

# SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL TAX SETTING PANEL



## **Minutes** of a meeting of the **South Hams Council Tax Setting Panel** held on **Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 at 2.00 pm Via Teams**

Present: **Councillors:**

**Chairman** Cllr Rowe  
**Vice Chairman**

Cllr Baldry  
Cllr Pearce

Cllr Birch

### **In attendance:**

Officers:  
Deputy Section 151 Officer  
Finance Specialist  
Democratic Services Manager

- 1. Minutes**  
CTSP.1/20  
The minutes of the meeting of the Council Tax Setting Panel held on 21 February 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**  
CTSP.2/20  
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.
- 3. Council Tax 2021/22**  
CTSP.3/20  
Consideration was given to a report that calculated and set out the Council Tax for 2021/22, 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 local Town and Parish Councils.

The Finance Specialist introduced the agenda item and asked that an amendment be made to Section 3 of the presented agenda report

whereby the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority had in fact met on '19 February 2021' and not on '19 February 2020'.

It was then:

## **RESOLVED**

1. That it be noted that, in December 2020, the Senior Leadership Team, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2021/22:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 38,298.32 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 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £6,718,291 (as outlined at Appendix B of the presented agenda report);
3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 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) £46,197,067 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) £36,518,510 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 Business Rates and Council Tax Collection Fund deficit**).
  - (c) £9,678,557 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at resolution 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) £252.71 being the amount at resolution 3(c) above (Item

R), all divided by the council tax base (resolution 1(a) above refers) 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) £2,960,266 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) £175.42 being the amount at resolution 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:

Precepting authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Devon County Council's tax requirements	1007.52	1,175.44	1,343.36	1,511.28	1,847.12	2,182.96	2,518.80	3,022.56
Police & Crime Commissioner's tax requirements	157.71	183.99	210.28	236.56	289.13	341.70	394.27	473.12
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00	110.00	130.00	150.00	180.00

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 2021/22 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 2021/22 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).

The Meeting concluded at 2.07 pm

**Signed by:**

**Chairman**

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