

# REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Council Tax Setting 2016/17

### 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 2016/17. 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 2016/17. The amounts of the precepts are set out below:

	£
Worcestershire County Council	28,219,978
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	4,767,493
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	1,961,249
Redditch Borough Council	5,587,357
Parish precept	8,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,544,377</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 2016/17 will be £1,634.81, made up as follows:

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Authority	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase %
Redditch Borough Council	217.24	222.21	2.30
Worcestershire County Council	1,079.77	1,122.31	3.94
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	185.90	189.60	1.99
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue	76.50	78.00	1.96
Feckenham Parish Council	22.86	22.69	-0.74
<b>Total Council Tax</b>	<b>1,582.24</b>	<b>1,634.81</b>	<b>3.32</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 12th January 2016, the Executive Committee calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 25,144.49 [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 365.88.
  
2. Calculate the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£5,587,357**.
  
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £59,466,364 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*)

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- (b) £53,870,707 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*)
- (c) £5,595,657 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) £222.54 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) £222.21 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) £244.90 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	163.27	148.14
B	7/9	190.48	172.83
C	8/9	217.69	197.52
D	1	244.90	222.21
E	11/9	299.32	271.59
F	13/9	353.74	320.97
G	15/9	408.17	370.35
H	18/9	489.80	444.42

4. It be noted that for the year 2016/17, 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	748.21	872.91	997.61	<b>1,122.31</b>	1,371.72	1,621.12	1,870.52	2,244.63
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	52.00	60.67	69.33	<b>78.00</b>	95.33	112.67	130.00	156.00

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 2016/17 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	1,089.88	1,074.75
B	7/9	1,271.53	1,253.88
C	8/9	1,453.17	1,433.00
D	1	1,634.81	1,612.12
E	11/9	1,998.11	1,970.38
F	13/9	2,361.40	2,328.63
G	15/9	2,724.70	2,686.88
H	18/9	3,269.64	3,224.26

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 2016 to March 2017 as detailed below:

	Precept £	Surplus on Collection Fund £	Total to pay £
Worcestershire County Council	28,219,978	516,402	28,736,380
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	4,767,493	88,909	4,856,402
Hereford & Worcester Fire	1,961,249	36,585	1,997,834

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 £5,595,655 being the Council's own demand on the Collection Fund (£5,587,355) and Parish Precept (£8,300) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£104,039).
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 2016 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.