SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL TAX SETTING PANEL

South Hams
District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the South Hams Council Tax Setting Panel held on
Friday, 22nd February, 2019 at 2.00 pm at the Cary Room - Follaton House

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Holway
Vice Chairman

Cllr Baldry   Cllr Saltern
Cllr Tucker

In attendance:
Officers:
Strategic Finance Lead
Specialist Accountant

1.   **Declarations of Interest**
          CTSP.1/18
          Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business
          to be considered during the course of the meeting but none was made.

2.   **Council Tax 2019/20**
          CTSP.2/18
          Consideration was given to a report that calculated and set out the
          Council Tax for 2019/20, having taken into account the precepts as
          notified from Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police and
          Crime Commissioner, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority,
          and the Town and Parish Councils.

          The Strategic Lead Finance advised by email in advance of the meeting
          to ask Members to note that whilst the report stated in para 2.2 (iii) that
          the Police and Crime Panel met on 8 February 2019 to set the precept,
          they did in fact meet to discuss the Police and Crime Commissioner's
          budget and Council Tax precept, which the Panel duly supported.

          Members considered the detail of the report. During discussion, one
          Member stated that the Panel should write to central government and
          the two local MPs, reminding them of the impact of the level of

reduction in funding borne by the district council over the last four years, and that now enough was enough. It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and on being put to the vote **CARRIED**, that an additional recommendation be included that such a letter be written.

It was then:

RESOLVED

1. That it be noted that, in December 2018, the Senior Leadership Team, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2019/20:

    (a) for the whole Council area as 38,179.72 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(England) Regulations 2012; and

    (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates in accordance with regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(England) Regulations 2012 (as outlined at Appendix A of the presented agenda report);

2. That the Council Tax requirement for South Hams District Council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £6,315,689 (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report);

3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report):

    (a) £45,155,028   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/Town Councils (Gross expenditure including parish precepts).

    (b) £36,375,497   being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (Total income including formula grant and council tax surplus).

    (c) £8,779,531   being the amount by which the aggregate at 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) (Council tax requirement including parish precepts).

    (d) 229.95   being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all

divided by the council tax base (1(a) above) in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (Average band D council tax for South Hams District Council and parishes).

(e) £2,463,842   being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts), referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as outlined at Appendix C of the presented agenda report);

(f) £165.42   being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) by the Council tax base (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 (Band D council tax for South Hams District Council only).

4. That it be noted the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown below:

	Valuation Bands							
Precepting authority	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Devon County Council's tax requirements	922.86	1,076.67	1,230.48	1,384.29	1,691.91	1,999.53	2,307.15	2,768.58
Police & Crime Commissioner's tax requirements	141.52	165.11	188.69	212.28	259.45	306.63	353.80	424.56
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	57.68	67.29	76.91	86.52	105.75	124.97	144.20	173.04

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown at Appendix D of the presented agenda report (total of all valuation band council taxes for South Hams District Council including parishes, county, police and crime commissioner and fire authority).

6. That the Council concluded that the basic amount of Council Tax for South Hams District Council for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 (see calculation at **Appendix B** of the presented agenda report).

7. That a letter be sent to MHCLG, copied to the two local MPs, from the Chairman and Members of the Council Tax Setting Panel, advising of the adverse impact on services of the significant cuts in funding borne by the district council over the last four years.

The Meeting concluded at 2.10 pm

Signed by:

Chairman