

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

20th February 2012

SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2012/13

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Michael Braley, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance & Resources
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	
Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To enable members to set the level of Council Tax for 2012/13.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

- 1) the recommendations set out in Appendix 'Part C' of the report be approved.**

3. KEY ISSUES

3.1 This report details the action taken to date and the decisions still to be taken in each of the following areas:

- a) Part A Setting the Council Tax for 2012/13.
- b) Part B The Collection Fund
- c) Part C Conclusions and recommendations

3.2 Supplementary sheets for any of these areas may be distributed at the meeting.

Financial Implications

3.3 The report details financial implications throughout.

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Legal Implications

- 3.4 The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously. Chapter 14 of the Local Government Finance Act 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.
- 3.5 Billing Authorities must set the amounts of the tax before the 11th of March in the preceding financial year.
- 3.6 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.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.7 This report consolidates the individual Heads of Service General Fund revenue estimates for 2012/13 which were presented to the Executive Committee during the current cycle of meetings.
- 3.8 The Council is required to set Council Tax each year, this forms part of the process of setting the following years budget. Failure to do so will result in the Council not being a Well Managed Organisation.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9 There are no implications identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 2012/13 before the 11th of March 2012.

5. APPENDICES

- Appendix A - Setting the Council Tax for 2012/13.
- Appendix B - The Collection Fund.
- Appendix C - Conclusions and Recommendations.

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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Heads of Service Estimated Outturn reports 2012/13.
Directorates' Estimates reports 2012/13.
Calculation of the Council Tax Base - Council on the 16th January
2012.
Local Government Finance Settlement 2012/13.

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