

Report to: Council Functions Committee
Date of meeting: 28th February 2011
Report of: Head of Strategic Finance
Title: Council Tax 2011/2012

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report consolidates the decisions of this Council and the two precepting authorities to give the overall Council Tax for residents of Watford for the coming financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee formally sets the total Council Tax for Watford Borough Council, including the precepts for Hertfordshire County Council and the Hertfordshire Police Authority, as set out in the report in Table 3.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Council approved the budget and Council Tax for Watford Borough Council's own purposes on 21st February 2011. Hertfordshire Policy Authority and Hertfordshire County Council have also set their precepts.

The Committee is now required to formally set the total Council Tax for all three authorities.

- 3.2 The figures for all Council Tax bands for each authority are set out below, together with the combined figure.

Table 1 : Council Tax 2011/12 – Watford Borough Council

Valuation Band	Watford Borough Council (£)
A	166.56
B	194.32
C	222.08
D	249.84
E	305.36
F	360.88
G	416.40
H	499.68

Table 2 : Council Tax 2011/12 – Precepting Authorities

Valuation Band	Hertfordshire County Council (£)	Hertfordshire Police Authority (£)
A	745.89	98.55
B	870.20	114.97
C	994.52	131.40
D	1,118.83	147.82
E	1,367.46	180.67
F	1,616.09	213.52
G	1,864.72	246.37
H	2,237.66	295.64

- 3.3 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts 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 the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings as outlined Table 3.

Table 3 : Council Tax 2011/12 – Total including Precepts

Valuation Band	Ratio	WBC Share £	HCC Share £	HPA Share £	TOTAL £
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	1	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	2	499.68	2,237.66	295.64	3,032.98

WBC – Watford Borough Council
HCC – Hertfordshire County Council
HPA – Hertfordshire Policy Authority

- 3.4 The final precepts notified, and included in the above table, represent no increase compared to last year by any of the constituent authorities.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

Financial implications applying to this Council were set out in the budget report to Cabinet on 17th January 2011.

4.2 Legal

The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that this is the final step in the process of setting the Council Tax prior to billing and the Council is legally obliged to set the Council Tax.

Background Papers

Report to Cabinet 17th January 2011
Reports to Council 26th January and 21st February 2011
Precept Notification Letters