
REPORT TO:	Council
DATE:	3 March 2021
SERVICE AREA:	Finance
REPORTING OFFICER:	Head of Finance (<i>Paul Foster</i>)
SUBJECT:	COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2021/22
WARDS AFFECTED:	All District
FORWARD PLAN REF:	N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Council's budget for 2021/22 was set by Council on 10 February 2021.
- 1.2 The final stage in the budgetary process is for the Council to determine the formal Council Tax Resolution for the year ahead.
- 1.3 This Resolution covers the statutory processes of:
- ◆ **calculating** the Council Taxes for the Borough, including Parishes;
 - ◆ **setting** the total Council Taxes, to include the County, Police and Fire elements.
- 1.4 In accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 (Section 25) the Head of Finance advises Council that, in his opinion, the estimates mentioned in recommendations 2(a) to 2(c) are robust, and that the proposed financial reserves are adequate.
- 1.5 In accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not excessive (an increase above £5, or 2% or greater, is considered excessive in 2021/22) and as such a referendum does not have to be held.
- 1.6 As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is excessive and that the billing authority is required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council be asked to pass resolutions in the following terms:

RESOLVED

1. COUNCIL TAX BASE

That it be noted that on 16 December 2020 the Head of Finance calculated the following amounts for the year 2021/22 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) **Whole of the Council's Area**
63,984.89 being the amount calculated, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its Council Tax Base for the year;
- (b) **Parts of the Council's Area**
the amounts mentioned in Column 1 of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts calculated, 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 may relate.

2. DISTRICT/PARISH COUNCIL TAX RATES

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) **District/Parish Gross Expenditure**
£138,780,296 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;
- (b) **Income**
£121,562,757 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;
- (c) **District/Parish Net Expenditure**
£17,217,539 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 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) **Basic Amount of tax (including average parish precepts)**
£269.08758 being the amount at 2(c) above divided by the amount at 1(a) 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;
- (e) **Parish Precepts**
£1,162,450 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;

- (f) **Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Areas)**
£250.92 being the amount at 2(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(e) above by the amount at 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 special item relates;
- (g) **Basic Amount of Tax (Parished Areas)**
the amounts mentioned in Column 2 of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned divided in each case by the amount at 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) **District/Parish Council Tax Rates**
the amounts mentioned in Columns 3 A to H of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(f) and 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.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL, POLICE, FIRE & CRIME COMMISSIONER – POLICE AND FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY TAX RATES

That it be noted that for the year 2021/22 the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Fire & Rescue Authority (NYFRA) 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 dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
North Yorkshire County Council*							
940.70	1,097.48	1,254.27	1,411.05	1,724.62	2,038.18	2,351.75	2,822.10
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Police Precept							
180.71	210.82	240.94	271.06	331.30	391.53	451.77	542.12
North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner - Fire & Rescue Authority Precept							
49.43	57.66	65.90	74.14	90.62	107.09	123.57	148.28

* The NYCC figures above include the Adult Social Care precept (see table overleaf for breakdown)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Adult Social Care	93.54	109.13	124.72	140.31	171.49	202.67	233.85	280.62
Other	847.16	988.35	1,129.55	1,270.74	1,553.13	1,835.51	2,117.90	2,541.48
Total	940.70	1,097.48	1,254.27	1,411.05	1,724.62	2,038.18	2,351.75	2,822.10

4. TOTAL COUNCIL TAX RATES

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(h) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts mentioned in Schedule B to this Resolution as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown therein.

5. BUSINESS RATES

That it be noted that on 27 January 2021 the Head of Finance approved the 2021/22 National Non-Domestic Rates Return (NNDR1), which projected total non-domestic rating income for 2021/22 for the district at £63,106,640. £31,553,320 will be paid to Central Government as the Central Share, £5,679,598 will be paid to NYCC as their proportion of the Local Share and £631,066 will be paid to NYFRA as their proportion of the Local Share. £25,242,656 will be retained by the Council as its proportion of the Local Share, in addition to £2,917,230 of s31 grant payable to fund reliefs granted, before payment of the tariff of £21,843,650 and levy payment to the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool of £1,286,840, resulting in net retained business rate income of £5,029,396.

Background Papers – None

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