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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERONON ROAD, LETCHWORTH
ON TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2023 AT 5.00 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Claire Strong and Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg*

In Attendance: *Ian Couper (Service Director - Resources) and James Lovegrove (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager)*

Also Present: *There were no public present for the duration of the meeting.*

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – 1 minute 15 seconds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Morgan Derbyshire.

Councillor Sam North was absent.

38 MINUTES - 30 JANUARY 2023

Audio Recording – 1 minute 25 seconds

Councillor Ian Albert, as Chair, proposed and Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 30 January 2023 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

39 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio recording – 2 minutes 03 seconds

There was no other business notified.

40 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio recording – 2 minutes 07 seconds

- (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.

41 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio recording – 2 minutes 29 seconds

There was no public participation at this meeting.

42 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2023/24

Audio recording – 2 minutes 33 seconds

The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled ‘Council Tax Resolution 2023/24’, including the addendum circulated following the agenda publication, and advised that:

- The update provided in the addendum was required as neither the district nor county Council had approved their budgets by agenda publication date.
- The calculations at 2.2 in the report were required by law.
- The amounts include the precepts approved by Herts County Council, the Herts Police and Crime Commissioner, and Town and Parish Councils, as well as the District Council Tax requirement.
- The table at 2.4 in the report detailed the valuation bands in each area of the district.

Councillor Ian Albert proposed, as Chair, and Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg seconded and the vote was as follows:

VOTE TOTALS:

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| YES: | 2 |
| ABSTAIN: | 1 |
| NO: | 0 |
| TOTAL: | 3 |

NUMBER OF DELEGATES PRESENT: 3

THE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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| <i>Cllr Ian Albert</i> | YES |
| <i>Cllr Claire Strong</i> | ABSTAIN |
| <i>Cllr Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg</i> | YES |

Therefore, it was:

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it was noted that at its meeting on 30 January 2023 the Council Tax Setting Committee confirmed the amount 50,663.60 as its Council Tax base for the year 2023/2024 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).
 - a) 50,663.60 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 | 910.90 | Knebworth | 2,042.30 |
| Barkway | 419.80 | Lilley | 174.80 |
| Barley | 327.90 | Offley | 620.10 |
| Bygrave | 129.60 | Pirton | 705.30 |
| Caldecote and Newnham | 47.90 | Preston | 224.80 |
| Clothall | 82.40 | Radwell | 56.20 |
| Codicote | 1,665.30 | Reed | 165.20 |
| Graveley | 172.40 | Royston | 6,773.00 |
| Great Ashby | 2,032.80 | Rushden and Wallington | 205.10 |
| Hinxworth | 159.40 | St Ippolyts | 941.10 |
| Holwell | 159.20 | St Pauls Walden | 586.00 |
| Ickleford | 885.30 | Sandon | 242.40 |
| Kelshall | 76.00 | Therfield | 265.70 |
| Kimpton | 1,059.10 | Weston | 439.40 |
| Kings Walden | 419.40 | Wymondley | 428.40 |

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 was noted that at its meeting on the 23 February 2023 the Council calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) as £12,790,533. As detailed in 2.2 (e) below the sum of special items is £1,388,250 and hence the total Council Tax requirement (including Parish precepts) is £14,178,783.
- (2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2023/2024 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (the Act) :-

- a) £76,861,049 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) £62,682,266 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) £14,178,783 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) £279.86 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) £1,388,250 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £252.46 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 | 252.46 | 104.21 | 356.67 |
| Barkway | 252.46 | 98.67 | 351.13 |
| Barley | 252.46 | 89.66 | 342.12 |
| Bygrave | 252.46 | 62.47 | 314.93 |
| Caldecote and Newnham | 252.46 | 50.13 | 302.59 |
| Clothall | 252.46 | 22.22 | 274.68 |
| Codicote | 252.46 | 65.52 | 317.98 |
| Graveley | 252.46 | 58.02 | 310.48 |
| Great Ashby | 252.46 | 21.15 | 273.61 |
| Hinxworth | 252.46 | 66.36 | 318.82 |
| Holwell | 252.46 | 64.55 | 317.01 |
| Ickleford | 252.46 | 65.51 | 317.97 |
| Kelshall | 252.46 | 37.59 | 290.05 |
| Kimpton | 252.46 | 77.83 | 330.29 |
| Kings Walden | 252.46 | 81.48 | 333.94 |
| Knebworth | 252.46 | 84.42 | 336.88 |
| Lilley | 252.46 | 109.03 | 361.49 |
| Offley | 252.46 | 65.76 | 318.22 |
| Pirton | 252.46 | 76.85 | 329.31 |
| Preston | 252.46 | 58.65 | 311.11 |
| Radwell | 252.46 | 23.59 | 276.05 |
| Reed | 252.46 | 50.01 | 302.47 |
| Royston | 252.46 | 57.12 | 309.58 |
| Rushden and Wallington | 252.46 | 23.09 | 275.55 |
| St Ippolyts | 252.46 | 30.53 | 282.99 |
| St Pauls Walden | 252.46 | 78.50 | 330.96 |
| Sandon | 252.46 | 36.10 | 288.56 |
| Therfield | 252.46 | 22.96 | 275.42 |
| Weston | 252.46 | 47.79 | 300.25 |
| Wymondley | 252.46 | 89.55 | 342.01 |

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)

| Valuation Bands | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Parish/Town | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ashwell | 237.78 | 277.41 | 317.03 | 356.67 | 435.93 | 515.18 | 594.45 | 713.34 |
| Baldock | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Barkway | 234.08 | 273.11 | 312.11 | 351.13 | 429.15 | 507.18 | 585.21 | 702.26 |
| Barley | 228.08 | 266.10 | 304.10 | 342.12 | 418.14 | 494.16 | 570.20 | 684.24 |
| Bygrave | 209.95 | 244.95 | 279.93 | 314.93 | 384.91 | 454.89 | 524.88 | 629.86 |
| Caldecote and Newnham | 201.72 | 235.35 | 268.96 | 302.59 | 369.83 | 437.07 | 504.31 | 605.18 |
| Clothall | 183.12 | 213.64 | 244.15 | 274.68 | 335.72 | 396.75 | 457.80 | 549.36 |
| Codicote | 211.98 | 247.32 | 282.64 | 317.98 | 388.64 | 459.30 | 529.96 | 635.96 |
| Graveley | 206.98 | 241.49 | 275.97 | 310.48 | 379.47 | 448.46 | 517.46 | 620.96 |
| Great Ashby | 182.40 | 212.81 | 243.20 | 273.61 | 334.41 | 395.21 | 456.01 | 547.22 |
| Hexton | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Hinxworth | 212.54 | 247.98 | 283.39 | 318.82 | 389.66 | 460.51 | 531.36 | 637.64 |
| Hitchin | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Holwell | 211.34 | 246.57 | 281.78 | 317.01 | 387.45 | 457.89 | 528.35 | 634.02 |
| Ickleford | 211.98 | 247.31 | 282.63 | 317.97 | 388.63 | 459.28 | 529.95 | 635.94 |
| Kelshall | 193.36 | 225.60 | 257.81 | 290.05 | 354.50 | 418.95 | 483.41 | 580.10 |
| Kimpton | 220.19 | 256.90 | 293.58 | 330.29 | 403.68 | 477.08 | 550.48 | 660.58 |
| Kings Walden | 222.62 | 259.74 | 296.83 | 333.94 | 408.14 | 482.35 | 556.56 | 667.88 |
| Knebworth | 224.58 | 262.02 | 299.44 | 336.88 | 411.74 | 486.60 | 561.46 | 673.76 |
| Langley | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Letchworth | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Lilley | 240.99 | 281.16 | 321.32 | 361.49 | 441.82 | 522.14 | 602.48 | 722.98 |
| Nuthampstead | 168.31 | 196.36 | 224.41 | 252.46 | 308.56 | 364.66 | 420.77 | 504.92 |
| Offley | 212.14 | 247.51 | 282.85 | 318.22 | 388.93 | 459.64 | 530.36 | 636.44 |
| Pirton | 219.54 | 256.13 | 292.71 | 329.31 | 402.49 | 475.66 | 548.85 | 658.62 |
| Preston | 207.40 | 241.98 | 276.53 | 311.11 | 380.24 | 449.37 | 518.51 | 622.22 |
| Radwell | 184.03 | 214.71 | 245.37 | 276.05 | 337.39 | 398.73 | 460.08 | 552.10 |
| Reed | 201.64 | 235.26 | 268.85 | 302.47 | 369.68 | 436.89 | 504.11 | 604.94 |
| Royston | 206.38 | 240.79 | 275.17 | 309.58 | 378.37 | 447.16 | 515.96 | 619.16 |
| Rushden and Wallington | 183.70 | 214.32 | 244.93 | 275.55 | 336.78 | 398.01 | 459.25 | 551.10 |
| St Ippolyts | 188.66 | 220.11 | 251.54 | 282.99 | 345.87 | 408.75 | 471.65 | 565.98 |
| St Pauls Walden | 220.64 | 257.42 | 294.18 | 330.96 | 404.50 | 478.04 | 551.60 | 661.92 |
| Sandon | 192.37 | 224.44 | 256.49 | 288.56 | 352.68 | 416.80 | 480.93 | 577.12 |
| Therfield | 183.61 | 214.22 | 244.81 | 275.42 | 336.62 | 397.82 | 459.03 | 550.84 |
| Weston | 200.16 | 233.53 | 266.88 | 300.25 | 366.97 | 433.69 | 500.41 | 600.50 |
| Wymondley | 228.00 | 266.01 | 304.00 | 342.01 | 418.01 | 494.01 | 570.01 | 684.02 |

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 was noted that for 2023/2024 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 | 929.57 | 1,084.50 | 1,239.43 | 1,394.36 | 1,704.22 | 2,014.08 | 2,323.93 | 2,788.72 |
| SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT | 140.85 | 164.32 | 187.80 | 211.27 | 258.22 | 305.17 | 352.12 | 422.54 |
| Total Hertfordshire County Council | 1,070.42 | 1,248.82 | 1,427.23 | 1,605.63 | 1,962.44 | 2,319.25 | 2,676.05 | 3,211.26 |
| Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner | 158.67 | 185.11 | 211.56 | 238.00 | 290.89 | 343.78 | 396.67 | 476.00 |

- (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 approved the following provisional amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2023/2024 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 | 1,466.87 | 1,711.34 | 1,955.82 | 2,200.30 | 2,689.26 | 3,178.21 | 3,667.17 | 4,400.60 |
| Baldock | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Barkway | 1,463.17 | 1,707.04 | 1,950.90 | 2,194.76 | 2,682.48 | 3,170.21 | 3,657.93 | 4,389.52 |
| Barley | 1,457.17 | 1,700.03 | 1,942.89 | 2,185.75 | 2,671.47 | 3,157.19 | 3,642.92 | 4,371.50 |
| Bygrave | 1,439.04 | 1,678.88 | 1,918.72 | 2,158.56 | 2,638.24 | 3,117.92 | 3,597.60 | 4,317.12 |
| Caldecote and Newnham | 1,430.81 | 1,669.28 | 1,907.75 | 2,146.22 | 2,623.16 | 3,100.10 | 3,577.03 | 4,292.44 |
| Clothall | 1,412.21 | 1,647.57 | 1,882.94 | 2,118.31 | 2,589.05 | 3,059.78 | 3,530.52 | 4,236.62 |
| Codicote | 1,441.07 | 1,681.25 | 1,921.43 | 2,161.61 | 2,641.97 | 3,122.33 | 3,602.68 | 4,323.22 |
| Graveley | 1,436.07 | 1,675.42 | 1,914.76 | 2,154.11 | 2,632.80 | 3,111.49 | 3,590.18 | 4,308.22 |
| Great Ashby | 1,411.49 | 1,646.74 | 1,881.99 | 2,117.24 | 2,587.74 | 3,058.24 | 3,528.73 | 4,234.48 |
| Hexton | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Hinxworth | 1,441.63 | 1,681.91 | 1,922.18 | 2,162.45 | 2,642.99 | 3,123.54 | 3,604.08 | 4,324.90 |
| Hitchin | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Holwell | 1,440.43 | 1,680.50 | 1,920.57 | 2,160.64 | 2,640.78 | 3,120.92 | 3,601.07 | 4,321.28 |
| Ickleford | 1,441.07 | 1,681.24 | 1,921.42 | 2,161.60 | 2,641.96 | 3,122.31 | 3,602.67 | 4,323.20 |
| Kelshall | 1,422.45 | 1,659.53 | 1,896.60 | 2,133.68 | 2,607.83 | 3,081.98 | 3,556.13 | 4,267.36 |
| Kimpton | 1,449.28 | 1,690.83 | 1,932.37 | 2,173.92 | 2,657.01 | 3,140.11 | 3,623.20 | 4,347.84 |
| Kings Walden | 1,451.71 | 1,693.67 | 1,935.62 | 2,177.57 | 2,661.47 | 3,145.38 | 3,629.28 | 4,355.14 |
| Knebworth | 1,453.67 | 1,695.95 | 1,938.23 | 2,180.51 | 2,665.07 | 3,149.63 | 3,634.18 | 4,361.02 |
| Langley | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Letchworth | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Lilley | 1,470.08 | 1,715.09 | 1,960.11 | 2,205.12 | 2,695.15 | 3,185.17 | 3,675.20 | 4,410.24 |

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| Nuthampstead | 1,397.40 | 1,630.29 | 1,863.20 | 2,096.09 | 2,561.89 | 3,027.69 | 3,493.49 | 4,192.18 |
| Offley | 1,441.23 | 1,681.44 | 1,921.64 | 2,161.85 | 2,642.26 | 3,122.67 | 3,603.08 | 4,323.70 |
| Pirton | 1,448.63 | 1,690.06 | 1,931.50 | 2,172.94 | 2,655.82 | 3,138.69 | 3,621.57 | 4,345.88 |
| Preston | 1,436.49 | 1,675.91 | 1,915.32 | 2,154.74 | 2,633.57 | 3,112.40 | 3,591.23 | 4,309.48 |
| Radwell | 1,413.12 | 1,648.64 | 1,884.16 | 2,119.68 | 2,590.72 | 3,061.76 | 3,532.80 | 4,239.36 |
| Reed | 1,430.73 | 1,669.19 | 1,907.64 | 2,146.10 | 2,623.01 | 3,099.92 | 3,576.83 | 4,292.20 |
| Royston | 1,435.47 | 1,674.72 | 1,913.96 | 2,153.21 | 2,631.70 | 3,110.19 | 3,588.68 | 4,306.42 |
| Rushden and Wallington | 1,412.79 | 1,648.25 | 1,883.72 | 2,119.18 | 2,590.11 | 3,061.04 | 3,531.97 | 4,238.36 |
| St Ippolyts | 1,417.75 | 1,654.04 | 1,890.33 | 2,126.62 | 2,599.20 | 3,071.78 | 3,544.37 | 4,253.24 |
| St Pauls Walden | 1,449.73 | 1,691.35 | 1,932.97 | 2,174.59 | 2,657.83 | 3,141.07 | 3,624.32 | 4,349.18 |
| Sandon | 1,421.46 | 1,658.37 | 1,895.28 | 2,132.19 | 2,606.01 | 3,079.83 | 3,553.65 | 4,264.38 |
| Therfield | 1,412.70 | 1,648.15 | 1,883.60 | 2,119.05 | 2,589.95 | 3,060.85 | 3,531.75 | 4,238.10 |
| Weston | 1,429.25 | 1,667.46 | 1,905.67 | 2,143.88 | 2,620.30 | 3,096.72 | 3,573.13 | 4,287.76 |
| Wymondley | 1,457.09 | 1,699.94 | 1,942.79 | 2,185.64 | 2,671.34 | 3,157.04 | 3,642.73 | 4,371.28 |

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 2023/24.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm

Chair

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