

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
COUNCIL	28th February 2018

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2018/19	FINANCE	PETER HAYWOOD	

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report is presented to allow determination of the Council Tax requirement and Council Tax for South Ribble Borough Council for 2018/19. The Council Tax provides the financial resources to help pay for all of the Council's services. It is fundamental in supporting the delivery of all our corporate priorities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council approve the formal Council Tax resolution appended to this report and in doing so, approve the Council's budget for 2018/19.

DETAILS AND REASONING

At its meeting on 14th February 2018, the Cabinet considered the updated financial strategy and draft budget proposals for the coming year. The Cabinet has made a number of recommendations concerning the budget for 2018/19, which included a proposal to increase the Council Tax by 2.99%. Taking into consideration the proposal to increase the Band D Council Tax by 2.99% to £214.61 (excluding parish and town council precepts), the draft resolution, incorporating the recommendations from the Cabinet, is now appended to this report for consideration and approval.

As the "Billing Authority" for the South Ribble area, the Council also collects the Council Tax on behalf of the County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, Combined Fire Authority and Parish/Town Councils. The appropriate share of the money collected is paid over to these organisations to help pay for the services they are responsible for delivering. The Council Tax already agreed separately by each of these organisations, and for which they are individually accountable, is set out below and in the draft resolution.

Town & Parish Councils

The Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2018/19 are detailed together with a comparison with 2017/18 in Appendix C and total £365,053.

The changes included within The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, mean that these precepts take into account the cost of localised Council Tax Support.

There has been an overall reduction in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils of 8.2% and this results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £10.27 for 2018/19.

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire County Council met on 8th February 2018 and set their precept at £46,022,493, in addition a contribution of £341,952 will be made from the surplus in the Collection Fund. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,294.92, which is an increase of 5.99% when compared to the current year's charge. Following an offer from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Lancashire County Council has decided to increase their 2018-19 Council Tax by an additional 3% (up to a total of 5.99%) without being required to hold a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire on 16th February 2018 agreed a precept of £6,306,715, in addition a contribution of £46,289 will be made from the surplus in the Collection Fund. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £177.45, an increase of 7.25% on the current year's charge.

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority met on 19th February 2018 and set their precept at £2,397,582, in addition a contribution of £18,347 will be made from the surplus in the Collection Fund. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £67.46, an increase of 2.99% when compared to the current year's charge.

	2017-18	2018-19	Increase/Decrease
South Ribble Borough Council	£208.38	£214.61	2.99%
Lancashire County Council	£1,221.74	£1,294.92	5.99%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	£165.45	£177.45	7.25%
Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	£65.50	£67.46	2.99%
Sub Total	£1,661.07	£1,754.44	5.62%
Town & Parish Council Average	£11.27	£10.27	-8.20%
Total	£1,672.34	£1,764.71	5.52%

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	The draft resolution in the appendix to the report comprises the formal approval the Council's Council Tax requirement for 2018/19.
LEGAL	The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires billing authorities to fix the council tax for a financial year by 11th March in the preceding financial year.
RISK	At law the Council Tax must be set by the 11 th of March at the very latest. Any failure to set the Council Tax could result in loss of income, significant administrative costs as well as reputational damage. There is a further risk that a failure to set a Council Tax in a timely fashion could result in intervention from the Secretary of State.

THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	The setting of Council Tax is legal requirement, and funds the services provided by all the precepting bodies as well as South Ribble Borough Council. Failure to set the Council Tax would adversely affect provision of these services to some of the most vulnerable in society.
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OTHER (see below)	None
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Budget report as approved by Cabinet on 14th February 2018

Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme report as approved by Cabinet on 6th December 2017.

Council Tax Base 2017/2018 Delegated Decision on 18th December 2017

South Ribble Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme

Precept letters/emails from:

- Lancashire County Council;
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire;
- Lancashire Combined Fire Authority; and
- Parish/Town Councils.

THE COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED TO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS

1. That the following be approved:-
 - (a) The revenue estimates for 2018/2019.
 - (b) The capital programme for 2018/2019.
2. It be noted that on the 18th December 2017 under a delegated decision the Council calculated the Council Tax Base based on information held as at the 30th November 2017 as required by legislation for 2018/19 as follows:-
 - (a) For the whole of Council area as 35,540.8 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which Parish precepts relates as attached in Appendix C.
3. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is £214.61.
4. The following amounts be calculated for the 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £51,634,405 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 and Town Councils. (This expenditure includes the government tariff payable in respect of business rates of £9,933,983)
 - (b) £43,641,941 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (This income includes business rates baseline funding of £12,191,087).
 - (c) £7,992,464 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(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).
 - (d) £224.88 being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £365,053 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix B).
 - (f) £214.61 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (2(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.
5. To note that the County Council, the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued Precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 42A of the Local

Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

South Ribble Borough Council

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£143.07	£166.92	£190.76	£214.61	£262.30	£309.99	£357.68	£429.22

Lancashire County Council

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£863.28	£1,007.16	£1,151.04	£1,294.92	£1,582.68	£1,870.44	£2,158.20	£2,589.84

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£118.30	£138.02	£157.73	£177.45	£216.88	£256.32	£295.75	£354.90

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£44.97	£52.47	£59.96	£67.46	£82.45	£97.44	£112.43	£134.92

7. In accordance with Section 59A of South Ribble Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme and the decision taken by Cabinet on 6th December 2017 that the weekly deduction should be between £3.00 and £5.00 per week, that Council determine the reduction in Council Tax Support applicable to working age claimants with effect from the 1st April 2018 as being £3.50 per week.
8. South Ribble Borough Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

APPENDIX B

Council Tax Schedule 2018/19	Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
South Ribble Borough Council	£143.07	£166.92	£190.76	£214.61	£262.30	£309.99	£357.68	£429.22
Lancashire County Council	£863.28	£1,007.16	£1,151.04	£1,294.92	£1,582.68	£1,870.44	£2,158.20	£2,589.84
Lancashire Police Authority	£118.30	£138.02	£157.73	£177.45	£216.88	£256.32	£295.75	£354.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	£44.97	£52.47	£59.96	£67.46	£82.45	£97.44	£112.43	£134.92
Total Unparished Areas	£1,169.62	£1,364.57	£1,559.49	£1,754.44	£2,144.31	£2,534.19	£2,924.06	£3,508.88
Farington	£15.17	£17.70	£20.23	£22.76	£27.82	£32.88	£37.93	£45.52
Farington and South Ribble BC	£158.24	£184.62	£210.99	£237.37	£290.12	£342.87	£395.61	£474.74
Farington Total	£1,184.79	£1,382.27	£1,579.72	£1,777.20	£2,172.13	£2,567.07	£2,961.99	£3,554.40
Hutton	£16.54	£19.30	£22.05	£24.81	£30.32	£35.84	£41.35	£49.62
Hutton and South Ribble BC	£159.61	£186.22	£212.81	£239.42	£292.62	£345.83	£399.03	£478.84
Hutton Total	£1,186.16	£1,383.87	£1,581.54	£1,779.25	£2,174.63	£2,570.03	£2,965.41	£3,558.50
Longton	£15.70	£18.32	£20.93	£23.55	£28.78	£34.02	£39.25	£47.10
Longton and South Ribble BC	£158.77	£185.24	£211.69	£238.16	£291.08	£344.01	£396.93	£476.32
Longton Total	£1,185.32	£1,382.89	£1,580.42	£1,777.99	£2,173.09	£2,568.21	£2,963.31	£3,555.98
Penwortham	£15.09	£17.61	£20.12	£22.64	£27.67	£32.70	£37.73	£45.28
Penwortham and South Ribble BC	£158.16	£184.53	£210.88	£237.25	£289.97	£342.69	£395.41	£474.50
Penwortham Total	£1,184.71	£1,382.18	£1,579.61	£1,777.08	£2,171.98	£2,566.89	£2,961.79	£3,554.16
Much Hoole	£18.25	£21.29	£24.33	£27.37	£33.45	£39.53	£45.62	£54.74
Much Hoole and South Ribble BC	£161.32	£188.21	£215.09	£241.98	£295.75	£349.52	£403.30	£483.96
Much Hoole Total	£1,187.87	£1,385.86	£1,583.82	£1,781.81	£2,177.76	£2,573.72	£2,969.68	£3,563.62
Little Hoole	£18.35	£21.41	£24.47	£27.53	£33.65	£39.77	£45.88	£55.06
Little Hoole and South Ribble BC	£161.42	£188.33	£215.23	£242.14	£295.95	£349.76	£403.56	£484.28
Little Hoole Total	£1,187.97	£1,385.98	£1,583.96	£1,781.97	£2,177.96	£2,573.96	£2,969.94	£3,563.94
Samlesbury and Cuerdale	£10.64	£12.41	£14.19	£15.96	£19.51	£23.05	£26.60	£31.92
Samlesbury and Cuerdale and South Ribble BC	£153.71	£179.33	£204.95	£230.57	£281.81	£333.04	£384.28	£461.14
Samlesbury and Cuerdale Total	£1,180.26	£1,376.98	£1,573.68	£1,770.40	£2,163.82	£2,557.24	£2,950.66	£3,540.80

Parish and Parish Precepts

Parish/ Town Council	2017/18			2018/19		
	Precept	Tax Base Band D Equivalent Properties	Band D Equivalent	Precept Precept	Tax Base Band D Equivalent Properties	Band D Equivalent
	£		£	£		£
Farington	50,000	2,174.3	23.00	50,000	2,196.9	22.76
Hutton	22,000	888.8	24.75	22,000	886.9	24.81
Longton	73,200	3,086.0	23.72	73,200	3,108.3	23.55
Penwortham	170,000	7,510.2	22.64	170,000	7,510.1	22.64
Much Hoole	52,969	700.2	75.65	19,353	707.2	27.37
Little Hoole	22,500	802.3	28.04	22,500	817.3	27.53
Samlesbury & Cuerdale	7,000	495.8	14.12	8,000	501.3	15.96
Total	397,669	15,657.6		365,053	15,728.0	