Guide to the Council Tax Resolution.

The Service Director – Resources drew attention to points including:

- The Addendum report attached to the agenda has been updated to include the Council Tax for Hertfordshire County Council;
- The Committee is being asked to approve the various Council Tax rates as set out in subsections g and h of the attached report.

Councillor Ian Albert proposed, Councillor Claire Strong seconded and the vote was as follows:

VOTE TOTALS:

YES:	4
ABSTAIN:	0
NO:	0
TOTAL:	4

NUMBER OF DELEGATES PRESENT: 4

THE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Cllr Claire Strong:	YES
Cllr Ian Albert:	YES
Cllr Morgan Derbyshire:	YES
Cllr Sam North:	YES

Therefore it was:

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 13 January 2022 the Council Tax Setting Committee confirmed the amount 49,964.80 as its Council Tax base for the year 2022/2023 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

- a) 49,964.80 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	865.80	Langley	91.10
Barkway	421.90	Lilley	179.10

Barley	329.10	Nuthampstead	67.60
Bygrave	129.50	Offley	625.10
Caldecote and Newnham	50.70	Pirton	680.60
Clothall	84.80	Preston	223.70
Codicote	1648.50	Radwell	57.70
Graveley	173.30	Reed	163.70
Great Ashby	2041.70	Royston	6618.10
Hexton	66.00	Rushden and Wallington	202.70
Hinxworth	159.30	St Ippolyts	902.00
Holwell	157.90	St Pauls Walden	586.20
Ickleford	795.30	Sandon	246.10
Kelshall	76.50	Therfield	262.70
Kimpton	1053.60	Weston	438.20
Kings Walden	413.30	Wymondley	422.30
Knebworth	2006.80		

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 10 February 2022 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) as £12,247,871. As detailed in 2.2 (e) below the sum of special items is £1,277,296 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) is £13,525,167.
2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2022/2023 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (the Act):-
 - a) £70,550,915 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) £57,025,748 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) £13,525,167 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) £270.69 being the amount at (c) above divided by the amount at 2.1(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B(1) as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
 - e) £1,277,296 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - f) £245.13 being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at 2.1(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	245.13	93.47	338.60
Barkway	245.13	93.42	338.55
Barley	245.13	83.47	328.60
Bygrave	245.13	54.35	299.48
Caldecote and Newnham	245.13	27.30	272.43
Clothall	245.13	22.15	267.28
Codicote	245.13	64.50	309.63
Graveley	245.13	57.78	302.91
Great Ashby	245.13	19.81	264.94
Hexton	245.13	0.00	245.13
Hinxworth	245.13	64.31	309.44
Holwell	245.13	59.16	304.29
Ickleford	245.13	68.85	313.98
Kelshall	245.13	37.35	282.48
Kimpton	245.13	74.51	319.64
Kings Walden	245.13	72.69	317.82
Knebworth	245.13	81.84	326.97
Langley	245.13	0.00	245.13
Lilley	245.13	88.20	333.33
Nuthampstead	245.13	0.00	245.13
Offley	245.13	65.18	310.31
Pirton	245.13	63.59	308.72
Preston	245.13	45.13	290.26
Radwell	245.13	20.83	265.96
Reed	245.13	50.01	295.14
Royston	245.13	52.15	297.28
Rushden and Wallington	245.13	21.49	266.62
St Ippolyts	245.13	29.52	274.65
St Pauls Walden	245.13	75.59	320.72
Sandon	245.13	34.08	279.21
Therfield	245.13	21.56	266.69
Weston	245.13	46.26	291.39
Wymondley	245.13	90.84	335.97

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.2(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 2.1(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	225.73	263.36	300.98	338.60	413.84	489.09	564.33	677.20
Baldock	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Barkway	225.70	263.32	300.93	338.55	413.78	489.02	564.25	677.10
Barley	219.06	255.59	292.09	328.60	401.61	474.65	547.66	657.20
Bygrave	199.65	232.94	266.20	299.48	366.02	432.59	499.13	598.96
Caldecote and Newnham	181.62	211.90	242.16	272.43	332.96	393.51	454.05	544.86
Clothall	178.18	207.89	237.58	267.28	326.67	386.08	445.46	534.56
Codicote	206.42	240.83	275.23	309.63	378.43	447.25	516.05	619.26

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Graveley	201.94	235.60	269.25	302.91	370.22	437.54	504.85	605.82
Great Ashby	176.62	206.07	235.50	264.94	323.81	382.70	441.56	529.88
Hexton	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Hinxworth	206.29	240.68	275.06	309.44	378.20	446.97	515.73	618.88
Hitchin	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Holwell	202.86	236.68	270.48	304.29	371.90	439.53	507.15	608.58
Ickleford	209.32	244.21	279.09	313.98	383.75	453.53	523.30	627.96
Kelshall	188.32	219.71	251.09	282.48	345.25	408.03	470.80	564.96
Kimpton	213.09	248.62	284.12	319.64	390.66	461.71	532.73	639.28
Kings Walden	211.88	247.20	282.51	317.82	388.44	459.08	529.70	635.64
Knebworth	217.98	254.32	290.64	326.97	399.62	472.29	544.95	653.94
Langley	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Letchworth	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Lilley	222.22	259.26	296.29	333.33	407.40	481.48	555.55	666.66
Nuthampstead	163.42	190.66	217.89	245.13	299.60	354.08	408.55	490.26
Offley	206.87	241.36	275.83	310.31	379.26	448.23	517.18	620.62
Pirton	205.81	240.12	274.42	308.72	377.32	445.93	514.53	617.44
Preston	193.50	225.77	258.01	290.26	354.75	419.27	483.76	580.52
Radwell	177.30	206.87	236.41	265.96	325.05	384.17	443.26	531.92
Reed	196.76	229.56	262.35	295.14	360.72	426.32	491.90	590.28
Royston	198.18	231.23	264.25	297.28	363.33	429.41	495.46	594.56
Rushden and Wallington	177.74	207.38	236.99	266.62	325.86	385.12	444.36	533.24
St Ippolyts	183.10	213.62	244.13	274.65	335.68	396.72	457.75	549.30
St Pauls Walden	213.81	249.46	285.08	320.72	391.98	463.27	534.53	641.44
Sandon	186.14	217.17	248.19	279.21	341.25	403.31	465.35	558.42
Therfield	177.79	207.43	237.06	266.69	325.95	385.22	444.48	533.38
Weston	194.26	226.64	259.01	291.39	356.14	420.90	485.65	582.78
Wymondley	223.98	261.32	298.64	335.97	410.62	485.29	559.95	671.94

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.2(f) and 2.2(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.

3. That it be noted that for 2022/2023 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:- *(note that confirmation of precept amounts for Hertfordshire County Council is currently outstanding)*

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Hertfordshire County Council								
COUNTY PRECEPT								
SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT								
Total Hertfordshire County Council								
Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner	148.67	173.44	198.22	223.00	272.56	322.11	371.67	446.00

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 2022/2023 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								
Baldock								
Barkway								
Barley								
Bygrave								
Caldecote and Newnham								
Clothall								
Codicote								
Graveley								
Great Ashby								
Hexton								
Hinxworth								
Hitchin								
Holwell								
Ickleford								
Kelshall								
Kimpton								
Kings Walden								
Knebworth								
Langley								
Letchworth								
Lilley								
Nuthampstead								
Offley								
Pirton								
Preston								
Radwell								
Reed								
Royston								
Rushden and Wallington								
St Ippolyts								
St Pauls Walden								
Sandon								
Therfield								
Weston								
Wymondley								

REASON 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 2022/23.

The meeting closed at 5:09 pm

Chair