

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TAX SETTING PANEL
HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2018**

MEMBERS

Ø Cllr P K Cuthbert - Chairman

* Cllr K J Baldry

* Cllr R J Tucker

* Cllr M F Saltern

* Denotes attendance

Ø Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance:

All Agenda Items: Finance COP Lead; Specialist (Accountant); and Senior Specialist
- Democratic Services

CTSP.1/17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In light of the Chairman having sent her apologies to this meeting, nominations were invited to serve as Chairman for the duration of this meeting.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That Cllr M F Saltern be appointed Chairman for the duration of this meeting.

CTSP.2/17 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.3/17 DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE AND INDIVIDUAL
TAX BASES FOR TOWNS AND PARISHES: 2018/2019**

Consideration was given to a report that calculated and set out the Council Tax for 2018/19, having taken into account the precepts as notified from Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority, and the Town and Parish Councils.

Members considered the detail of the report and, in so doing, made particular reference to:-

- (a) an acknowledgment that the average percentage precept increase being applied by Town and Parish Councils appeared to be comparatively lower for 2018/19;
- (b) the £2,000 increase in contributions to the Ivybridge Ring and Ride. Some Members wished to thank the Leader and Deputy Leader for recommending this budgetary increase in recognition of the Ring and Ride taking on additional services.

It was then:

RESOLVED

1. That it be noted that, in December 2017, the Senior Leadership Team, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2018/19:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 37,851.93 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(England) Regulations 2012; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates in accordance with regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(England) Regulations 2012 (as outlined at Appendix A of the presented agenda report);
2. That the Council Tax requirement for South Hams District Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £6,072,207 (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report);
3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report):
 - (a) £45,007,710 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) £36,738,921 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) £8,268,789 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) 218.45 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the council tax base (1(a) above) 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) £2,196,582 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts), referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as outlined at Appendix C of the presented agenda report);
- (f) £160.42 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) by the Council tax base (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 and Crime Commissioner 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	887.46	1,035.37	1,183.28	1,331.19	1,627.01	1,922.83	2,218.65	2,662.38
Police & Crime Commissioner's tax requirements	125.52	146.44	167.36	188.28	230.12	271.96	313.80	376.56
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	56.01	65.34	74.68	84.01	102.68	121.35	140.02	168.02

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 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings shown at **Appendix D** of the presented agenda report **(total of all valuation band council taxes for South Hams District Council including parishes, county, police and crime commissioner and fire authority)**.
6. That the Council concluded that the basic amount of Council Tax for South Hams District Council for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 (see calculation at **Appendix B** of the presented agenda report).

(Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.10 pm).

Chairman