

 Council 26th February 2020		Agenda Item No. 11(b)
Title	The Setting of the Council Tax for the Area of Warwick District Council 2020/21	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Full Council 20th February 2019	
Background Papers		

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	N/A

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	24/02/2020	Chris Elliott
Head of Service	24/02/2020	Mike Snow
CMT	24/02/2020	
Section 151 Officer	24/02/2020	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	24/02/2020	Andrew Jones
Finance	24/02/2020	Andrew Rollins
Portfolio Holder(s)	24/02/2020	Richard Hales
Consultation & Community Engagement		
As detailed in the February Budget Report.		
Final Decision?	Yes	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets the Council Tax for the area of Warwick District, incorporating its own Budget which is borne by Council Tax, along with the precepts from the other authorities within the area.
- 1.2 The report sets out the overall Council Tax levels for 2020/21 including the proposed "excessive" increase by Warwick District Council. This increase will be subject to a local referendum.
- 1.3 The report also sets out "substitute" Council Tax Levels that will apply if the higher increase is not agreed in the local referendum (Recommendations 2.6 and 2.7).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the following, as set out in the budget report (Executive recommendations, 12th February 2020) and 2020/21 Budget Book (forwarded electronically), be approved:-

- (a) the Revenue Budgets for 2020/21
(b) the Capital Programme for 2020/21

2.2 **Warwick District Tax Base**

The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2020/21, in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) 55,851.37 being the amount calculated, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) Part of the Council's Area

Parish / Town Council	Tax Base 2020/21
Baddesley Clinton	116.12
Baginton	316.61
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	957.17
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	364.94
Bishops Tachbrook	1,412.44
Bubbenhall	318.00
Budbrooke	752.52
Burton Green	467.25
Bushwood Not got a Parish Council	14.23
Cubbington	1,498.47
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	331.23
Hatton	947.34
Kenilworth	9,893.49
Lapworth	1,020.72
Leamington Spa	17,065.58
Leek Wootton	537.20
Norton Lindsey	227.66

Old Milverton & Blackdown	308.45
Radford Semele	1,011.70
Rowington	532.72
Shrewley	426.06
Stoneleigh & Ashow	540.38
Warwick	13,089.61
Weston-under-Wetherley	189.65
Whitnash	3,511.85
Total Warwick District Council Area	55,851.37

being the amounts calculated, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as amended, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area.

2.3 **Calculation of Warwick District Council's Council Tax, including parish/town council precepts**

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-

(a) £94,082,191.72

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act (*Gross Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).

(b) £79,855,400.00

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act (*Gross Income*)

(c) £14,226,791.72

being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.

(d) £254.73

being the amount at 2.3(c) above divided by the amount at 2.2(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 Warwick District Council Tax, including parish/town precepts*).

(e) £1,723,903.72

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)

(f) £223.86

being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(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 special item relates (*Warwick District Council Tax excluding parish/town council precepts*)

(g) Part of the Council's Area

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above (3.e) divided in each case by the amount at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council's Council Tax for each parish/town council at Band D*).

Parish / Town Council	Band D 2020 / 21 £
Baddesley Clinton	254.00
Baginton	274.01
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	277.82
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	247.15
Bishops Tachbrook	276.80
Bubbenhall	280.46
Budbrooke	264.52
Burton Green	259.33
Bushwood	223.86
Cubbington	255.33
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	265.52
Hatton	238.32
Kenilworth	242.69
Lapworth	245.84
Royal Leamington Spa	247.34
Leek Wootton	257.98
Norton Lindsey	267.79
Old Milverton & Blackdown	248.18
Radford Semele	254.09
Rowington	262.21
Shrewley	241.83
Stoneleigh & Ashow	255.28
Warwick	260.65
Weston-under-Wetherley	281.60
Whitnash	285.43

(h) The amounts shown in Appendices 1 and 1a, attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council's Tax for each parish/town council for each Band*).

2.4 **Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Precepts**

That it be noted for the year 2020/21, Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	Warwickshire County Council £	Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner £
A	992.5800	158.646513
B	1,158.0100	185.087599
C	1,323.4400	211.528684
D	1,488.8700	237.969770
E	1,819.7300	290.851941
F	2,150.5900	343.734112
G	2,481.4500	396.616283
H	2,977.7400	475.939540

2.5 **Total Council Tax for the District for each Band in each Parish/Town Council**

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(g) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 2 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

2.6 **Calculation of Warwick District Council's Council Tax, including parish/town council precepts, as a substitute Council Tax in the event of a NO vote by the local electorate in the Council Tax Referendum on 7 May 2020**

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as a substitute to the amounts at Recommendation 2.3, as amended:-

(a) £91,177,919.72

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act (*Gross Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).

(b) £79,855,400.00

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act (*Gross Income*)

(c) £11,322,519.72

being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.

(d) £202.73

being the amount at 2.3(c) above divided by the amount at 2.2(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 Warwick District Council Tax, including parish/town precepts*).

(e) £1,723,903.72

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)

(f) £171.86

being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(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 special item relates (*Warwick District Council Tax excluding parish/town council precepts*)

(g) Part of the Council's Area

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above (3.e) divided in each case by the amount at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council's Council Tax for each parish/town council at Band D*).

Parish / Town Council	Band D 2020 / 21 £
Baddesley Clinton	202.00
Baginton	222.01
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	225.82
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	195.15
Bishops Tachbrook	224.80
Bubbenhall	228.46
Budbrooke	212.52
Burton Green	207.33
Bushwood	171.86
Cubbington	203.33
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	213.52
Hatton	186.32
Kenilworth	190.69
Lapworth	193.84
Royal Leamington Spa	195.34
Leek Wootton	205.98
Norton Lindsey	215.79

Old Milverton & Blackdown	196.18
Radford Semele	202.09
Rowington	210.21
Shrewley	189.83
Stoneleigh & Ashow	203.28
Warwick	208.65
Weston-under-Wetherley	229.60
Whitnash	233.43

- (h) The amounts shown in Appendices 3 and 3a, attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council's Tax for each parish/town council for each Band*).

2.7 Total Council Tax for the District for each Band in each Parish/Town Council, as a substitute in the event of a NO vote by the local electorate in the Council Tax Referendum on 7 May 2020.

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.6 (g) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 4 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown, as substitute to the amounts at Recommendation 2.5.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 3.1 The Executive papers for 12th February 2020, which members will have received, contain all the background information on the budget within Item 4, '2020/21 General Fund Budget and Council Tax'. The recommendations in this report combine Warwick District Council's element of the Council Tax, with Council Tax levels agreed by Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and the town/parish councils for 2020/21. With all these constituent parts, the Council should now be in a position to set the overall levels of Council Tax for the District.
- 3.2 The Council's Executive has proposed an increase in the District Council's share of the Council Tax by a value deemed as "excessive", being above the limits of the greater of up to 2% or £5 per band D dwelling. Therefore, it will be necessary for the Council to hold a referendum and obtain a YES vote before being able to maintain the increase for future years. If the Council is to agree the excessive increase in council tax, it is also required to agree substitute calculations to be adopted if the result of the Referendum vetoes the proposed excessive Council Tax increase. The Substitute Budget and council tax from these calculations will be implemented after the referendum if the result is a NO vote and Council Tax bills will be re-issued as soon as reasonably practicable at the substitute level. The implications of the Council agreeing an excessive council tax increase are discussed within the February 2020 Executive report "2020/21 General Fund Budget and Council Tax".

4. Policy Framework

4.1 Fit for the Future (FFF)

The Council’s FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects. This report seeks to continue to ensure that the Council has adequate financial resources to support its various strategies and the provision of services.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council’s FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
The recommendations within the report seek to help provide future funding for the above outcomes.		
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers’ needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
The recommendations within this report seek to ensure the Council has adequate funding to	The recommendations within the report seek to help provide future funding so as to enable	The recommendations within this report seek to ensure the best use of made of the Council’s

enable it to support staff in the provision of services.	the Council to maintain and improve service provision.	financial resources whilst ensuring the Council's financial position is sound going into the future.
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4.2 **Supporting Strategies**

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies and the relevant ones for this proposal are explained here. The Council has a Financial Strategy and a Capital Strategy as updated within Appendices 10 and 11 of the 6th February Executive Budget Report. These Strategies set out details of the Council's overall financial position, and some of the key policies for the use of the Council's resources and how these are managed.

4.3 **Changes to Existing Policies**

This report does not propose any changes to any of the Council's existing policies.

4.4 **Impact Assessments** – Not Applicable

5. **Budgetary Framework**

5.1 The whole of the Council's budget is concerned with the financing of its priorities. The formal setting of the tax is the arithmetic and technical process of aggregating the council tax levels set for each band by the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner with those required by this Council, including parish/town councils. The Chief Financial Officer reports directly to Council in order that the council tax can be set in accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

6. **Risks**

6.1 The Council's Risks, Controls and Mitigations from the proposals are outlined in section 6 of the 12th February Executive Budget Report.

7. **Alternative Option(s) considered**

7.1 The Council does have discretion over its own element of the Council Tax - further information is contained in section 3.6 of the 6th February Executive Budget Report. However, it has to accept the precepts and associated council tax levels set by Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the town/parish councils.

8. **Background**

8.1 Report to Executive 12th February 2020 – 2020/21 General Fund Budget and Council Tax.
 Report to Executive 18th December 2019– General Fund Base Budget Report 2020/21
 WCC and WPCC precepts – received February 2020.
 Parish and town council precepts – received November 2019 – February 2020.