## COUNCIL – 24 FEBRUARY 2020

## THE 2020/21 COUNCIL TAX

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members are required to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2020/21.
- 1.2 The level of tax is determined by the spending needs of this Council, Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Town and Parish Councils. Although the District Council has no control over the expenditure of the other organisations, it has to ensure that the Council Tax is set at the right level to meet the combined budgets.
- 1.3 Members will have considered earlier in this agenda the recommended General Fund revenue budget for 2020/21, which is outlined in Section 3 below. Any changes made at that stage could change the Council Tax figures shown in this report.
- 1.4 The recommended Council Tax for every District Council area is shown in paragraph 10.6 of this report.
- # 1.5 Appendix 1 attached to this report supplements the prescribed layout of the recommendations by showing how the figures used in paragraph 10.3 have been arrived at.

#### 2. THE 2020/21 COUNCIL TAX BILL

- 2.1 This report recommends a Council Tax level of £1,836.35 for 2020/21. This is an average figure based on a band 'D' property and is an increase of £71.03 (4.02%) over the equivalent figure for 2019/20.
- # 2.2 Each dwelling falls into one of eight valuation bands (A to H) for tax purposes. More details are given in Appendix 2.
  - 2.3 The tax level is based upon the 2020/21 budgets of all precepting authorities in this area. The District, County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority elements of the total tax bill are the same throughout the area but the Town/Parish Councils each determine their own tax levels. There are 8 bands of Council Tax for each of the 37 Town/Parish areas, giving 296 separate tax figures.

2.4 If the recommendations in this report are accepted there will be a range of Band D Council Tax levies from £1,745.16 to £1,877.67. The average figures are as follows :-

	2019/20 2020/21 AVERAGE AVERAGE		INCREASE	
	£	£	£	%
New Forest District Council	173.36	178.36	5.00	2.88
Hampshire County Council	1,236.87	1,286.28	49.41	3.99
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire	201.46	211.46	10.00	4.96
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority	67.71	69.06	1.35	1.99
	1,679.40	1,745.16	65.76	3.92
Parish/Town Councils	85.92	91.19	5.27	6.13
	1,765.32	1,836.35	71.03	4.02

- 2.5 The proposed 2020/21 Council Tax for all areas is shown in paragraph 10.5 of this report.
- 2.6 There is a discount of 25% where only one adult lives in a dwelling, reductions for disabled persons whose homes have certain facilities, and a Council Tax Reduction scheme for persons with low incomes.
- 2.7 Council Tax bills can be payable by instalments from 1 April. The date of the first instalment only may have to be delayed slightly to ensure that there is a statutory period of 14 days between the date the bills are issued and the date the first payment becomes due.
- 2.8 The council tax leaflet will be provided in electronic form this year but a paper version of the leaflet will be provided on request.

#### 3. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

3.1 The proposed 2020/21 General Fund budget requirement, elsewhere on this agenda, totals £19,194,110. After deducting retained Business Rates, Government support and collection fund adjustments of £6,442,650, the District Council needs to raise £12,751,460 through Council Tax. This would require a District Council Tax of £178.36 for a Band D property, which means there is an increase of £5.00 (2.88%) over the equivalent figure for 2019/20.

# 4. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

4.1 Hampshire County Council met on the 13 February 2020 and set its precept upon this Council at £91,959,887. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,286.28, which represents an increase of £49.41 (3.99%) over the equivalent 2019/20 figure.

## 5. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AUTHORITY

5.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire set a precept of £15,117,888 upon this Council. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £211.46, which represents an increase of £10.00 (4.96%) over the equivalent 2019/20 figure.

## 6. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

6.1 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority met on the 19 February 2020 and set its precept upon this Council at £4,937,300. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £69.06, which represents an increase of £1.35 (1.99%) over the equivalent 2019/20 figure.

## 7. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

# 7.1 The Town and Parish Council precepts (Council Tax Requirements) for 2020/21 are detailed in Appendix 3 and total £6,519,120. This is an increase of £412,666 from 2019/20 and results in an average Band D Council Tax for 2020/21 of £91.19, an increase of £5.27 (6.13%) from 2019/20.

## 8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

## 9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

#### **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council is recommended to resolve:

10.1 That it be noted that on 4 December 2019 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2020/21:

- (a) for the whole Council area as 71,492.90 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) 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 3.
- 10.2 To calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £12,751,460.
- 10.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011: -
  - (a) £139,128,060 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 Councils.
  - (b) £119,857,480 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) £19,270,580 being the amount by which the aggregate at 10.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 10.3(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(1) of the Act).
  - (d) £269.55 being the amount at 10.3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the Council Tax Base, Item T (10.1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
  - (e) £6,519,120 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 4).
  - (f) £178.36 being the amount at 10.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 10.3(e) above by Item T (10.1(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 specifically for the District Council. There are no non-parished areas.

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LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

ASHURST & COLBURY	219.86
BEAULIEU	193.78
BOLDRE	204.91
BRAMSHAW	201.56
BRANSGORE	236.72
BREAMORE	209.08
BROCKENHURST	220.85
BURLEY	195.34
COPYTHORNE	197.23
DAMERHAM	218.61
DENNY LODGE	214.25
EAST BOLDRE	217.48
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	209.61
EXBURY & LEPE	178.36
FAWLEY	306.00
FORDINGBRIDGE	288.71
GODSHILL	226.98
HALE	230.14
HORDLE	226.56
HYDE	201.43
HYTHE & DIBDEN	289.67
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	286.33
LYNDHURST	246.93
MARCHWOOD	295.07
MARTIN	215.61
MILFORD-ON-SEA	220.40
MINSTEAD	208.90
NETLEY MARSH	201.94
NEW MILTON	285.68
RINGWOOD	275.32
ROCKBOURNE	252.21
SANDLEHEATH	207.48
SOPLEY	242.02
SWAY	221.42
TOTTON & ELING	310.87
WHITSBURY	196.02
WOODGREEN	211.97

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being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 10.3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 10.1(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.

(h) These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only. See below and page 8 for the full amounts of Council Tax.

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	146.58	171.00	195.43	219.86	268.72	317.58	366.44	439.72
BEAULIEU	129.19	150.72	172.25	193.78	236.84	279.91	322.97	387.56
BOLDRE	136.61	159.38	182.14	204.91	250.44	295.99	341.52	409.82
BRAMSHAW	134.38	156.77	179.17	201.56	246.35	291.15	335.94	403.12
BRANSGORE	157.82	184.12	210.42	236.72	289.32	341.93	394.54	473.44
BREAMORE	139.39	162.62	185.85	209.08	255.54	302.01	348.47	418.16
BROCKENHURST	147.24	171.77	196.31	220.85	269.93	319.01	368.09	441.70
BURLEY	130.23	151.93	173.64	195.34	238.75	282.16	325.57	390.68
COPYTHORNE	131.49	153.40	175.32	197.23	241.06	284.89	328.72	394.46
DAMERHAM	145.74	170.03	194.32	218.61	267.19	315.78	364.35	437.22
DENNY LODGE	142.84	166.64	190.45	214.25	261.86	309.48	357.09	428.50
EAST BOLDRE	144.99	169.15	193.32	217.48	265.81	314.14	362.47	434.96
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	139.74	163.03	186.32	209.61	256.19	302.78	349.35	419.22
EXBURY & LEPE	118.91	138.73	158.54	178.36	217.99	257.64	297.27	356.72
FAWLEY	204.00	238.00	272.00	306.00	374.00	442.01	510.00	612.00
FORDINGBRIDGE	192.48	224.55	256.63	288.71	352.87	417.03	481.19	577.42
GODSHILL	151.32	176.54	201.76	226.98	277.42	327.87	378.30	453.96
HALE	153.43	179.00	204.57	230.14	281.28	332.43	383.57	460.28
HORDLE	151.04	176.22	201.39	226.56	276.90	327.26	377.60	453.12
HYDE	134.29	156.67	179.05	201.43	246.19	290.96	335.72	402.86
HYTHE & DIBDEN	193.12	225.30	257.49	289.67	354.04	418.42	482.79	579.34
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	190.89	222.70	254.52	286.33	349.96	413.59	477.22	572.66
LYNDHURST	164.62	192.06	219.49	246.93	301.80	356.68	411.55	493.86
MARCHWOOD	196.72	229.50	262.29	295.07	360.64	426.22	491.79	590.14
MARTIN	143.74	167.70	191.65	215.61	263.52	311.44	359.35	431.22
MILFORD-ON-SEA	146.94	171.42	195.91	220.40	269.38	318.36	367.34	440.80
MINSTEAD	139.27	162.48	185.69	208.90	255.32	301.75	348.17	417.80
NETLEY MARSH	134.63	157.07	179.50	201.94	246.81	291.70	336.57	403.88
NEW MILTON	190.46	222.20	253.94	285.68	349.16	412.65	476.14	571.36
RINGWOOD	183.55	214.14	244.73	275.32	336.50	397.69	458.87	550.64
ROCKBOURNE	168.14	196.17	224.19	252.21	308.25	364.31	420.35	504.42
SANDLEHEATH	138.32	161.38	184.43	207.48	253.58	299.70	345.80	414.96
SOPLEY	161.35	188.24	215.13	242.02	295.80	349.59	403.37	484.04
SWAY	147.62	172.22	196.82	221.42	270.62	319.83	369.04	442.84
TOTTON & ELING	207.25	241.79	276.33	310.87	379.95	449.04	518.12	621.74
WHITSBURY	130.68	152.46	174.24	196.02	239.58	283.15	326.70	392.04
WOODGREEN	141.32	164.87	188.42	211.97	259.07	306.18	353.29	423.94

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 10.3(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.

10.4 That it be noted that Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts for 2020/21 to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated below:

#### **PRECEPTING AUTHORITY**

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSION	857.52 ER	1,000.44	1,143.36	1,286.28	1,572.12	1,857.96	2,143.80	2,572.56
FOR HAMPSHIRE AUTHORITY HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE	140.97	164.47	187.96	211.46	258.45	305.44	352.43	422.92
AUTHORITY	46.04	53.71	61.39	69.06	84.41	99.75	115.10	138.12
	1,044.53	1,218.62	1,392.71	1,566.80	1,914.98	2,263.15	2,611.33	3,133.60

- 10.5 That the Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precept.
- 10.6 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 10.3(h) and 10.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown on the next page:-

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY				-	2,183.70	2,580.73	2,977.77	3,573.32
BEAULIEU		1,369.34				2,543.06	2,934.30	3,521.16
BOLDRE					2,165.42	2,559.14	2,952.85	3,543.42
BRAMSHAW					2,161.33	2,554.30	2,947.27	3,536.72
BRANSGORE		1,402.74				2,605.08	3,005.87	3,607.04
BREAMORE		1,381.24		-		2,565.16	2,959.80	3,551.76
BROCKENHURST		1,390.39		-		2,582.16	2,979.42	3,575.30
BURLEY		1,370.55				2,545.31	2,936.90	3,524.28
COPYTHORNE					2,156.04	2,548.04	2,940.05	3,528.06
DAMERHAM					2,182.17	2,578.93	2,975.68	3,570.82
DENNY LODGE	1,187.37	1,385.26	1,583.16	1,781.05	2,176.84	2,572.63	2,968.42	3,562.10
EAST BOLDRE	1,189.52	1,387.77	1,586.03	1,784.28	2,180.79	2,577.29	2,973.80	3,568.56
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	′ 1,184.27	1,381.65	1,579.03	1,776.41	2,171.17	2,565.93	2,960.68	3,552.82
EXBURY & LEPE	1,163.44	1,357.35	1,551.25	1,745.16	2,132.97	2,520.79	2,908.60	3,490.32
FAWLEY	1,248.53	1,456.62	1,664.71	1,872.80	2,288.98	2,705.16	3,121.33	3,745.60
FORDINGBRIDGE	1,237.01	1,443.17	1,649.34	1,855.51	2,267.85	2,680.18	3,092.52	3,711.02
GODSHILL	1,195.85	1,395.16	1,594.47	1,793.78	2,192.40	2,591.02	2,989.63	3,587.56
HALE	1,197.96	1,397.62	1,597.28	1,796.94	2,196.26	2,595.58	2,994.90	3,593.88
HORDLE	1,195.57	1,394.84	1,594.10	1,793.36	2,191.88	2,590.41	2,988.93	3,586.72
HYDE	1,178.82	1,375.29	1,571.76	1,768.23	2,161.17	2,554.11	2,947.05	3,536.46
HYTHE & DIBDEN	1,237.65	1,443.92	1,650.20	1,856.47	2,269.02	2,681.57	3,094.12	3,712.94
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	1,235.42	1,441.32	1,647.23	1,853.13	2,264.94	2,676.74	3,088.55	3,706.26
LYNDHURST	1,209.15	1,410.68	1,612.20	1,813.73	2,216.78	2,619.83	3,022.88	3,627.46
MARCHWOOD					2,275.62	2,689.37	3,103.12	3,723.74
MARTIN		1,386.32				2,574.59	2,970.68	3,564.82
MILFORD-ON-SEA	1,191.47	1,390.04	1,588.62	1,787.20	2,184.36	2,581.51	2,978.67	3,574.40
MINSTEAD					2,170.30	2,564.90	2,959.50	3,551.40
NETLEY MARSH		1,375.69				2,554.85	2,947.90	3,537.48
NEW MILTON					2,264.14	2,675.80	3,087.47	3,704.96
RINGWOOD		1,432.76				2,660.84	3,070.20	3,684.24
ROCKBOURNE		1,414.79				2,627.46	3,031.68	3,638.02
SANDLEHEATH		1,380.00		-		2,562.85	2,957.13	3,548.56
SOPLEY					2,210.78	2,612.74	3,014.70	3,617.64
SWAY		1,390.84				2,582.98	2,980.37	3,576.44
TOTTON & ELING		-		-	2,294.93	2,712.19	3,129.45	3,755.34
WHITSBURY				-	2,154.56	2,546.30	2,938.03	3,525.64
WOODGREEN					2,174.05	2,569.33	2,964.62	3,557.54
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## **APPENDIX 1**

#### SOURCE OF FIGURES SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 10.3 OF THE REPORT

(a) (b) (c)

For the purposes of the recommendation, the estimated total net revenue expenditure of the Council for 2020/21 has to be shown i.e. including General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets and Town/Parish Council precepts: -

	Expenditure	Income	Council Tax Requirement
	£	£	£
General Fund	104,409,240	91,657,780	12,751,460
HRA	28,199,700	28,199,700	0
Town/Parish Precept	6,519,120 139,128,060 (a)	0 119,857,480 (b)	6,519,120 19,270,580 (c)

(d) This is the combined District Council and Town/Parish Council Tax at Band D: -

	£
District	178.36
Average Town/Parish	91.19
	269.55

- (e) £6,519,120 is the total of the Town/Parish Council precepts as shown in Appendix 3.
- (f) £178.36 is the District Council Tax at Band D. The sequence of figures in 10.3
  (a) to (f) is intended to start from estimated total net 2020/21 expenditure, deduct grants and precepts and arrive at the net District Council Tax figure.
- (g) This shows the Combined District and Town/Parish Council Tax for each area at Band D.
- (h) Shows the figures in (g) for each valuation band.

### **APPENDIX 2**

#### VALUATION BANDS

All dwellings have been valued by the Inland Revenue for the purpose of Council Tax. Valuations are based on property prices at April 1991. There are eight valuation bands and each dwelling has been placed into one of these bands according to its assessed value at that time. Band A is the lowest. The higher the band, the higher the charge will be. See the table below: -

BAND	RANGE OF VALUES	PROPORTION
А	Values not exceeding £40,000	£1.00
В	Values exceeding £40,000 but not exceeding £52,000	£1.17
С	Values exceeding £52,000 but not exceeding £68,000	£1.33
D	Values exceeding £68,000 but not exceeding £88,000	£1.50
Е	Values exceeding £88,000 but not exceeding £120,000	£1.83
F	Values exceeding £120,000 but not exceeding £160,000	£2.17
G	Values exceeding £160,000 but not exceeding £320,000	£2.50
Н	Values exceeding £320,000	£3.00

For every  $\pounds 1.00$  of Council Tax for a band 'A' property, a band 'B' property will be charged  $\pounds 1.17$  - and so on. Any discounts and reductions would make the difference less than this.

Taxpayers in band 'A' who fulfil the criteria for a reduction under the Disability Reduction Regulations will receive a reduction on their bill equivalent to the difference between the band 'A' and band 'B' charge.

#### **APPENDIX 3**

# SUMMARY OF LOCAL COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS

	2020/21						
LOCAL COUNCIL	COUNCIL	TAX BASE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL			
	ТАХ		TAX PER	ТАХ			
	REQUIREMENT		BAND D	INC. / (-) DEC.			
				FROM			
				2019/20			
	£	PROPERTIES	£	£			
ASHURST AND COLBURY	38,614	930.50	41.50	2.11			
BEAULIEU	8,000	518.80	15.42				
BOLDRE	28,466	1,072.20	26.55				
BRAMSHAW	8,000	344.80	23.20	2.05			
BRANSGORE	106,800	1,829.90	58.36	0.54			
BREAMORE	5,566	181.20	30.72	2.99			
BROCKENHURST	79,610	1,873.40	42.49	0.00			
BURLEY	13,467	793.00	16.98	-0.02			
COPYTHORNE	23,016	1,219.70	18.87	1.64			
DAMERHAM	9,647	239.70	40.25	2.31			
DENNY LODGE	5,660	157.70	35.89	0.11			
EAST BOLDRE	15,000	383.40	39.12	-0.57			
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE AND IBSLEY	19,175	613.60	31.25	-0.15			
EXBURY AND LEPE	0	110.80	0.00	0.00			
FAWLEY	586,718	4,596.50	127.64	6.51			
FORDINGBRIDGE	254,322	2,304.60	110.35	9.14			
GODSHILL	10,871	223.60	48.62	2.41			
HALE	13,790	266.30	51.78	5.30			
HORDLE	116,744	2,422.20	48.20	2.79			
HYDE	11,800	511.40	23.07	3.72			
HYTHE AND DIBDEN	830,198	7,458.10	111.31	9.78			
LYMINGTON AND PENNINGTON	806,665	7,470.90	107.97	2.49			
LYNDHURST	100,000	1,458.40	68.57	6.91			
MARCHWOOD	241,525	2,069.40	116.71	-0.01			
MARTIN	7,410	198.90	37.25	0.30			
MILFORD-ON-SEA	119,427	2,841.00	42.04	3.55			
MINSTEAD	11,500	376.50	30.54	2.53			
	19,080	809.30	23.58				
NEW MILTON	1,130,212	10,531.30	107.32	12.48			
RINGWOOD	519,907	5,362.00	96.96	2.82			
	12,333	167.00	73.85	-1.63			
SANDLEHEATH	8,153	280.00	29.12	0.67			
SOPLEY	25,000	392.70	63.66 42.06	1.69			
	73,364	1,703.80	43.06	4.21			
TOTTON AND ELING WHITSBURY	1,248,700 1,800	9,423.10	132.51	3.68 0.01			
WOODGREEN	8,580	101.90 255.30	17.66 33.61	2.23			
	6,519,120	<b>71,492.90</b>	91.19	2.23			