COUNCIL - 21 FEBRUARY 2017

**8. SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX**

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1. **Summary**

1.1 This report allows the Council to set the Council Tax for 2017/2018.

2. **Background**

2.1 The Council at its meeting on 21 February 2017 set the 2017/2018 district element of the council tax charge including parish precepts and special expenses.

2.2 This report consolidates the decision made by this Council and the two precepting bodies, namely Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire to give an overall charge for residents of Three Rivers District Council for 2017/18.

3. **Details**

3.1 ***Major Precepting Authorities***

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire (PCC) and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) have agreed their 2017/18 precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act. The precept for the PCC totals £5,747,439.20 and the precept for HCC totals £47,107,448.54, giving band D charges of £152.00 and £1,245.83 respectively. Included in the HCC precept is a charge for Adult Social Care. Applying the appropriate proportions gives the charges shown in Recommendation 9.1.

3.2 ***Total Charge for Each Area and Each Band***

This is derived by adding the figures the District and Parish Charge to those in recommendation 9.1 (Major Precepting Authorities) to give a total charge on each area for each band.

4 **Options/Reasons for Recommendation**

* 1. The report is made to set the Council Tax for 2017/18

5 **Policy/Budget**

5.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council’s agreed policy and budgets.

6 **Staffing, Equal Opportunities, Community Safety, Risk Management, Website, Customer Services Centre and Environmental Implications**

6.1 None specific.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 Applying the charges will generate the income required to meet County Council, Police Authority, District and Parish Councils’ expenditure after discounts and non-payment, allowance for which has been included in the Council Tax Base.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 This report and its recommendations comply with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“The Act”) as amended by The Localism Act 2011.

9. **Recommendations**

* 1. That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-



* 1. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case the Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/2018 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-



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**Background Papers:**

Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended and Regulations made there-under.

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