

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 9.30am ON WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES**

**MEMBERS**

\* Cllr J A Pearce - Chairman

\* Cllr H D Bastone

\* Cllr J Brazil

\* Cllr M Long

\* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance:

All Agenda Items: Section 151 Officer; and Democratic Services Manager

**CTSC.1/22 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council Tax Setting Panel held on 22 February 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CTSC.2/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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.

**CTSP.3/22 DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE AND INDIVIDUAL TAX BASES FOR TOWNS AND PARISHES: 2023/2024**

Consideration was given to a report that calculated and set out the Council Tax for 2023/24, 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.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

1. That it be noted that, in December 2022, the Senior Leadership Team, under delegated authority from full Council, approved the Council Tax Base for the year 2023/24:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as being 39,949.00 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 set out at Appendix A of the published agenda report;
2. That the Council Tax requirement for South Hams District Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £7,407,344 as set out at Appendix B of the published agenda report;
3. That the following amounts are calculated by the Council for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Localism Act 2011 as set out at Appendix B of the published agenda report:
- (a) £51,106,211 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) £40,371,557 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 surplus**).
- (c) £10,734,654 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 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) £268.71 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the council tax base (1(a) above) 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) £3,327,310 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts), referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as set out in **Appendix C** to the presented agenda report **Parish Precepts**).

(f) £185.42 being the amount at 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:

<del>Precepting</del> authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Devon County Council's tax requirements	1,089.42	1,270.99	1,452.56	1,634.13	1,997.27	2,360.41	2,723.55	3,268.26
Police & Crime Commissioner's tax requirements	174.37	203.44	232.50	261.56	319.68	377.81	435.93	523.12
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority's tax requirements	64.53	75.28	86.04	96.79	118.30	139.81	161.32	193.58

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 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown at **Appendix D of the published agenda report (total of all valuation band council taxes for South Hams District Council including parishes, county, police and crime commissioner and fire authority)**; and

6. That the Council concluded that the basic amount of Council Tax for South Hams District Council for 2023/24 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).

(Meeting commenced at 9:30 am and concluded at 9.35 am).

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Chairman