



# Executive Committee

Monday, 20 February 2017

## MINUTES

### Present:

Councillor Bill Hartnett (Chair), Councillor Greg Chance (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Debbie Chance, Brandon Clayton, John Fisher, Mark Shurmer, Yvonne Smith and Pat Witherspoon

### Officers:

Kevin Dicks, Claire Felton, Sue Hanley, Tracey Hurst, Sheena Jones, Jayne Pickering and Darren Whitney

### Democratic Services Officer:

Debbie Parker-Jones

### 91. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brunner declared an Other Disclosable Interest in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan, as a Governor of RSA Academy Arrow Vale. It was noted that the Medium Term Financial Plan was not an item for consideration by the Executive Committee, as this was to be considered at the Council meeting to take place immediately after the conclusion of the Executive meeting.

### 93. LEADERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Additional Papers

It was noted that one set of Additional Papers had been circulated ahead of the meeting, which comprised:

- the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18 at Agenda Item 5; and
- the Council Tax Resolutions 2017/18 at Agenda Item 6.

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## Pre-scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan

Members were advised that the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee had made no recommendations on the Medium Term Financial Plan following their pre-scrutiny of this on 14th February 2017. Accordingly, no Minute extract had been produced from O&S at that stage as there was nothing for Executive Members to consider on this.

### **94. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 7th February 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

### **95. PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

Members considered the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 which had been circulated as Additional Papers. Officers apologised for the delay in publication of the report owing to a number of Job Evaluation appeals which impacted on this.

Under the Localism Act 2011 all authorities were required to adopt a pay policy statement by 31st March each year. Members were advised that as the Council paid the National Living Wage no jobs within the authority were paid at Grades 1 or 2, with all posts commencing at Grade 3 or higher. It was further noted that the Head of Housing Services post related solely to Redditch as Bromsgrove District Council had not retained its housing stock.

#### **RECOMMENDED that**

**the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.**

### **96. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMENTS ON THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTIONS**

#### Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments on the Medium Term Financial Plan

As advised under Leader's Announcements, it was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had made no recommendations on the Medium Term Financial Plan following their pre-scrutiny of this on 14th February 2017.

The Medium Term Financial Plan and the 7th February 2017 Executive Committee's recommendations for this were to be considered at the meeting of the Council taking place immediately following the Executive Committee.

### Council Tax Resolutions

Members considered the recommendations for the setting of the Council Tax for 2017/18, the report for which had been circulated as Additional Papers. Officers apologised for the lateness of the report which was unavoidable as this could only be produced once all of the required information had been received from the relevant precepting authorities.

Uniquely, subsequent to publication of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 in mid-December, the final Settlement figures had not yet been confirmed by Government. Officers had taken appropriate advice on this and it had been confirmed that Members could still make a decision on the setting of the Council Tax.

The proposed Council Tax for a band D unparished property for 2017/18 was £227.21. This represented a 2.25% increase on the previous year's figure of £222.21. The 2.95% increase from Worcestershire County Council was noted.

### **RECOMMENDED that**

**the recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and as appended to these minutes, setting a Council Tax for 2017/18 of £227.21 for a band D unparished property, be approved.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 7.07 pm

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES

1.0 PURPOSE

To seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Redditch Borough Council for 2017/18. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Redditch Borough Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and Feckenham Parish Council.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.

3.0 PRECEPTS AND LEVIES

Details have been received from the various precepting bodies to enable the Council to set the Council Tax for 2017/18. The amounts of the precepts are set out below:

	£
Worcestershire County Council	28,470,930
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	4,836,628
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	2,028,740
Redditch Borough Council	5,804,343
Parish precept	8,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,148,941</b>

4.0 INFORMATION

It is necessary to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Redditch Borough Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and Feckenham Parish Council. If the Council approves the recommendations set out below the average band D Council Tax in 2017/18 will be £1,674.50, made up as follows:

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Authority	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Increase %
Redditch Borough Council	222.21	227.21	2.25
Worcestershire County Council	1,122.31	1,155.31	2.94
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	189.60	189.60	0.00
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue	78.00	79.53	1.96
Feckenham Parish Council	22.69	22.85	0.70
<b>Total Council Tax</b>	<b>1,634.81</b>	<b>1,674.50</b>	<b>2.43</b>

The % increases all relate to the change from current year levels.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out below.

**The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:**

1. that it be noted at its meeting on 17th January 2017, the Executive Committee calculated the Council Tax Base 2017/18
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 25,509.11 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates; this being Feckenham Parish as 363.26.
2. Calculate the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£5,804,343**.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £60,246,887 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) (*i.e. Gross expenditure*)
  - (b) £54,339,544 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*)

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- (c) £5,812,643 being the amount by which the aggregate of 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).
- (d) £227.86 being the amount at 3 (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(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 (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £8,300 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Feckenham Parish precept) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (f) £227.54 being the amount at 3 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (e) above by Item T (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.
- (g) £250.06 being the amount given by adding to the amount at 3(f), the amount of the special item relating to the Parish of Feckenham 3(e), divided by the amount in 1(b) above.
- (h) The amounts below given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 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 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 dwelling listed in different valuation bands.

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Valuation Band	Proportion of Band D tax paid	Parish of Feckenham £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	6/9	166.71	151.47
B	7/9	194.49	176.72
C	8/9	222.28	201.96
D	1	250.06	227.21
E	11/9	305.63	277.70
F	13/9	361.20	328.19
G	15/9	416.77	378.68
H	18/9	500.12	454.42

4. It be noted that for the year 2017/18, Worcestershire County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwelling in the Council's area as indicated below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Worcestershire County Council	770.21	898.57	1,026.94	<b>1,155.31</b>	1,412.05	1,668.78	1,925.52	2,310.62
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	126.40	147.47	168.54	<b>189.60</b>	231.74	273.87	316.01	379.21
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	53.02	61.86	70.69	<b>79.53</b>	97.20	114.88	132.55	159.06

5. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, that Redditch Borough Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the amounts shown below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:



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Valuation Band	Proportion of Band D tax paid	Parish of Feckenham £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	6/9	1,116.34	1,101.10
B	7/9	1,302.65	1,284.61
C	8/9	1,488.45	1,468.14
D	1	1,674.50	1,651.65
E	11/9	2,046.02	2,018.69
F	13/9	2,418.72	2,385.72
G	15/9	2,790.85	2,752.76
H	18/9	3,349.01	3,303.31

6. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund by ten equal instalments between April 2017 to March 2018 as detailed below:

	Precept £	Surplus on Collection Fund £	Total to pay £
Worcestershire County Council	29,470,930	37,644	29,508,574
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	4,767,493	6,360	4,856,402
Hereford & Worcester Fire	2,028,740	2,616	2,031,356

7. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make transfers under Section 97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund to the General Fund the sum of £5,811,808 being the Council's own demand on the Collection Fund (£5,804,343) and Parish Precept (£8,300) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£7,465).
8. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments from the General Fund to Feckenham Parish Council the sums listed above (£8,300) by instalment on 1 April 2017 in respect of the precept levied on the Council.

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9. That the above resolutions 3 to 5 be signed by the Chief Executive for use in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the recovery of unpaid Council Taxes.
10. Notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive are given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.