

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 25th February 2016

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17- UPDATE

1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update to the Revenue Budget 2016/17 report circulated with the Council agenda on 17th February 2016, to confirm the precept for the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority (RBFA) which was agreed after the report had been published. The recommendations and Appendix G to the report have therefore been adjusted to reflect an increase of 1% in the RBFA precept for 2016/17. The published report had assumed no increase.

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

The Council is requested to resolve that the Revenue Budget 2016/17, be approved.

Council Tax Resolution – In relation to the Council Tax for 2016/17

- (a) That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council as the billing authority for its area by the Local Government Finance Acts (the Acts), the Council Tax for the Slough area for the year ending 31 March 2017 be as specified below and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.
- (b) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 December 2015 Cabinet calculated the following Tax Base amounts for the financial year 2016/17 in accordance with Regulations made under sections 31B (3) and 34(4) of the Act:
- (i) 40,001.8 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Slough area for the year 2016/17; and
- (ii) The sums below being the amounts of Council Tax Base for the Parishes within Slough for 2016/17:
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| a) | Parish of Britwell | 753.4 |
| b) | Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle | 1,840.2 |
| c) | Parish of Wexham | 1,315.8 |

- (c) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with sections 31A to 36 of the Act:
- (i) £420,671,409 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act. (Gross Expenditure);
 - (ii) £ 371,765,208 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (Gross Income);
 - (iii) £48,906,201 being the amount by which the aggregate at paragraph c (i) above exceeds the aggregate at paragraph c (ii) above calculated by the Council as its council tax requirement for the year as set out in section 31A(4) of the Act. (Council Tax Requirement);
 - (iv) £1,222.60 being the amount at paragraph c(iii) above divided by the amount at paragraph b(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, including the requirements for Parish precepts.
 - (v) That for the year 2016/17 the Council determines in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Act, Total Special Items of £215,778 representing the total of Parish Precepts for that year.
 - (vi) £1,217.21 being the amount at paragraph c (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at paragraph c (v) above by the relevant amounts at paragraph b (i) 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 special item relates.
 - (vii) Valuation Bands

Band	Slough Area	Parish of Britwell	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle	Parish of Wexham Court
	£	£	£	£
A	811.47	44.06	32.93	24.48
B	946.72	51.41	38.42	28.56
C	1,081.97	58.75	43.91	32.64
D	1,217.21	66.10	49.40	36.72
E	1,487.70	80.79	60.38	44.89
F	1,758.19	95.47	71.36	53.05
G	2,028.68	110.16	82.33	61.21
H	2,434.42	132.19	98.80	73.45

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at paragraph c (iv) and c (vi) 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 amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (viii) That it be noted that for the year 2016/17 the Thames Valley Police Authority precept has been increased by 1.99%. The following amounts are stated in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £
A	111.31
B	129.86
C	148.41
D	166.96
E	204.06
F	241.16
G	278.27
H	333.92

- (ix) That it be noted that for the year 2016/17 the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority has been increased by 1% as the following amount in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £
A	40.84
B	47.65
C	54.46
D	61.27
E	74.88
F	88.50
G	102.11
H	122.53

- (x) Note that arising from these recommendations, and assuming the major precepts are agreed, the overall Council Tax for Slough Borough Council including the precepting authorities will be as follows:

Band	Slough £	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £	TOTAL £
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- (xi) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 2012 Act.
- (xii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and arrears has been duly served and who has failed to pay the amounts due to take all subsequent necessary action to recover them promptly.
- (xiii) That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to collect (and disperse from the relevant accounts) the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rate and that whenever the office of the Section 151 Officer is vacant or the holder thereof is for any reason unable to act, the Chief Executive or such other authorised post-holder be authorised to act as before said in his or her stead.

Fees and Charges –

- (e) That the Cabinet resolves to increase Fees and charges as outlined in Appendix F for 2016/17 as follows:
 - (i) An increase to the court costs figures from **£129 to £152**
 - (ii) Charge VAT on local land searches
 - (iii) Further changes as highlighted in appendix F

Pay Policy –

- (f) That the Pay Policy outlined in Appendix O be noted for Council approval:

Appendix Attached

‘G’ - Updated Council Tax Resolution

Statutory Determination of Council Tax

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