

## COUNCIL MEETING

20 FEBRUARY 2014

### REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

#### COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2014/15 as required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **The Leicestershire County Council figures are subject to approval at their meeting on 19 February 2014.**

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **That the Council note the calculations and set the Council Tax for the year 2014/15 made in accordance with regulations set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

#### 3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Since the meeting of Full Council held on 5 February 2014 the precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below:

##### 3.1.1 Parish Councils

The Parish Council Precepts for 2014/15 are detailed in Appendix A and total £518,981.12. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Parish Councils is 6.96% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £55.76 for 2014/15. Parish Councils are not subject to the requirements of the referendum rules.

##### 3.1.2 Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire County Council met on 19 February 2014 and set their precept at £18,823,050. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1063.00. The actual payment will be adjusted by a contribution towards a Collection Fund deficit of £17,243 for 2013/14.

##### 3.1.3 Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

At the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police & Crime Panel meeting on 27 January 2014, the Panel resolved to support the Police & Crime Commissioner's proposal to set their precept at £3,125,074. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £176.48. The actual payment will be adjusted by a contribution towards a Collection Fund deficit of £2,820 for 2013/14.

##### 3.1.4 Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority

Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority met on 12 February 2014 and set their precept at £1,049,205. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £59.25. The actual payment will be adjusted by a contribution towards a Collection Fund deficit of £947 for 2013/14.

3.2 The following amounts for the year 2014/15 are calculated in accordance with the regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-

- (a) 17,707.5 being the Council Tax Base for the whole Council area (Item T in the formula in Section 31B).
- (b) The Council Tax Base for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area to which a Parish precept relates:

**Band D  
Equivalent Properties**

<b>Parish of:</b>	
Ab Kettleby	234.5
Asfordby	1022.0
Belvoir	117.9
Bottesford	1336.8
Broughton and Old Dalby	534.2
Buckminster	132.2
Burton and Great Dalby	443.8
Clawson, Hose and Harby	1028.0
Croxton Kerrial	221.9
Eaton	297.8
Freeby	116.9
Frisby	252.1
Gaddesby	337.3
Garthorpe	30.8
Grimston	117.5
Hoby with Rotherby	269.1
Kirby Bellars	144.8
Knossington and Cold Overton	154.5
Redmile	390.3
Scalford	250.5
Somerby	361.8
Sproxton (Sproxton and Saltby)	165.1
Sproxton (Stonesby and Bescaby)	83.2
Stathern	277.0
Twyford and Thorpe	275.5
Waltham	425.7
Wymondham	286.3
Area of Former Urban District of Melton Mowbray	8400.0

These being the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area to which one or more special items relate **(i.e. tax base for parish's including Melton Mowbray itself)**.

- 3.3 The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) has been calculated at £177.66.
- 3.4 The following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £30,889,781 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 the Council by Parish Councils **(i.e. gross expenditure including parish precepts)**
  - (b) £27,224,815 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. **(i.e. gross income including government grants)**
  - (c) £3,664,966 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.4(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). **(i.e. Council Tax requirement for general, special expenses & parish precepts)**
  - (d) £206.97 being the amount at 3.4(c) above (Item R) divided by Item T (the amount at 3.2(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. **(i.e. Band D average Council Tax including general expenses, special expenses and parish precepts)**).

- (e) £1,000,336 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. **(i.e. total Council Tax from all special expenses areas plus parish precepts)**
- (f) £150.48 being the amount at 3.4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3.4(e) above by Item T (3.2(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 items relate. **(i.e. Band D Council Tax for general expenses only)**

(g) Part of the Council's Area

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.4(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 3.2(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. **(i.e. Band D Council Tax including all special expenses and parish precepts)**

Parish of:	£
Ab Kettleby	182.46
Asfordby	264.15
Belvoir	218.33
Bottesford	221.04
Broughton and Old Dalby	187.92
Buckminster	203.43
Burton and Great Dalby	171.92
Clawson, Hose and Harby	196.31
Croxton Kerrial	195.54
Eaton	202.53
Freeby	161.17
Frisby	206.99
Gaddesby	191.88
Garthorpe	163.47
Grimston	193.03
Hoby with Rotherby	187.64
Kirby Bellars	197.10
Knossington and Cold Overton	213.78
Redmile	182.78
Scalford	214.35
Somerby	215.76
Sproxton (Sproxton and Saltby)	168.60
Sproxton (Stonesby and Bescaby)	213.92
Stathern	203.50
Twyford and Thorpe	169.83
Waltham	220.95
Wymondham	220.20
Area of:	
Former Urban District of Melton Mowbray	206.83

(h) Part of the Council's Area

The amounts of attached schedule in Appendix B being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.4(f) and 3.4(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. **(i.e. Council Tax across all bands for general and special expenses and parish precepts)**

- 3.5 That it be noted that for the year 2014/15 the major precepting authorities 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:-

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Valuation Band</u>							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1,063.00	1,299.22	1,535.44	1,771.67	2,126.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	117.65	137.26	156.87	176.48	215.70	254.92	294.13	352.96
Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority	39.50	46.08	52.67	59.25	72.42	85.58	98.75	118.50

- 3.6 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.4(h) and 3.5 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of the attached schedule in Appendix C as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: **(i.e. fully inclusive Council Tax across all bands)**

#### 4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy and corporate implications.

#### 5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The above figures reflect the financial position as set out in the Council's budget for 2014/15.

- 5.2 These figures and further details of the Council's budget can be seen in the Council's Budget Book; a copy of which will shortly be made available on the Council's website under Council & Democracy/Financial Information. Hard copy versions can be made available on request.

- 5.3 If the Council Tax increase is approved, the Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Increase %
Melton Borough Council (average for whole area excluding Parish Councils)	177.74	177.66	-0.04
Leicestershire County Council	1,063.00	1,063.00	0
Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	173.87	176.48	1.50
Leicestershire Combined Fire Authority	58.38	59.25	1.50
Parish Councils (average for whole area)	52.13	55.76	6.96
Average for whole area (including precepts)	1,500.41	1,505.71	0.35

#### 6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 The report sets out the calculations required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

#### 7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 There are no links to community safety.

#### 8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 There are no links to equality issues.

9.0 **RISKS**

9.1 There are no risk implications.

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no links to climate change issues.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 Consultation has not been undertaken and would not be applicable to this report.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices: Appendix A – Parish Council Precepts 2014/15  
Appendix B – Council Tax Band Charges for General Fund, SEA's and Parishes 2014/15  
Appendix C – Council Tax Band Charges for all 2014/15

Background Papers: Council tax setting spreadsheets  
Information from precepting authorities and parish councils

Reference: X: C'tee, Council & Sub-C'tees/Council Meetings/2013-14/20-02-14/DG –  
Setting of Council Taxes