

Report to: Council Functions Committee
Date of meeting: 27th February 2014
Report of: Director of Finance
Title: Setting the 2014/2015 Council Tax

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report consolidates the decisions of this Council and the two precepting bodies to give the overall Council Tax for residents of Watford for 2014/2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee formally sets the total Council Tax for Watford Borough Council, which includes the precepts for Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, as set out in the report.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Council approved its budget and Council Tax for 2014/15 at its meeting on 29th January 2014. The Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire County Council have provisionally agreed their precepts for 2014/15 and the Committee is now required to set the total Council Tax for 2014/15.
- 3.2 The figures for all Council Tax bands for each body are set out in the table below. Having calculated the aggregate in each case, 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 the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings as outlined below.

2014/2015			Watford BC	Herts CC	Police & Crime Commissioner	Total
			Precepting Authorities			
Valuation Band	Ratio		£	£	£	£
A	6	9	166.56	745.89	98.55	1,011.00
B	7	9	194.32	870.20	114.97	1,179.49
C	8	9	222.08	994.52	131.40	1,348.00
D	9	9	249.84	1,118.83	147.82	1,516.49
E	11	9	305.36	1,367.46	180.67	1,853.49
F	13	9	360.88	1,616.09	213.52	2,190.49
G	15	9	416.40	1,864.72	246.37	2,527.49
H	18	9	499.68	2,237.66	295.64	3,032.98

- 3.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire agreed a zero increase in its precept requirement for 2014/15 at its meeting of The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel on 24th January 2014. Hertfordshire County Council will agree its precept requirement on 25th February 2014 although it is anticipated that a zero increase will be approved. This report has therefore been prepared on that basis and in the unlikely event that HCC make an alternative decision then a supplementary report will be required. The precepts in the above table represent no increase compared to 2013/14.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications that apply to this Council were set out in the budget report to Council on 29th January 2014.

4.2 Legal

The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that this is the final part in the process of setting the Council Tax prior to billing.

Background Papers

Report to Council 29th January 2014