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No Direct Ward Relevance

22nd February 2010

SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2010/11

(Report of the Head of Finance, Revenue and Benefit Services)

1. <u>Summary of Proposals</u>

To enable Members to set the level of Council Tax for 2010/11.

2. <u>Recommendations</u>

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

the recommendations set out in Appendix 'Part D' of the report be approved.

3. <u>Financial, Legal, Policy, Risk and Climate Change /</u> <u>Carbon Management Implications</u>

Financial

3.1 The report details financial implications throughout.

<u>Legal</u>

- 3.2 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 Chapter 14 provides for certain local authorities to levy and collect Council Tax. Sections 30 to 38 of the Act specify the calculations required to set the tax.
- 3.3 Billing Authorities must set the amounts of the tax before the 11th of March in the preceding financial year.
- 3.4 The required calculations and the Council Tax for each property band are set out in Parts B and C of the Appendices to the report.

<u>Policy</u>

3.5 No policy implications have been separately identified in this report.

<u>Risk</u>

3.6 The Council will not be complying with its statutory duty as a billing authority if it fails to set the amount of Council Tax for Redditch for 2010/11 before the 11th of March 2010.

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Climate Change / Carbon Management

3.7 There are none identified.

<u>Report</u>

4. Background

This report consolidates the individual Heads of Service General Fund revenue estimates for 2010/11 which were presented to the Executive Committee during the current cycle of meetings.

5. Key Issues

- 5.1 This report details the action taken to date and the decisions still to be taken in each of the following areas:
 - a) Part A Redditch's estimated outturn for 2009/10 and spending plans for 2010/11.
 - b) Part B Setting the Council Tax for 2010/11.
 - c) Part C The Collection Fund.
- 5.2 Supplementary sheets for any of these areas may be distributed at the meeting.

2010/11 Base Budget

5.3

On the 3rd February the Executive Committee considered the initial estimates for 2010/11 together with a number of revenue and capital bids for the period 2010/11 to 2012/13. The Council has a balanced budget for 2010/11.

6. <u>Other Implications</u>

Asset Management	-	None identified.
Community Safety	-	None identified.
Health	-	None identified.
Human Resources	-	None identified.
Social Exclusion	-	None identified.
Environment / Sustainability	-	None identified.

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7. Lessons Learnt

As outlined in Part B.

8. Background Papers

Heads of Service Estimated Outturn reports 2009/10. Directorates' Estimates reports 2010/11. Calculation of the Council Tax Base - Council on the 27th of January 2010. Local Government Finance Settlement 2010/11.

9. <u>Consultation</u>

There has been no consultation other than with relevant Borough Council Officers.

10. <u>Author of Report</u>

The author of this report is Sam Morgan (Financial Services Manager), who can be contacted on extension 3790 (e-mail sam.morgan@redditchbc.gov.uk) for more information.

11. <u>Appendices</u>

Appendix A)	-	Part A (peach paper) Redditch's estimated outturn for 2009/10 and spending plans for 2010/11.
		spending plans for 2010/11.

- b) Part B (cream paper) Setting the Council Tax for 2010/11.
- c) Part C (pink paper) The Collection Fund.
- d) Part D (cream paper) Conclusions / Recommendations.

(NB: The interim versions of the above appendices are <u>all on buff</u> <u>paper</u> ...Revised versions of the above will be circulated, on colour paper per the above list, in due course when full financial information is available.)