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## **SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL TAX SETTING PANEL - THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2012**

Agenda, Reports and Minutes for the meeting

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# Agenda Item 1

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To: Members of the Council Tax Setting Panel  
(Cllrs Baldry, Baverstock, Gilbert and Tucker)

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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Council Tax Setting Panel** will be held in the **Cary Room**, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, on **Thursday, 23 February 2012 at 2.00 pm** when your attendance is requested.

Yours sincerely

Delyth Jenkins Evans  
Monitoring Officer

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## A G E N D A

### 1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council Tax Setting Panel held on 24 February 2011 (pages 1 to 4);

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting;

### 3. COUNCIL TAX 2012/13

To consider a report which calculates and sets out the Council Tax having taken account of the precepts notified to the Council from Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, Devon and Somerset Fire Authority and the Town and Parish Councils (pages 5 to 17).

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## SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Council Tax Setting Panel</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>23rd February, 2012</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Council Tax 2012/13</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Head of Finance &amp; Audit</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	<b>All</b>

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### Summary of report:

This report is to enable the Council Tax Setting panel to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2012/13.

### Financial implications:

This report shows how the Council Tax is prepared and set for 2012/13.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council Tax Setting Panel approves the formal council tax resolutions as detailed below:

1. That it be noted that on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 the Chief Executive and Strategic Directors, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 38,221.67 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act)]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached **Appendix A**.

2. That the Council Tax requirement for South Hams District Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £5,270,004 (**Appendix B**).
3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 (**Appendix B**):
  - (a) £50,991,078 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish/Town Councils (**Gross expenditure including parish precepts**).
  - (b) £44,130,896 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (**Total income including formula grant and council tax surplus**).
  - (c) £6,860,182 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act) (**Council tax requirement including parish precepts**).
  - (d) £179.48 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (**Average band D council tax for South Hams District Council and parishes**).
  - (e) £1,590,218 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached **Appendix C – parish precepts**).

- (f) £137.88 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (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 Parish precept relates (**Band D council tax for South Hams District Council only**).

4. That it be noted the County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown below:

Precepting authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Devon County Council's tax requirements	744.24	868.28	992.32	1,116.36	1,364.44	1,612.52	1,860.60	2,232.72
Devon & Cornwall Police Authority's tax requirements	106.49	124.23	141.98	159.73	195.23	230.72	266.22	319.46
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	49.28	57.49	65.71	73.92	90.35	106.77	123.20	147.84

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown at **Appendix D (total of all valuation band council taxes for South Hams District Council including parishes, county, police and fire authorities)**.
6. That the Council has concluded that the basic amount of Council Tax for South Hams District Council for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. (see calculation at **Appendix B**).

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year, not a budget requirement as previously. South Hams District Council is a billing authority.

1.2 Precepts have been notified to us from the Parish and Town Councils, Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority. These are detailed below:

(i) Town & Parish Councils

The Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2012/13 are detailed in Appendix C and total £1,590,218. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils is 3.1% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £41.61 for 2012/13.

(ii) Devon County Council

Devon County Council met on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and set their precept at £42,669,143.52 adjusted by a Collection Fund contribution of £253,000. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,116.36

(iii) Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority met on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and set their precept at £6,105,147.35, adjusted by a Collection Fund contribution of £36,000. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £159.73.

(iv) Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service met on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and set their precept at £2,825,346, adjusted by a Collection Fund contribution of £16,000. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £73.92.

## **2. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

2.1 The Council Tax Setting Panel is required by law to approve the Council Tax taking into account the requirements of our precepting bodies.

2.2 The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and now requires the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.



2.3 As billing authority, the Council must determine whether the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. These principles are set by the Secretary of State each year. Where the amount of council tax for a financial year is "excessive" within the meaning of the principles, it will place the authority under a duty to hold a referendum. For the financial year 2012/13, according to the current principles the basic amount of council tax will not be excessive if it is less than 3.5%. Within those terms, the proposed increase in the billing authority's council tax is not excessive and will not trigger a referendum.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Council Tax Setting panel is required to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2012/13.

3.2 The table below shows how an average Band D council bill is made up for South Hams District Council:

<b>Precepting Authority</b>	<b>Band D 2011/12</b>	<b>Band D 2012/13</b>	<b>£ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
South Hams District Council	£134.52	£137.88	£3.36	2.5%	9 Feb 2012
Devon County Council	£1,116.36	£1,116.36	Nil	Nil	16 Feb 2012
Devon & Cornwall Police	£156.60	£159.73	£3.13	2%	17 Feb 2012
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue	£71.77	£73.92	£2.15	3%	17 Feb 2012
Average Parishes/Towns	£40.35	£41.61	£1.26	3.1%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,519.60</b>	<b>£1,529.50</b>	<b>£9.90</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	

### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 The risk management implications are:

<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
To explain the Council Tax setting process.	Members are given a breakdown on how an average Council Tax bill is made up between the various precepting bodies

<b>Issues/Obstacles/Threats</b>	<b>Control measures/mitigation</b>
The way in which the Council Tax Resolutions are made is set out very precisely and the Council must adhere to the various Acts and Regulations.	The Council must set the Council Tax by 11 March 2012. The timetable for the budget setting process takes this into account and allows sufficient time for the significant amount of work involved.

## 5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	All
<b>Statutory powers:</b>	Local Government Finance Act 1992 Localism Act 2011
<b>Considerations of equality and human rights:</b>	None directly related to this report
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	None directly related to this report
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	None directly related to this report
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	None directly related to this report
<b>Background papers:</b>	SMT 14 Dec 11 - Declaration of Council Tax Base Council 9 Feb 2012 – Budget Proposals 2012/13
<b>Appendices attached:</b>	Appendix A - Parish and Town Council Tax Bases 2012/13 Appendix B - Calculations relating to recommendations Appendix C - Parish and Town Council Precepts 2012/13 Appendix D – County, Police Authority, Fire Authority, District and Parish/Town Requirements 2012/13

**PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL TAX BASES 2012/2013**

<b><u>Parish/Town</u></b>	<b><u>Council Tax Base</u></b>	<b><u>Parish/Town</u></b>	<b><u>Council Tax Base</u></b>
	<b>Number of Band D Equivalent Properties</b>		<b>Number of Band D Equivalent Properties</b>
Ashprington	247.07	Littlehempston	106.69
Aveton Gifford	383.03	Loddiswell	406.12
Berry Pomeroy	393.48	Malborough	492.99
Bickleigh	1,332.19	Marldon	890.00
Bigbury	400.49	Modbury	705.77
Blackawton	339.15	Newton & Noss	1,120.37
Brixton	673.37	North Huish	202.67
Buckfastleigh West	114.15	Rattery	205.56
Buckland-Tout-Saints	101.40	Ringmore	127.45
Charleton	271.23	Salcombe	1,837.67
Chivelstone	180.10	Shaugh Prior	294.30
Churchstow	223.44	Slapton	256.33
Cornwood	431.81	South Brent	1,046.53
Cornworthy	182.18	South Huish	455.62
Dartington	738.64	South Milton	240.66
Dartmouth	2,864.22	South Pool	108.91
Dean Prior	78.11	Sparkwell	452.64
Diptford	251.08	Staverton	336.91
Dittisham	338.82	Stoke Fleming	568.56
East Allington	311.12	Stoke Gabriel	687.29
East Portlemouth	164.87	Stokenham	1,045.88
Ermington	390.71	Strete	295.14
Frogmore & Sherford	228.75	Thurlestone	722.65
Halwell & Moreleigh	188.73	Totnes	3,047.94
Harberton	518.79	Ugborough	721.24
Harford	38.92	Wembury	1,415.35
Holbeton	309.38	West Alvington	265.42
Holne	132.57	Woodleigh	97.95
Ivybridge	3,994.54	Yealmpton	924.33
Kingsbridge	2,321.17		
Kingston	198.45		
Kingswear	800.77		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>38,221.67</b>



**Recommendation 2**

**Calculation of Council Tax Requirement**

Council Tax Base x Average Band D Council Tax

38221.67 x 137.88 **5,270,004**

**Recommendation 3**

**Calculation of figures relating to sub sections (a) to (f)**

	£000's	£000's	
<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>			
Gross revenue expenditure 2012/13 estimate	49,400,900		
<u>Add</u> Total town/parish precepts 2012/13	<u>1,590,178</u>		
		<b>50,991,078</b>	<b>3(a)</b>
<b>Revenue Income</b>			
<u>Less</u> Total income 2012/13 estimate (including contributions from reserves)	40,313,606		
<u>Less</u> Formula Grant	3,777,176		
<u>Less</u> Estimated surplus on Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax (SHDC share)	<u>40,114</u>		
		<b>44,130,896</b>	<b>3(b)</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement (including parish precepts)</b>		<b>6,860,182</b>	<b>3(c)</b>
<b>Band D Council Tax for District &amp; Parish/town requirements</b>			
Council Tax Requirement above	<u>6,860,182</u>		
Tax base	38,221.67	<b>179.48</b>	<b>3(d)</b>
<b>Total Parish/Town Council Precepts</b> (as per attached Appendix C)		<b>1,590,218</b>	<b>3(e)</b>
<b>Band D Council Tax for District requirement</b>			
Council Tax Requirement (excluding parish precepts)	<u>5,270,004</u>		
Tax base	38,221.67	<b>137.88</b>	<b>3(f)</b>

**Recommendation 6**

**Comparison of Average Band D Council Tax**

	2011/12	2012/13
Council tax requirement excluding parish precepts (£'s)	5,125,230	5,270,004
Council tax base	38,100.8	38,221.67
Average Band D equivalent (£'s)	134.52	137.88
Increase in average Band D council tax	<b>2.50%</b>	

Nb. A referendum is required if the Council Tax increase is over 3.5%

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**PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPTS 2012/2013**

<u>Parish/Town</u>	<u>Precept</u>	<u>Parish/Town</u>	<u>Precept</u>
	£		£
Ashprington	4,300	Littlehempston	2,293
Aveton Gifford	18,076	Loddiswell	14,300
Berry Pomeroy	5,400	Malborough	11,000
Bickleigh	85,000	Marldon	11,920
Bigbury	7,600	Modbury	23,000
Blackawton	12,750	Newton & Noss	39,245
Brixton	13,250	North Huish	1,500
Buckfastleigh West	3,100	Rattery	4,000
Buckland-Tout-Saints	3,000	Ringmore	3,500
Charleton	4,750	Salcombe	63,040
Chivelstone	3,125	Shaugh Prior	9,840
Churchstow	3,500	Slapton	8,474
Cornwood	12,683	South Brent	40,835
Cornworthy	4,500	South Huish	4,440
Dartington	17,817	South Milton	4,500
Dartmouth	134,200	South Pool	3,750
Dean Prior	2,359	Sparkwell	8,920
Diptford	5,470	Staverton	10,849
Dittisham	10,000	Stoke Fleming	13,174
East Allington	8,670	Stoke Gabriel	14,000
East Portlemouth	6,000	Stokenham	29,125
Ermington	13,000	Strete	7,434
Frogmore & Sherford	6,300	Thurlestone	15,274
Halwell & Moreleigh	6,000	Totnes	251,054
Harberton	7,757	Ugborough	13,000
Harford	990	Wembury	23,000
Holbeton	6,700	West Alvington	3,930
Holne	5,280	Woodleigh	500
Ivybridge	382,266	Yealmpton	27,000
Kingsbridge	107,478		
Kingston	5,000		
Kingswear	21,000	<b>Total Precepts</b>	<b><u><u>1,590,218</u></u></b>

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**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX INCORPORATING COUNTY, POLICE AUTHORITY, FIRE AUTHORITY, DISTRICT & PARISH/TOWN REQUIREMENTS 2012/2013**

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Ashprington	1,003.53	1,170.77	1,338.04	1,505.29	1,839.81	2,174.30	2,508.82	3,010.58
Aveton Gifford	1,023.39	1,193.94	1,364.52	1,535.08	1,876.22	2,217.33	2,558.47	3,070.16
Berry Pomeroy	1,001.08	1,167.91	1,334.77	1,501.61	1,835.31	2,168.99	2,502.69	3,003.22
Bickleigh	1,034.46	1,206.86	1,379.28	1,551.69	1,896.52	2,241.33	2,586.15	3,103.38
Bigbury	1,004.58	1,172.00	1,339.44	1,506.87	1,841.74	2,176.59	2,511.45	3,013.74
Blackawton	1,016.99	1,186.48	1,355.98	1,525.48	1,864.48	2,203.47	2,542.47	3,050.96
Brixton	1,005.05	1,172.55	1,340.06	1,507.57	1,842.59	2,177.60	2,512.62	3,015.14
Buckfastleigh West	1,010.04	1,178.36	1,346.71	1,515.05	1,851.74	2,188.40	2,525.09	3,030.10
Buckland-Tout-Saints	1,011.66	1,180.25	1,348.87	1,517.48	1,854.71	2,191.91	2,529.14	3,034.96
Charleton	1,003.60	1,170.86	1,338.13	1,505.40	1,839.94	2,174.46	2,509.00	3,010.80
Chivelstone	1,003.50	1,170.73	1,337.99	1,505.24	1,839.75	2,174.23	2,508.74	3,010.48
Churchstow	1,002.37	1,169.42	1,336.49	1,503.55	1,837.68	2,171.79	2,505.92	3,007.10
Cornwood	1,011.51	1,180.08	1,348.68	1,517.26	1,854.44	2,191.59	2,528.77	3,034.52
Cornworthy	1,008.40	1,176.45	1,344.53	1,512.59	1,848.73	2,184.85	2,520.99	3,025.18
Dartington	1,008.01	1,176.00	1,344.01	1,512.01	1,848.02	2,184.01	2,520.02	3,024.02
Dartmouth	1,023.16	1,193.68	1,364.21	1,534.74	1,875.80	2,216.84	2,557.90	3,069.48
Dean Prior	1,012.06	1,180.73	1,349.41	1,518.09	1,855.45	2,192.79	2,530.15	3,036.18
Diptford	1,006.46	1,174.19	1,341.94	1,509.68	1,845.17	2,180.64	2,516.14	3,019.36
Dittisham	1,011.60	1,180.19	1,348.80	1,517.40	1,854.61	2,191.80	2,529.00	3,034.80
East Allington	1,010.51	1,178.92	1,347.34	1,515.76	1,852.60	2,189.43	2,526.27	3,031.52
East Portlemouth	1,016.19	1,185.54	1,354.92	1,524.28	1,863.02	2,201.73	2,540.47	3,048.56
Ermington	1,014.11	1,183.12	1,352.14	1,521.16	1,859.20	2,197.23	2,535.27	3,042.32
Frogmore & Sherford	1,010.29	1,178.66	1,347.05	1,515.43	1,852.20	2,188.95	2,525.72	3,030.86
Halwell & Moreleigh	1,013.12	1,181.97	1,350.83	1,519.68	1,857.39	2,195.09	2,532.80	3,039.36
Harberton	1,001.90	1,168.87	1,335.86	1,502.84	1,836.81	2,170.76	2,504.74	3,005.68
Harford	1,008.89	1,177.03	1,345.18	1,513.33	1,849.63	2,185.92	2,522.22	3,026.66
Holbeton	1,006.37	1,174.09	1,341.82	1,509.55	1,845.01	2,180.46	2,515.92	3,019.10
Holne	1,018.48	1,188.22	1,357.97	1,527.72	1,867.22	2,206.70	2,546.20	3,055.44
Ivybridge	1,055.73	1,231.67	1,407.64	1,583.59	1,935.51	2,287.40	2,639.32	3,167.18
Kingsbridge	1,022.80	1,193.25	1,363.73	1,534.19	1,875.13	2,216.05	2,556.99	3,068.38
Kingston	1,008.73	1,176.84	1,341.97	1,513.09	1,849.34	2,185.57	2,521.82	3,026.18

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Kingswear	1,009.41	1,177.63	1,345.88	1,514.11	1,850.59	2,187.04	2,523.52	3,028.22
Littlehempston	1,006.26	1,173.95	1,341.67	1,509.38	1,844.81	2,180.21	2,515.64	3,018.76
Loddiswell	1,015.40	1,184.63	1,353.87	1,523.10	1,861.57	2,200.03	2,538.50	3,046.20
Malborough	1,006.80	1,174.59	1,342.40	1,510.20	1,845.81	2,181.40	2,517.00	3,020.40
Marldon	1,000.86	1,167.65	1,334.47	1,501.28	1,834.91	2,168.51	2,502.14	3,002.56
Modbury	1,013.66	1,182.59	1,351.54	1,520.48	1,858.37	2,196.24	2,534.14	3,040.96
Newton & Noss	1,015.28	1,184.49	1,353.71	1,522.92	1,861.35	2,199.77	2,538.20	3,045.84
North Huish	996.86	1,163.00	1,329.15	1,495.29	1,827.58	2,159.86	2,492.15	2,990.58
Rattery	1,004.90	1,172.38	1,339.87	1,507.35	1,842.32	2,177.28	2,512.25	3,014.70
Ringmore	1,010.24	1,178.60	1,346.98	1,515.35	1,852.10	2,188.83	2,525.59	3,030.70
Salcombe	1,014.80	1,183.92	1,353.06	1,522.19	1,860.46	2,198.71	2,536.99	3,044.38
Shaugh Prior	1,014.22	1,183.25	1,352.29	1,521.33	1,859.41	2,197.47	2,535.55	3,042.66
Slapton	1,013.97	1,182.95	1,351.96	1,520.95	1,858.95	2,196.92	2,534.92	3,041.90
South Brent	1,017.94	1,187.59	1,357.25	1,526.91	1,866.23	2,205.53	2,544.85	3,053.82
South Huish	998.42	1,164.82	1,331.23	1,497.63	1,830.44	2,163.24	2,496.05	2,995.26
South Milton	1,004.40	1,171.78	1,339.19	1,506.59	1,841.40	2,176.18	2,510.99	3,013.18
South Pool	1,014.88	1,184.02	1,353.17	1,522.32	1,860.62	2,198.90	2,537.20	3,044.64
Sparkwell	1,005.07	1,172.57	1,340.09	1,507.60	1,842.63	2,177.64	2,512.67	3,015.20
Staverton	1,013.40	1,182.28	1,351.19	1,520.09	1,857.90	2,195.68	2,533.49	3,040.18
Stoke Fleming	1,007.38	1,175.26	1,343.17	1,511.06	1,846.86	2,182.64	2,518.44	3,022.12
Stoke Gabriel	1,005.51	1,173.08	1,340.68	1,508.26	1,843.44	2,178.59	2,513.77	3,016.52
Stokenham	1,010.50	1,178.90	1,347.33	1,515.74	1,852.58	2,189.40	2,526.24	3,031.48
Strete	1,008.72	1,176.83	1,344.96	1,513.08	1,849.33	2,185.56	2,521.80	3,026.16
Thurlestone	1,006.02	1,173.68	1,341.36	1,509.03	1,844.38	2,179.71	2,515.05	3,018.06
Totnes	1,046.84	1,221.31	1,395.79	1,570.26	1,919.21	2,268.15	2,617.10	3,140.52
Ugborough	1,003.94	1,171.26	1,338.59	1,505.91	1,840.56	2,175.20	2,509.85	3,011.82
Wembury	1,002.76	1,169.88	1,337.01	1,504.14	1,838.40	2,172.64	2,506.90	3,008.28
West Alvington	1,001.80	1,168.76	1,335.73	1,502.70	1,836.64	2,170.56	2,504.50	3,005.40
Woodleigh	995.33	1,161.21	1,327.10	1,492.99	1,824.77	2,156.54	2,488.32	2,985.98
Yealmpton	1,011.40	1,179.96	1,348.53	1,517.10	1,854.24	2,191.36	2,528.50	3,034.20

Comparison of Parish/Town Precepts in 2011/12 and 2012/13

Parish/Town	2011/12	2012/13	Increase/	Increase/	2011/12	2012/13	Increase/
	Parish	Parish	(Decrease)	(Decrease)		Parish	Parish
	Precept	Precept			Band D	Band D	
	£	£	£	%	£	£	£
Ashprington	3,250	4,300	1,050	32%	13.25	17.40	4.15
Aveton Gifford	17,376	18,076	700	4%	45.36	47.19	1.83
Berry Pomeroy	5,400	5,400	0	0%	13.82	13.72	(0.10)
Bickleigh	65,000	85,000	20,000	31%	48.72	63.80	15.08
Bigbury	7,600	7,600	0	0%	19.12	18.98	(0.14)
Blackawton	9,660	12,750	3,090	32%	28.13	37.59	9.46
Brixton	13,250	13,250	0	0%	19.76	19.68	(0.08)
Buckfastleigh West	3,100	3,100	0	0%	27.37	27.16	(0.21)
Buckland-Tout-Saints	1,000	3,000	2,000	200%	10.13	29.59	19.46
Charleton	4,750	4,750	0	0%	17.51	17.51	0.00
Chivelstone	3,125	3,125	0	0%	17.37	17.35	(0.02)
Churchstow	3,500	3,500	0	0%	16.16	15.66	(0.50)
Cornwood	12,374	12,683	309	2%	28.28	29.37	1.09
Cornworthy	4,500	4,500	0	0%	24.88	24.70	(0.18)
Dartington	17,817	17,817	0	0%	24.45	24.12	(0.33)
Dartmouth	134,200	134,200	0	0%	46.99	46.85	(0.14)
Dean Prior	2,320	2,359	39	2%	29.80	30.20	0.40
Diptford	5,300	5,470	170	3%	22.14	21.79	(0.35)
Dittisham	10,000	10,000	0	0%	29.98	29.51	(0.47)
East Allington	8,670	8,670	0	0%	28.30	27.87	(0.43)
East Portlemouth	4,750	6,000	1,250	26%	28.77	36.39	7.62
Ermington	12,500	13,000	500	4%	35.67	33.27	(2.40)
Frogmore & Sherford	6,000	6,300	300	5%	26.22	27.54	1.32
Halwell & Moreleigh	5,000	6,000	1,000	20%	27.22	31.79	4.57
Harberton	7,250	7,757	507	7%	13.98	14.95	0.97
Harford	950	990	40	4%	25.19	25.44	0.25
Holbeton	6,700	6,700	0	0%	22.82	21.66	(1.16)
Holne	5,280	5,280	0	0%	38.98	39.83	0.85
Ivybridge	385,392	382,266	(3,126)	(1%)	96.26	95.70	(0.56)
Kingsbridge	102,555	107,478	4,923	5%	43.77	46.30	2.53
Kingston	6,500	5,000	(1,500)	(23%)	33.07	25.20	(7.87)
Kingswear	18,000	21,000	3,000	17%	22.55	26.22	3.67
Littlehempston	2,293	2,293	0	0%	21.00	21.49	0.49
Loddiswell	13,000	14,300	1,300	10%	31.63	35.21	3.58
Malborough	10,500	11,000	500	5%	21.74	22.31	0.57
Marldon	12,055	11,920	(135)	(1%)	13.67	13.39	(0.28)
Modbury	23,000	23,000	0	0%	32.75	32.59	(0.16)
Newton & Noss	39,245	39,245	0	0%	34.97	35.03	0.06
North Huish	1,500	1,500	0	0%	8.60	7.40	(1.20)
Rattery	4,000	4,000	0	0%	19.51	19.46	(0.05)
Ringmore	3,200	3,500	300	9%	24.92	27.46	2.54
Salcombe	63,900	63,040	(860)	(1%)	34.56	34.30	(0.26)
Shaugh Prior	9,600	9,840	240	3%	33.24	33.44	0.20
Slapton	8,100	8,474	374	5%	31.95	33.06	1.11
South Brent	39,462	40,835	1,373	3%	37.71	39.02	1.31

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	Precept	Precept			Band D	Band D	
	£	£	£	%	£	£	£
South Huish	4,250	4,440	190	4%	9.35	9.74	0.39
South Milton	4,500	4,500	0	0%	18.66	18.70	0.04
South Pool	3,100	3,750	650	21%	28.67	34.43	5.76
Sparkwell	8,329	8,920	591	7%	16.52	19.71	3.19
Staverton	10,584	10,849	265	3%	31.74	32.20	0.46
Stoke Fleming	12,721	13,174	453	4%	23.17	23.17	0.00
Stoke Gabriel	14,000	14,000	0	0%	21.12	20.37	(0.75)
Stokenham	28,925	29,125	200	1%	26.65	27.85	1.20
Strete	7,183	7,434	251	3%	24.17	25.19	1.02
Thurlestone	14,829	15,274	445	3%	20.26	21.14	0.88
Totnes	239,569	251,054	11,485	5%	80.37	82.37	2.00
Ugborough	12,500	13,000	500	4%	17.20	18.02	0.82
Wembury	22,500	23,000	500	2%	15.82	16.25	0.43
West Alvington	3,845	3,930	85	2%	14.50	14.81	0.31
Woodleigh	500	500	0	0%	5.04	5.10	0.06
Yealmpton	27,000	27,000	0	0%	29.22	29.21	(0.01)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,537,259</b>	<b>1,590,218</b>	<b>52,959</b>	<b>3%</b>			

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TAX SETTING PANEL HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012

### MEMBERS

\* Cllr R D Gilbert - Chairman

\* Cllr K J Baldry

\* Cllr R J Tucker

Ø Cllr J Baverstock

\* Denotes attendance

Ø Denotes apology for absence

Also in attendance:

Cllrs I Bramble, M J Hicks and J T Pennington

Officers in attendance:

All Agenda Items: Chief Accountant, Monitoring Officer and Member Services  
Manager

#### CTSP.1/11 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 24 February 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### CTSP.2/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting but none was made.

#### CTSP.3/11 **DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE AND INDIVIDUAL TAX BASES FOR TOWNS AND PARISHES: 2011/2012**

Consideration was given to a report which calculated and set out the Council Tax for 2012/13, having taken into account the precepts as notified from Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority, and the Town and Parish Councils.

During discussion, points of clarity were sought from Members in relation to the Number of Band D properties per Town and Parish as shown in Appendix A of the presented report. It was confirmed that the number of properties in each council tax band were weighted to arrive at the published figures which represented Band D equivalents. It was also confirmed that the District Council had no control over the precepts set by Town and Parish Councils.

Members briefly discussed the precept set by Buckland Tout Saints Parish Council, as this was shown as a 200% increase. In response, the local Ward Member advised that there would potentially be two contested elections within the Parish in the near future, and in addition it was important to ensure that an incoming Council had an adequate financial base from which to work.

The final point raised during discussion related to devolved services, and concerns that the District Council devolving services would result in Town and Parish precepts increasing. In response, the Leader of the Council stated that devolved services would only happen when the community, the Town or Parish Council and the District Council were all winners, otherwise it would not be appropriate to do it.

It was then:

### **RESOLVED**

1. That it be noted that on 14 December 2011 the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13:
  - a) For the whole Council area as 38,221.67 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act)); and
  - b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached **Appendix A** to the presented report;
2. That the Council Tax requirement for South Hams District Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £5,270,004 (**Appendix B** to the presented report)
3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 (**Appendix B** to the presented report):
  - (a) £50,991,078, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish/Town Councils (**Gross expenditure including parish precepts**).

(b) £44,130,896, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (**Total income including formula grant and council tax surplus**).

(c) £6,860,182, being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act) (**Council tax requirement, including parish precepts**).

(d) £179.48, being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (**Average band D council tax for South Hams District Council and parishes**).

(e) £1,590,218, being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached **Appendix C – parish precepts**).

(f) £137.88, being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (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 Parish precept relates (**Band D council tax for South Hams District Council only**).

4. That it be noted that for the year 2012/2013, Devon County Council, Devon & Cornwall Police Authority and Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown below:

Precepting authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Devon County Council's tax requirements	744.24	868.28	992.32	1,116.36	1,364.44	1,612.52	1,860.60	2,232.72
Devon & Cornwall Police Authority's tax requirements	106.49	124.23	141.98	159.73	195.23	230.72	266.22	319.46
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	49.28	57.49	65.71	73.92	90.35	106.77	123.20	147.84

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown at **Appendix D (total of all valuation band council taxes for South Hams District Council including parishes, county, police and fire authorities)**.
6. That the Council has concluded that the basic amount of Council Tax for South Hams District Council for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. (see calculation at **Appendix B** of the presented report).

(Meeting commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 2.13pm).

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Chairman