



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 27 February 2025

Council Tax - Formal Resolutions for 2025/26

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Full Council 27 February 2025

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 2025/26.

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 2025/26. 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 23 January 2025. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, including the budget for 2025/26, 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 2025/26 was announced.
- 3.4 This increase includes an element, equivalent to a 2% Council Tax increase in 2025/26, relating to Adult Social Care which was introduced by the Government in 2016/17. This element of the increase must be ring-fenced to be spent on Adult Social Care Services. The 2% increase contributes £1.8m towards the £7.7m additional ongoing net investment that the Council needs to make to support Adult Social Care services in 2025/26.
- 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 (including Adult Social Care)	1,599.00	
	Special Fund	14.67	
Telford & Wrekin	Total (including Adult Social Care)	1,613.67	4.99
West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner		291.50	5.05
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority		119.45	4.33
Parish & Town Councils		121.56	12.03
Total Council Tax		2,146.18	5.34

- 3.6 The increases in overall council tax will vary dependent on parish area. Overall the total average bill has increased by 5.34% after including the increases by West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, Shropshire & Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority and the average increase applied by Parish and Town Councils. The average

increase in overall bills represents a range from 4.52% to 7.44% depending on variations in Parish and Town Council spending and precepts.

- 3.7 While the total average Band D bill will be £2,146.18, the majority of properties in the Borough fall in Bands A and B – the average total bill for a Band A property is £1,430.78 and for a Band B property the average total bill is £1,669.25.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 That it be noted that at its meeting on 23 January 2025 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2025/26 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) **58,164.7** 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	291.6
CHETWYND ASTON & WOODCOTE	326.1
CHURCH ASTON	525.8
DAWLEY HAMLETS	2,843.4
DONNINGTON & MUXTON	4,237.7
EDGMOND	567.7
ERCALL MAGNA	675.8
GORGE, THE	1,603.8
GREAT DAWLEY	2,949.8
HADLEY & LEEGOMERY	4,670.9
HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY	1,541.6
KETLEY	1,494.6
KYNNERSLEY	83.7
LAWLEY & OVERDALE	4,141.5
LILLESHALL	575.8
LITTLE WENLOCK	246.7
MADELEY	4,498.5
NEWPORT	4,446.0
OAKENGATES	2,528.4
PRESTON	124.7
RODINGTON	389.3
ST GEORGES & PRIORSLEE	4,897.3
STIRCHLEY & BROOKSIDE	2,409.6
TIBBERTON & CHERRINGTON	451.2
WATERS UPTON	569.7
WELLINGTON	7,365.9
WROCKWARDINE	2,041.0
WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH	1,627.5
	58,125.6

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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 2025/26 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £552,094,284 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) £451,164,768 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £100,929,516 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) £1,735.23 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) £7,924,001 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,599.00 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 element of £265.82.

(g) **Part of the Council's Area**

The Parish of:

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Chetwynd	1,623.00
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,637.63
Church Aston	1,660.46
Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,656.59
Donnington & Muxton	1,666.99
Edgmond	1,650.04
Ercall Magna	1,672.83
The Gorge (SF2*)	1,691.46
Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,944.55

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Hadley & Leegomery	1,723.34
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,812.74
Ketley	1,756.70
Kynnersley	1,632.33
Lawley & Overdale (SF2*)	1,736.10
Lilleshall	1,720.56
Little Wenlock	1,678.70
Madeley (SF2*)	1,791.75
Newport	1,747.11
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,908.29
Preston	1,611.02
Rodington	1,672.41
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,654.68
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,782.69
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,614.27
Waters Upton	1,659.32
Wellington (SF2*)	1,736.39
Wrockwardine	1,653.87
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,690.60

**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 £28.55 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 2025/26 was set on 6th February 2025. 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	194.33
B	226.72
C	259.11
D	291.50
E	356.28
F	421.06
G	485.83
H	583.00

- 4.4 **The Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority’s precept** for 2025/26 was set on 11th February 2025. 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	79.63
B	92.91
C	106.18
D	119.45
E	145.99
F	172.54
G	199.08
H	238.90

- 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 before the 11 March 2025. 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 2025/26 – 2028/29 report
- 2 2025/26 Local Government Finance Settlement
- 3 Setting of Council Tax Base for 2025/26 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 2025/26
- B Total Council Tax Levels for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2025/26

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Finance	18/02/2025	18/02/2025	PH

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Legal Services	18/02/2025	19/02/2025	RP
Director	18/02/2025	18/02/2025	MLB