

REPORT

SUBJECT:	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2016/17
DIRECTORATE:	Chief Executive's Unit
MEETING:	Council
DATE:	10th March 2016
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is bound by Statute to specific timescales for Council Tax setting and is also required to make certain defined resolutions. The recommendations that form the major part of this report are designed to comply with those Statutory Provisions.
- 1.2 The recommended resolutions also draw together the Council Tax implications of precepts notified by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent and Town and Community Councils, thereby enabling the County Council to establish its headline Council Tax levels at the various property bands within each Town or Community area.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the revenue estimates for the year 2016/17 as attached in Appendix 1 be approved. (Note that the summary approved by the Council at its meeting of 21st January 2016 has been adjusted for updates to the settlement notified by Welsh government since that meeting).
- 2.2 It is recommended it be noted that, at its meeting on 21st January 2016, Council calculated the amounts set out below for the year 2016/17 in accordance with sections 32 and 33 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1992](#) ("the Act").

For information, sections 32 and 33 of the 1992 Act have been extensively amended by Schedule 12 to the [Local Government \(Wales\) Act 1994](#). Both are further amended by the [Local Authorities \(Alteration of Requisite Calculations\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002](#) (the "2002 regulations") and The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2013. Section 33 is further amended by the [Local Government Reorganisation \(Calculation of Basic Amount of Council Tax\) \(Wales\) Order 1996](#). All necessary legislative and statutory amendments have been taken into account in calculating the following amounts: -

- (a) 45,102.03 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act and The Regulations (as amended by Regulations 1999 no. 2935), as its Council Tax base for the year;

- (b) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate:

Community	Council Tax Base for 2016/17	Community	Council Tax Base for 2016/17
Abergavenny	4,807.62	Llanhennock	286.33
Caerwent	1,097.15	Llanover	820.15
Caldicot	3,987.91	Llantillio Croesenny	457.18
Chepstow	5,445.06	Llantillio Pertholey	1,598.85
Crucorney	738.31	Llantrissant Fawr	263.38
Devauden	638.80	Magor with Undy	2,913.52
Goetre Fawr	1,183.34	Mathern	622.99
Grosmont	491.60	Mitchell Troy	739.60
Gwehelog Fawr	286.83	Monmouth	4,995.48
Llanarth	491.35	Portskewett	1,008.69
Llanbadoc	465.17	Raglan	1,070.78
Llanelly Hill	1,902.42	Rogiet	715.33
Llanfoist Fawr	1,866.14	Shirenewton	727.59
Llangattock Vibon Abel	675.35	St.Arvals	456.36
Llangwm	274.87	Tintern	502.87
Llangybi	535.21	Trellech	1,655.35
		Usk	1,380.45
		Total	45,102.03

It is recommended that Council resolves:

- 2.3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act and sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) (as amended):

- (a) £145,028,163 being the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (d) of the Act less the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) and (c) of the Act calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year
- (b) £91,548,002 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council

fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant in accordance with Section 33 (3)

- (c) £6,000 being the cost to the authority of discretionary non-domestic rate relief anticipated to be granted (under sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) , as amended)
- (d) £1,185.89 being the amount at 2.3(a) and 2.3(c) above less the amount at 2.3(b) above, all divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year
- (e) £2,149,634 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 of the Act (Town and Community Precepts)
- (f) £1,138.23 being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.
- (g) Part of the Council's Area, being 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 amounts at 2.2(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 the area to which one or more special items relate:

Community Council**Precept
Band D
Equivalent
£'s**

Abergavenny
Caerwent
Caldicot
Chepstow
Crucorney
Devauden
Goetre Fawr
Grosmont
Gwehelog Fawr
Llanarth
Llanbadoc
Llanelly Hill
Llanfoist Fawr
Llangattock Vibon Abel
Llangwm
Llangybi
Llanhennock

58.26
40.10
73.96
91.73
12.87
12.52
24.08
12.21
15.69
13.23
29.09
38.43
34.83
13.33
16.37
18.68
16.90

Community Council**Precept
Band D
Equivalent
£'s**

Llanover
Llantillio Croesenny
Llantillio Pertholey
Llantrissant Fawr
Magor with Undy
Mathern
Mitchell Troy
Monmouth
Portskewett
Raglan
Rogiet
Shirenewton
St.Arvars
Tintern
Trellech
Usk

14.02
11.81
25.21
17.09
51.48
25.81
15.55
47.46
20.32
32.50
49.60
27.11
25.62
34.80
18.73
102.18

- (h) The County Council Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2.3(f) 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 dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	758.82	885.29	1011.76	1138.23	1391.17	1644.11	1897.05	2276.46	2655.87

- (i) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) and 2.3(h) 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 dwellings listed in different valuation bands: -

County Council plus Town/Community Council

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Abergavenny	797.66	930.60	1,063.55	1,196.49	1,462.38	1,728.26	1,994.15	2,392.98	2,791.81
Caerwent	785.55	916.48	1,047.40	1,178.33	1,440.18	1,702.03	1,963.88	2,356.66	2,749.44
Caldicot	808.13	942.81	1,077.50	1,212.19	1,481.57	1,750.94	2,020.32	2,424.38	2,828.44
Chepstow	819.97	956.64	1,093.30	1,229.96	1,503.28	1,776.61	2,049.93	2,459.92	2,869.91
Crucorney	767.40	895.30	1,023.20	1,151.10	1,406.90	1,662.70	1,918.50	2,302.20	2,685.90
Devauden	767.17	895.03	1,022.89	1,150.75	1,406.47	1,662.19	1,917.92	2,301.50	2,685.08
Goetre	774.87	904.02	1,033.16	1,162.31	1,420.60	1,678.89	1,937.18	2,324.62	2,712.06
Grosmont	766.96	894.79	1,022.61	1,150.44	1,406.09	1,661.75	1,917.40	2,300.88	2,684.36
Gwehelog	769.28	897.49	1,025.71	1,153.92	1,410.35	1,666.77	1,923.20	2,307.84	2,692.48
Llanarth	767.64	895.58	1,023.52	1,151.46	1,407.34	1,663.22	1,919.10	2,302.92	2,686.74
Llanbadock	778.21	907.92	1,037.62	1,167.32	1,426.72	1,686.13	1,945.53	2,334.64	2,723.75
Llanelly Hill	784.44	915.18	1,045.92	1,176.66	1,438.14	1,699.62	1,961.10	2,353.32	2,745.54
Llanfoist	782.04	912.38	1,042.72	1,173.06	1,433.74	1,694.42	1,955.10	2,346.12	2,737.14
Llangattock V A	767.71	895.66	1,023.61	1,151.56	1,407.46	1,663.36	1,919.27	2,303.12	2,686.97
Llangwm	769.73	898.02	1,026.31	1,154.60	1,411.18	1,667.76	1,924.33	2,309.20	2,694.07
Llangybi	771.27	899.82	1,028.36	1,156.91	1,414.00	1,671.09	1,928.18	2,313.82	2,699.46
Llanhennock	770.09	898.43	1,026.78	1,155.13	1,411.83	1,668.52	1,925.22	2,310.26	2,695.30
Llanover	768.17	896.19	1,024.22	1,152.25	1,408.31	1,664.36	1,920.42	2,304.50	2,688.58
Llantillio Croess	766.69	894.48	1,022.26	1,150.04	1,405.60	1,661.17	1,916.73	2,300.08	2,683.43
Llantillio Pertholey	775.63	904.90	1,034.17	1,163.44	1,421.98	1,680.52	1,939.07	2,326.88	2,714.69
Llantrissant	770.21	898.58	1,026.95	1,155.32	1,412.06	1,668.80	1,925.53	2,310.64	2,695.75
Magor with Undy	793.14	925.33	1,057.52	1,189.71	1,454.09	1,718.47	1,982.85	2,379.42	2,775.99
Mathern	776.03	905.36	1,034.70	1,164.04	1,422.72	1,681.39	1,940.07	2,328.08	2,716.09
Mitchell Troy	769.19	897.38	1,025.58	1,153.78	1,410.18	1,666.57	1,922.97	2,307.56	2,692.15
Monmouth	790.46	922.20	1,053.95	1,185.69	1,449.18	1,712.66	1,976.15	2,371.38	2,766.61
Portskewett	772.37	901.09	1,029.82	1,158.55	1,416.01	1,673.46	1,930.92	2,317.10	2,703.28
Raglan	780.49	910.57	1,040.65	1,170.73	1,430.89	1,691.05	1,951.22	2,341.46	2,731.70
Rogiet	791.89	923.87	1,055.85	1,187.83	1,451.79	1,715.75	1,979.72	2,375.66	2,771.60
Shirenewton	776.89	906.38	1,035.86	1,165.34	1,424.30	1,683.27	1,942.23	2,330.68	2,719.13
St. Arvans	775.90	905.22	1,034.53	1,163.85	1,422.48	1,681.12	1,939.75	2,327.70	2,715.65
Tintern	782.02	912.36	1,042.69	1,173.03	1,433.70	1,694.38	1,955.05	2,346.06	2,737.07
Trelech	771.31	899.86	1,028.41	1,156.96	1,414.06	1,671.16	1,928.27	2,313.92	2,699.57
Usk	826.94	964.76	1,102.59	1,240.41	1,516.06	1,791.70	2,067.35	2,480.82	2,894.29

2.4 That it be noted for the year 2016/17 that the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent has notified the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the dwellings shown above: -

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	146.71	171.16	195.61	220.06	268.96	317.86	366.77	440.12	513.47

2.5 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(i) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

County Council plus Town/Community Council plus Police and Crime Commissioner

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Abergavenny	944.37	1,101.76	1,259.16	1,416.55	1,731.34	2,046.12	2,360.92	2,833.10	3,305.28
Caerwent	932.26	1,087.64	1,243.01	1,398.39	1,709.14	2,019.89	2,330.65	2,796.78	3,262.91
Caldicot	954.84	1,113.97	1,273.11	1,432.25	1,750.53	2,068.80	2,387.09	2,864.50	3,341.91
Chepstow	966.68	1,127.80	1,288.91	1,450.02	1,772.24	2,094.47	2,416.70	2,900.04	3,383.38
Crucorney	914.11	1,066.46	1,218.81	1,371.16	1,675.86	1,980.56	2,285.27	2,742.32	3,199.37
Devauden	913.88	1,066.19	1,218.50	1,370.81	1,675.43	1,980.05	2,284.69	2,741.62	3,198.55
Goetre	921.58	1,075.18	1,228.77	1,382.37	1,689.56	1,996.75	2,303.95	2,764.74	3,225.53
Grosmont	913.67	1,065.95	1,218.22	1,370.50	1,675.05	1,979.61	2,284.17	2,741.00	3,197.83
Gwehelog	915.99	1,068.65	1,221.32	1,373.98	1,679.31	1,984.63	2,289.97	2,747.96	3,205.95
Llanarth	914.35	1,066.74	1,219.13	1,371.52	1,676.30	1,981.08	2,285.87	2,743.04	3,200.21
Llanbadock	924.92	1,079.08	1,233.23	1,387.38	1,695.68	2,003.99	2,312.30	2,774.76	3,237.22
Llanelly Hill	931.15	1,086.34	1,241.53	1,396.72	1,707.10	2,017.48	2,327.87	2,793.44	3,259.01
Llanfoist	928.75	1,083.54	1,238.33	1,393.12	1,702.70	2,012.28	2,321.87	2,786.24	3,250.61
Llangattock V A	914.42	1,066.82	1,219.22	1,371.62	1,676.42	1,981.22	2,286.04	2,743.24	3,200.44
Llangwm	916.44	1,069.18	1,221.92	1,374.66	1,680.14	1,985.62	2,291.10	2,749.32	3,207.54
Llangybi	917.98	1,070.98	1,223.97	1,376.97	1,682.96	1,988.95	2,294.95	2,753.94	3,212.93
Llanhennock	916.80	1,069.59	1,222.39	1,375.19	1,680.79	1,986.38	2,291.99	2,750.38	3,208.77
Llanover	914.88	1,067.35	1,219.83	1,372.31	1,677.27	1,982.22	2,287.19	2,744.62	3,202.05
Llantillio Croess	913.40	1,065.64	1,217.87	1,370.10	1,674.56	1,979.03	2,283.50	2,740.20	3,196.90
Llantillio Pertholey	922.34	1,076.06	1,229.78	1,383.50	1,690.94	1,998.38	2,305.84	2,767.00	3,228.16
Llantrissant	916.92	1,069.74	1,222.56	1,375.38	1,681.02	1,986.66	2,292.30	2,750.76	3,209.22
Magor with Undy	939.85	1,096.49	1,253.13	1,409.77	1,723.05	2,036.33	2,349.62	2,819.54	3,289.46
Mathern	922.74	1,076.52	1,230.31	1,384.10	1,691.68	1,999.25	2,306.84	2,768.20	3,229.56
Mitchell Troy	915.90	1,068.54	1,221.19	1,373.84	1,679.14	1,984.43	2,289.74	2,747.68	3,205.62
Monmouth	937.17	1,093.36	1,249.56	1,405.75	1,718.14	2,030.52	2,342.92	2,811.50	3,280.08
Portskewett	919.08	1,072.25	1,225.43	1,378.61	1,684.97	1,991.32	2,297.69	2,757.22	3,216.75
Raglan	927.20	1,081.73	1,236.26	1,390.79	1,699.85	2,008.91	2,317.99	2,781.58	3,245.17
Rogiet	938.60	1,095.03	1,251.46	1,407.89	1,720.75	2,033.61	2,346.49	2,815.78	3,285.07
Shirenewton	923.60	1,077.54	1,231.47	1,385.40	1,693.26	2,001.13	2,309.00	2,770.80	3,232.60
St. Arvans	922.61	1,076.38	1,230.14	1,383.91	1,691.44	1,998.98	2,306.52	2,767.82	3,229.12
Tintern	928.73	1,083.52	1,238.30	1,393.09	1,702.66	2,012.24	2,321.82	2,786.18	3,250.54
Trelech	918.02	1,071.02	1,224.02	1,377.02	1,683.02	1,989.02	2,295.04	2,754.04	3,213.04
Usk	973.65	1,135.92	1,298.20	1,460.47	1,785.02	2,109.56	2,434.12	2,920.94	3,407.76

- 2.6 That Mrs J. Robson, Mr M. Howcroft, Miss R. Donovan, Mrs. S. Deacy, Mrs. W. Woods and Mrs. S. Knight be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to prosecute and appear on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council in proceedings before a Magistrates Court for the purpose of applying for Liability Orders in respect of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Since the Council considered and approved the budget at Council on the 21st January 2016, the Minister has responded to the proposal submitted by Local Government to introduce a Rural Stabilisation Grant for the Authorities that received the greatest reduction in funding from Welsh Government. The result is that Monmouthshire has received an additional £109k in funding for 2016/17. In addition, the authority's Single Environment Grant has been notified indicating a 3.5% reduction in the grant, instead of the 6.4% reduction expected and thereby reducing the pressure in the waste budget by circa £70k. The report to Council indicated that if the final funding figures from WG improve, it is recommended that the redundancy budget be funded within the base budget as far as possible. Therefore the summary revenue budget contained in Appendix 1 has been amended to reflect the above adjustments and is represented for approval. It is not expected that there will be any further changes when the Final Settlement is notified on the 2nd March 2016.
- 3.2 Statute requires that Council makes appropriate recommendations to prescribed timescales for setting the Council Tax payable for the coming financial year. The Council must also account for precepts made upon it by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent and by Town and Community Councils. Recommendation 2.5 discharges these obligations.
- 3.3 The Council is also required to authorise officers to undertake advance recovery action through the Courts where necessary. The authorising recommendation appears at 2.6 above.

4. REASONS

- 4.1 To approve the summary revenue budget for 2016/17.
- 4.2 To set the Council Tax for the 2016/17 financial year.
- 4.3 To discharge the Responsible Financial Officer's responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2003.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As identified in the report.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

The equality and sustainability considerations on the budget proposals have been identified throughout the budget process and were taken into account by Council when approving the budget on 21st January 2016. The relevant information is contained in the papers for the Final Budget proposals for the 2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget.

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

There are no safeguarding and corporate parenting implications associated with this report.

8. CONSULTEES:

This report arises from Councils approval of the 2016/17 budget proposals and contains the statutory decisions in relation to setting council tax for 2016/17. The budget has undergone considerable consultation to arrive at the recommendations today.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17- Final proposals following public consultation: Council 21st January 2016

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