

COUNCIL - 25 FEBRUARY 2025

10. SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX (DoF)

1 Summary

1.1 This report allows the Council to set the Council Tax for 2025/26.

2 Background

2.1 The Council at its meeting on 25 February 2025 set the 2025/26 district element of the council tax charge including parish precepts and special expenses.

2.2 This report consolidates the decision made by this Council and the two precepting bodies, namely Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire to give an overall charge for residents of Three Rivers District Council for 2025/26.

3 Details

3.1 *Major Precepting Authorities*

In accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire agreed a £14 increase (Band D property) in his precept requirement for 2025/26. Hertfordshire County Council agreed a 2.99% increase on its relevant basic amount of council tax and a 2% increase relating to the social care fund for 2025/26. Applying the appropriate proportions gives the charges shown in Recommendation 9.1.

3.2 *Total Charge for Each Area and Each Band*

This is derived by adding the figures the District and Parish Charge to those in recommendation 9.1 (Major Precepting Authorities) to give a total charge on each area for each band.

4 Options/Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The report is made to set the Council Tax for 2025/26.

5 Policy/Budget

5.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

6 Staffing, Equal Opportunities, Community Safety, Risk Management, Website, Customer Services Centre and Environmental Implications

6.1 None specific.

7 Financial Implications

7.1 Applying the charges will generate the income required to meet County Council, Police Authority, District and Parish Councils' expenditure after discounts and non-payment, allowance for which has been included in the Council Tax Base.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 This report and its recommendations comply with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("The Act") as amended by The Localism Act 2011.

9 Recommendations

9.1 That it be noted that for the year 2025/26 the Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire 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 dwelling shown below:-

Precepting Authority	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hertfordshire County Council	995.18	1161.04	1326.91	1492.77	1824.50	2156.22	2487.95	2985.54
Hertfordshire County Council Adult Social Care	184.73	215.52	246.31	277.10	338.68	400.26	461.83	554.20
Police & Crime Commissioner	176.67	206.11	235.56	265.00	323.89	382.78	441.67	530.00
Total	1356.58	1582.67	1808.78	2034.87	2487.07	2939.26	3391.45	4069.74

9.2 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case the Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2025/26 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Parts of the Council's Area	Valuation Band & Charges							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Abbots Langley	1553.92	1812.90	2071.90	2330.88	2848.86	3366.83	3884.80	4661.76
Batchworth	1536.82	1792.95	2049.10	2305.23	2817.51	3329.78	3842.05	4610.46
Chorleywood	1544.07	1801.40	2058.76	2316.10	2830.80	3345.48	3860.17	4632.20
Croxley Green	1531.99	1787.31	2042.66	2297.98	2808.65	3319.31	3829.97	4595.96
Sarratt	1540.39	1797.11	2053.86	2310.58	2824.05	3337.51	3850.97	4621.16
Watford Rural	1522.32	1776.03	2029.77	2283.48	2790.93	3298.36	3805.80	4566.96
Unparished	1528.79	1783.58	2038.39	2293.18	2802.78	3312.37	3821.97	4586.36

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Background Papers:

Local Government Finance Act 1992

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