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Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council Report

29 February 2024

Council Tax – Formal Resolutions for 2024/25

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	N/A
Forward Plan:	N/A
Report considered by:	Full Council – 29 February 2024

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Full Council is asked to approve:

- 1.1 the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for 2024/25.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 Council Tax levels must be approved by Full Council. This report sets out the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2024/25. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority, and the various Parish and Town Councils.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Council Tax Base was approved at Full Council on 25 January 2024. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, including the budget for 2024/25, was agreed earlier at this meeting.

- 3.2 The budget is made up of a General Fund element and a much smaller Special Fund element. The Special Fund is required to ring fence costs that apply to areas that were previously unparished and where the Council still provides some additional services which otherwise would normally be provided by Town and Parish Councils. These services mainly relate to footway lighting and/or cemeteries.
- 3.3 The proposals set out in this report represent a 4.99% increase on the average Council Tax levied by Telford & Wrekin Council across the Borough as a whole which is in line with the increase assumed by the Government when the funding settlement for 2024/25 was announced.
- 3.4 This increase includes an element relating to the Adult Social Care Precept, which was introduced by the Government in 2016/17. The Adult Social Care Precept is equivalent to a 2% Council Tax increase in 2024/25, based on the prior year Telford & Wrekin elements of the council tax make-up (see table below) and must be ring-fenced to be spent on Adult Social Care Services. The 2% increase is assumed by the Government in their funding settlement to the Council for next year and is required to contribute £1.7m towards the £5.9m additional ongoing net investment that the Council needs to make to support Adult Social Care services in 2024/25.
- 3.5 Council Tax levels are based on spending requirements and the council tax base (number of chargeable Band D equivalent dwellings). If the recommendations in this report are approved the Band D Council Tax would be:

Authority		Band D Council Tax £	Increase %
Telford & Wrekin	General Fund	1,287.89	
	Special Fund	14.00	
Telford & Wrekin	Total (excluding Adult Social Care Precept)	1,301.89	
Telford & Wrekin	Adult Social Care Precept	235.09	
Telford & Wrekin	Total (including Adult Social Care Precept)	1,536.98	4.99
West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner		277.50	4.91
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority		114.49	2.99
Parish & Town Councils		108.51	13.02
Total Council Tax		2,037.48	5.26

- 3.6 The increases in overall council tax will vary dependent on parish area. Overall the total average bill has increased by 5.26% after including the increases by Police, Fire and the average increase applied by Parish and Town Councils. The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 4.32% to 6.39% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

3.7 While the total average Band D bill will be £2,037.48, the majority of properties in the area fall in Bands A and B – the average total bill for a Band A property is £1,358.32 and for a Band B property the average total bill is £1,584.70.

4.0 Summary of main proposals - Formal Resolutions

4.1 That it be noted that at its meeting on 25 January 2024 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 made under Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (The Act):-

(a) **56,573.8** 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 its Council Tax base for the year (The Council Tax Base).

(b) **Part of the Council's Area Tax Base**

The Parish of:-

CHETWYND	286.2
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	266.7
CHURCH ASTON	524.4
DAWLEY HAMLETS	2,733.9
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	4,019.1
EDGMOND	571.8
ERCALL MAGNA	666.5
GORGE, THE	1,568.6
GREAT DAWLEY	2,874.0
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	4,572.1
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,509.2
KETLEY	1,482.5
KYNNERSLEY	82.2
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	4,047.0
LILLESHALL	568.3
LITTLE WENLOCK	246.1
MADELEY	4,398.6
NEWPORT	4,372.2
OAKENGATES	2,507.5
PRESTON	124.8
RODINGTON	382.6
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	4,662.9
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	2,375.8
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	427.6
WATERS UPTON	542.7
WELLINGTON	7,166.9
WROCKWARDINE	1,928.0
WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH	1,627.5
	56,535.7

These are the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

4.2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £491,581,012 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 Councils.
- (b) £398,489,066 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £93,091,946 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £1,645.49 being the amount at 4.2(c) above divided by the Council Tax base, 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 and special items).
- (e) £6,931,091 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,522.98 being the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (calculated by deducting from the amount at 4.2(d) above, the quotient of the amount at 4.2(e) above divided by the Council Tax Base). The only area that this relates to is the Parish of Eyton. This includes the Adult Social Care Precept of £235.09.

(g)	<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£
	The Parish of:	
	Chetwynd	1,540.45
	Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,567.97
	Church Aston	1,572.56
	Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,579.19
	Donnington & Muxton	1,589.08
	Edgmond	1,569.28
	Ercall Magna	1,597.84
	The Gorge (SF2*)	1,603.38
	Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,800.42
	Hadley & Leegomery	1,622.42
	Hollinswood & Randlay	1,724.93
	Ketley	1,671.34
	Kynnersley	1,554.42

Lawley & Overdale (SF2*)	1,652.43
Lilleshall	1,620.50
Little Wenlock	1,598.35
Madeley (SF2*)	1,696.94
Newport	1,665.35
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,800.77
Preston	1,534.99
Rodington	1,587.30
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,578.65
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,698.56
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,537.55
Waters Upton	1,583.31
Wellington (SF2*)	1,637.79
Wrockwardine	1,577.95
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,605.28

**SF1 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge of £0.00 per Band D is made for cemeteries.*

**SF2 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has not taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge of £27.14 per Band D is made for footway lighting.*

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4.2(f) above 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 amount at 4.1(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 its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (h) The amounts in Appendix A being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4.2(f) and 4.2(g) 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.

4.3 **The West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner precept** for 2024/25 was set on 7 February 2024. The following amounts were stated in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Band</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
A	185.00
B	215.83
C	246.67
D	277.50

E	339.17
F	400.83
G	462.50
H	555.00

- 4.4 **The Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority’s precept** for 2024/25 was set at its meeting on 21 February 2024. The following amounts were stated in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Band</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
A	76.33
B	89.05
C	101.77
D	114.49
E	139.93
F	165.37
G	190.82
H	228.98

- 4.5 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4.2(h) and 4.3 and 4.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, hereby sets the amounts in Appendix B as the amounts of council tax for the year 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The Council Tax Resolutions are calculated in accordance with statutory regulations.

6.0 Key Risks

- 6.1 These are considered as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy report.

7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The level of Council Tax is a product of the Medium Term Financial Strategy which is integral to ensuring that available resources are used as effectively as possible to deliver corporate priorities.

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 The financial impacts are detailed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy report.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

- 9.1 The Council must make calculations concerning its spending and Council Tax for the area to enable the Council's statutory obligations to be fulfilled. Members should note that the Local Government Finance Act 1992 imposes a statutory duty upon

the Council to calculate its council tax requirement and to set its Council Tax for 2024/25 before the 11 March 2024. Details of those Regulations and how they have been observed are set out in this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 Council Tax is set at parish level in order to reflect the council tax due in each Town or Parish Council area. There are no direct impacts on specific wards.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic Implications directly arising from this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 There are no Equality and Diversity Implications directly arising from this report.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no Climate Change and Environmental Implications arising directly from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

- 1 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 – 2027/28 report
- 2 2024/25 Local Government Finance Settlement
- 3 Setting of Council Tax Base for 2024/25 report
- 4 Parish & Town Council Precept Requests
- 5 Police & Crime Commissioner Precept Request
- 6 Fire Authority Precept Request
- 7 Acts, Directions and Regulations as quoted above

15.0 Appendices

- A Unitary Authority and Town/Parish Council's Tax Level 2024/25
- B Total Council Tax Levels for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2024/25

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Finance	16/02/2024	20/02/2024	PH
Legal	16/02/2024	21/02/2024	RP
Director	16/02/2024	19/02/2024	MLB

UNITARY AUTHORITY AND TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL'S COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2024/25

Part of the Parish Council's Area The Parish Of :-	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
CHETWYND	1,026.95	1,198.11	1,369.27	1,540.45	1,882.76	2,225.08	2,567.40	3,080.90
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	1,045.30	1,219.52	1,393.74	1,567.97	1,916.39	2,264.83	2,613.27	3,135.94
CHURCH ASTON	1,048.36	1,223.09	1,397.82	1,572.56	1,922.00	2,271.46	2,620.92	3,145.12
DAWLEY HAMLETS	1,052.78	1,228.24	1,403.71	1,579.19	1,930.11	2,281.04	2,631.97	3,158.38
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	1,059.37	1,235.94	1,412.50	1,589.08	1,942.19	2,295.32	2,648.45	3,178.16
EDGMOND	1,046.17	1,220.54	1,394.90	1,569.28	1,917.99	2,266.72	2,615.45	3,138.56
ERCALL MAGNA	1,065.21	1,242.75	1,420.29	1,597.84	1,952.90	2,307.98	2,663.05	3,195.68
EYTON	1,015.31	1,184.53	1,353.75	1,522.98	1,861.41	2,199.85	2,538.29	3,045.96
THE GORGE	1,068.90	1,247.05	1,425.21	1,603.38	1,959.67	2,315.98	2,672.28	3,206.76
GREAT DAWLEY	1,200.26	1,400.30	1,600.35	1,800.42	2,200.50	2,600.59	3,000.68	3,600.84
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	1,081.60	1,261.87	1,442.14	1,622.42	1,982.94	2,343.48	2,704.02	3,244.84
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,149.94	1,341.59	1,533.25	1,724.93	2,108.23	2,491.55	2,874.87	3,449.86
KETLEY	1,114.21	1,299.92	1,485.62	1,671.34	2,042.73	2,414.14	2,785.55	3,342.68
KYNNERSLEY	1,036.27	1,208.98	1,381.69	1,554.42	1,899.83	2,245.26	2,590.69	3,108.84
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	1,101.60	1,285.20	1,468.81	1,652.43	2,019.62	2,386.83	2,754.03	3,304.86
LILLESBALL	1,080.32	1,260.37	1,440.43	1,620.50	1,980.60	2,340.71	2,700.82	3,241.00
LITTLE WENLOCK	1,065.55	1,243.15	1,420.74	1,598.35	1,953.52	2,308.71	2,663.90	3,196.70
MADELEY	1,131.28	1,319.82	1,508.37	1,696.94	2,074.02	2,451.12	2,828.22	3,393.88
NEWPORT	1,110.22	1,295.26	1,480.30	1,665.35	2,035.41	2,405.49	2,775.57	3,330.70
OAKENGATES	1,200.50	1,400.58	1,600.67	1,800.77	2,200.93	2,601.10	3,001.27	3,601.54
PRESTON	1,023.31	1,193.87	1,364.42	1,534.99	1,876.08	2,217.19	2,558.30	3,069.98
RODINGTON	1,058.19	1,234.55	1,410.92	1,587.30	1,940.02	2,292.75	2,645.49	3,174.60
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	1,052.42	1,227.82	1,403.23	1,578.65	1,929.45	2,280.26	2,631.07	3,157.30
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	1,132.36	1,321.08	1,509.81	1,698.56	2,076.00	2,453.46	2,830.92	3,397.12
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	1,025.02	1,195.86	1,366.70	1,537.55	1,879.21	2,220.89	2,562.57	3,075.10
WATERS UPTON	1,055.53	1,231.45	1,407.37	1,583.31	1,935.14	2,286.99	2,638.84	3,166.62
WELLINGTON	1,091.84	1,273.81	1,455.79	1,637.79	2,001.73	2,365.68	2,729.63	3,275.58
WROCKWARDINE	1,051.95	1,227.28	1,402.61	1,577.95	1,928.59	2,279.25	2,629.90	3,155.90
WROCKWARDINE WOOD	1,070.17	1,248.54	1,426.90	1,605.28	1,961.99	2,318.72	2,675.45	3,210.56

TOTAL COUNCIL TAX LEVELS FOR TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL FOR 2024/25

Part of the Parish Council's Area	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
The Parish Of :-	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CHETWYND	1,288.28	1,502.99	1,717.71	1,932.44	2,361.86	2,791.28	3,220.72	3,864.88
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	1,306.63	1,524.40	1,742.18	1,959.96	2,395.49	2,831.03	3,266.59	3,919.92
CHURCH ASTON	1,309.69	1,527.97	1,746.26	1,964.55	2,401.10	2,837.66	3,274.24	3,929.10
DAWLEY HAMLETS	1,314.11	1,533.12	1,752.15	1,971.18	2,409.21	2,847.24	3,285.29	3,942.36
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	1,320.70	1,540.82	1,760.94	1,981.07	2,421.29	2,861.52	3,301.77	3,962.14
EDGMOND	1,307.50	1,525.42	1,743.34	1,961.27	2,397.09	2,832.92	3,268.77	3,922.54
ERCALL MAGNA	1,326.54	1,547.63	1,768.73	1,989.83	2,432.00	2,874.18	3,316.37	3,979.66
EYTON	1,276.64	1,489.41	1,702.19	1,914.97	2,340.51	2,766.05	3,191.61	3,829.94
THE GORGE	1,330.23	1,551.93	1,773.65	1,995.37	2,438.77	2,882.18	3,325.60	3,990.74
GREAT DAWLEY	1,461.59	1,705.18	1,948.79	2,192.41	2,679.60	3,166.79	3,654.00	4,384.82
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	1,342.93	1,566.75	1,790.58	2,014.41	2,462.04	2,909.68	3,357.34	4,028.82
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,411.27	1,646.47	1,881.69	2,116.92	2,587.33	3,057.75	3,528.19	4,233.84
KETLEY	1,375.54	1,604.80	1,834.06	2,063.33	2,521.83	2,980.34	3,438.87	4,126.66
KYNNERSLEY	1,297.60	1,513.86	1,730.13	1,946.41	2,378.93	2,811.46	3,244.01	3,892.82
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	1,362.93	1,590.08	1,817.25	2,044.42	2,498.72	2,953.03	3,407.35	4,088.84
LILLESHELL	1,341.65	1,565.25	1,788.87	2,012.49	2,459.70	2,906.91	3,354.14	4,024.98
LITTLE WENLOCK	1,326.88	1,548.03	1,769.18	1,990.34	2,432.62	2,874.91	3,317.22	3,980.68
MADELEY	1,392.61	1,624.70	1,856.81	2,088.93	2,553.12	3,017.32	3,481.54	4,177.86
NEWPORT	1,371.55	1,600.14	1,828.74	2,057.34	2,514.51	2,971.69	3,428.89	4,114.68
OAKENGATES	1,461.83	1,705.46	1,949.11	2,192.76	2,680.03	3,167.30	3,654.59	4,385.52
PRESTON	1,284.64	1,498.75	1,712.86	1,926.98	2,355.18	2,783.39	3,211.62	3,853.96
RODINGTON	1,319.52	1,539.43	1,759.36	1,979.29	2,419.12	2,858.95	3,298.81	3,958.58
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	1,313.75	1,532.70	1,751.67	1,970.64	2,408.55	2,846.46	3,284.39	3,941.28
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	1,393.69	1,625.96	1,858.25	2,090.55	2,555.10	3,019.66	3,484.24	4,181.10
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	1,286.35	1,500.74	1,715.14	1,929.54	2,358.31	2,787.09	3,215.89	3,859.08
WATERS UPTON	1,316.86	1,536.33	1,755.81	1,975.30	2,414.24	2,853.19	3,292.16	3,950.60
WELLINGTON	1,353.17	1,578.69	1,804.23	2,029.78	2,480.83	2,931.88	3,382.95	4,059.56
WROCKWARDINE	1,313.28	1,532.16	1,751.05	1,969.94	2,407.69	2,845.45	3,283.22	3,939.88
WROCKWARDINE WOOD	1,331.50	1,553.42	1,775.34	1,997.27	2,441.09	2,884.92	3,328.77	3,994.54

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