

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

16th January 2018

COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018/19

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| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Cllr. John Fisher, Corporate Management Portfolio Holder |
| Portfolio Holder Consulted | Yes |
| Relevant Head of Service | Jayne Pickering, Director of Finance & Resources |
| Wards Affected | All Wards |
| Ward Councillor Consulted | Not Applicable |
| Non-Key Decision | |

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To enable Members to set the Council Tax Base for 2018/19.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

- 1) the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the whole and parts of the area for 2018/19, be approved; and**
- 2) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the figures calculated by the Redditch Borough Council as its tax base for the whole area for the year 2018/19 be 26,058.20 and for the parts of the area listed below be:**

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| Parish of Feckenham | 372.20 |
| Rest of Redditch | <u>25,686.00</u> |
| | <u>26,058.20</u> |

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1** With the introduction of the Council Tax Support Scheme, the base has been calculated and adjusted by the estimated amount of Council Tax Support discounts awardable.

Legal Implications

- 3.2** The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 require a billing authority to notify its major precepting bodies (and its Parishes, if required) of the Tax Base, for the whole or part of the area

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for the following financial year. The precepting bodies - Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner and Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority - need this information in order to calculate and notify the Borough Council of their precept requirements for 2018/19. This will enable tax setting resolutions to be finalised and bills to be produced early in March 2018.

- 3.3 The legislation also requires a billing authority to calculate the tax base for any “special areas” within its boundary. There are no such areas in the Redditch Borough.
- 3.4 It is necessary to outline the method by which these calculations have been carried out so that the Council can formally adopt them for the purposes of the 1992 Regulations.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.5 In October 2017, form CTB1 was submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government. This analyses the draft Valuation List of properties into the various bands and then provides further details of those properties which are subject to the full charge, those entitled to discounts and those which are exempt.
- 3.6 This report is a summary of that return updated to include any known changes since November. It also makes provision for anticipated changes which could arise for a variety of reasons such as appeals, new properties or properties falling off the list. An allowance of 1.00% has been made for non-collection of the tax.
- 3.7 The Council is required to set a Council Tax Base each year, this forms part of the process of setting the following year budget. Failure to do so will result in the Council not being a Well Managed Organisation.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 The Tax Base for 2018/19 has been calculated to be **26,058.20**. Once this has been agreed, the County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority will be notified and the figures will be used in the setting of the Council Tax to be presented to the Executive Committee and approved by the Council on 19th February 2018.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

There is no identified risk associated with the proposal contained in this report.

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5. APPENDICES

None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

CTB1 (October 2017) Return.

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