

Part A

Report to: Council Functions Committee
Date of meeting: 28th February 2013
Report of: Head of Strategic Finance
Title: Council Tax 2013/2014

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 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 Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, 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 30th January 2013. The Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire County Council have now set their precepts.

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

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

Table 1 : Council Tax 2013/14 – 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 2013/14 – Precepting Bodies

Valuation Band	Hertfordshire County Council (£)	Police and Crime Commissioner, Hertfordshire (£)
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 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings as outlined Table 3.

Table 3 : Council Tax 2013/14 – Total including Precepts

Valuation Band	Ratio	WBC Share £	HCC Share £	PCCH 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

PCCH – Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

- 3.4 Please note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire agreed a zero increase in its precept requirement at its meeting on 24th January 2013. Hertfordshire County Council will not agree its precept requirement until 26th February although it is anticipated that a zero increase will be approved. This report has therefore been prepared on that basis. In the unlikely event that HCC make an alternative decision then a supplementary report would be required. The final precepts in the above table, represent no increase compared to last year by any of the constituent authorities.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications that apply to this Council were set out in the budget report to Cabinet on 21st January 2013.

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.

Background Papers

Report to Council 30th January 2013
Precept Notification Letters