

Report to: Council Functions Committee
Date of meeting: 28 February 2017
Report of: Head of Finance
Title: Setting the Council Tax for financial year 2017/18

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 2017/18.

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 (a £5.00 increase for a Band D property) for 2017/18 at its meeting on 24 January 2017. The Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire County Council have 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 in paragraph 3.2 below for 2017/18 and the Committee is now required to set the total Council Tax for 2017/18.

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 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings as outlined below.

| | | Watford BC | Herts CC | Herts CC Social Care | Police & Crime Commissioner | Total |
|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | | <i>Precepting Authorities</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Band | Ratio | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| A | 6 9 | 169.89 | 791.61 | 38.94 | 101.33 | 1,101.77 |
| B | 7 9 | 198.21 | 923.54 | 45.44 | 118.22 | 1,285.41 |
| C | 8 9 | 226.52 | 1,055.48 | 51.92 | 135.11 | 1,469.03 |
| D | 9 9 | 254.84 | 1,187.41 | 58.42 | 152.00 | 1,652.67 |
| E | 11 9 | 311.47 | 1,451.28 | 71.40 | 185.78 | 2,019.93 |
| F | 13 9 | 368.10 | 1,715.14 | 84.39 | 219.56 | 2,387.19 |
| G | 15 9 | 424.73 | 1,979.02 | 97.36 | 253.33 | 2,754.44 |
| H | 18 9 | 509.68 | 2,374.82 | 116.84 | 304.00 | 3,305.34 |

3.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire agreed a £5.00 increase (Band D property) in his precept requirement for 2017/18. Hertfordshire County Council agreed a 1.99% increase on its relevant basic amount of council tax and a 3% increase relating to the social care fund.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications that apply to this Council were set out in the budget report to Council on 24 January 2017.

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 24 January 2017