

Council – 20th February 2018
Agenda Item 8
Recommendation from Cabinet
20th February 2018

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor A Khan (Deputy Chair)
Councillor F Abbott
Councillor K Caan
Councillor J Innes
Councillor K Maton
Councillor J Mutton
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor E Ruane

Deputy Cabinet Members Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor C Thomas

Non-Voting Opposition Members: Councillor A Andrews
Councillor G Ridley

Other Members: Councillor M Mutton
Councillor K Taylor

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's M Reeves (Chief Executive),
People G Quinton (Deputy Chief Executive (People)), N Hart
Place M Yardley (Deputy Chief Executive (Place)),
P Jennings, L Knight, J Newman,
Apologies: Councillors Bigham, Brown and Clifford

RECOMMENDATION

127. Council Tax Setting 2018/19

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), which calculated the Council Tax level for 2018/19 and made appropriate recommendations, consistent with the Budget Report 2018/19.

The report indicated that some of the figures and information set out within the report were identified as provisional as the Police and Crime Commissioner and

the Fire and Rescue Authority precepts had not been confirmed at the time of publication. The Police and Crime Commissioner met on 9th February 2018 and the Fire and Rescue Authority met on 19th February 2018 and the figures within the report were now confirmed.

The report incorporated the impact of the Council's gross expenditure and the level of income it would receive through grants, fees and charges. This resulted in a Council Tax requirement, as the amount that its expenditure exceeded all other sources of income.

The report included a calculation of the Band D Council Tax that would be needed to generate this Council Tax requirement, based on the City's approved Council Tax base. The 2018/19 Band D Council Tax that was calculated through this process had increased by £74.18 from the 2017/18 level.

As part of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement (November 2015) it was announced that councils which provided social care to adults would be allowed to increase their share of Council Tax by up to an extra 2%, provided that the additional resources were all used to fund the increasing costs of adult social care. This additional Council Tax charge was known as the 'Adult Social Care (ASC) precept'. The Government indicated that authorities could include this additional 2% precept in each year of the four year period: 2016/17 to 2019/20.

In December 2016 the Government announced that Councils could opt to bring forward some, or all, of the potential 2% ASC precept available in 2019/20 to earlier years. However the maximum increase in any one year was limited to 3%, and the total over the three year period 2017/18 to 2019/20 was limited to the original total increase of 6%.

Coventry City Council made use of this additional flexibility in 2017/18 and increased its Council Tax by a total of 4.9%. This was made up of a basic 1.9% increase plus a further 3% ASC precept. In keeping with this approach, and in order to maximise the resources available to fund ASC services in the City, the recommendations within the Budget Report 2018 were passed on a proposed increase in Council Tax of 4.9%. As in 2017/18, this was again made up of a basic 1.9% increase plus a further 3% ASC precept.

It was noted that the recommendations followed the structure of resolutions drawn up by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, to ensure that legal requirements were fully adhered to in setting the tax. As a consequence, the wording of the proposed resolutions was necessarily complex.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommend that Council:-

- 1. Note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2018/19, as approved by Cabinet on 9th January 2018, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) ("the Act"):**
 - a) 80,815.4 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;**
 - b) Allesley 333.0**

dwelling in those parts of the area to which no special item relates. (*Council Tax at Band D for the City excluding Parish Precepts*);

(g)

Coventry Unparished Area	£1,574.23
Allesley	£1,599.1
Finham	£1,587.99
Keresley	£1,581.37

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate. (*Council Taxes at Band D for the City and Parish*).

(h)

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates £	Parish of Allesley £	Parish of Finham £	Parish of Keresley £
A	1,049.49	1,066.08	1,058.66	1,054.25
B	1,224.40	1,243.76	1,235.10	1,229.95
C	1,399.32	1,421.44	1,411.55	1,405.67
D	1,574.23	1,599.12	1,587.99	1,581.37
E	1,924.06	1,954.48	1,940.88	1,932.79
F	2,273.89	2,309.84	2,293.77	2,284.20
G	2,623.72	2,665.20	2,646.65	2,635.62
H	3,148.46	3,198.24	3,175.98	3,162.74

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(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 valuation 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.

- To note that for the year 2018/19 the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands and West Midlands Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance

with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands	West Midlands Fire Authority
	£	£
A	85.70	39.23
B	99.98	45.77
C	114.27	52.30
D	128.55	58.84
E	157.12	71.92
F	185.68	84.99
G	214.25	98.07
H	257.10	117.68

4. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(h) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Finham	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£	£
A	1,174.42	1,191.01	1,183.59	1,179.18
B	1,370.15	1,389.51	1,380.85	1,375.70
C	1,565.89	1,588.01	1,578.12	1,572.24
D	1,761.62	1,786.51	1,775.38	1,768.76
E	2,153.10	2,183.52	2,169.92	2,161.83
F	2,544.56	2,580.51	2,564.44	2,554.87
G	2,936.04	2,977.52	2,958.97	2,947.94
H	3,523.24	3,573.02	3,550.76	3,537.52

5. That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.