

Council Tax Setting Committee

Thursday 27 February 2020 at 6.15 pm or on the rising of the General Purposes Committee (starting at 6pm), whichever is the later
Boardrooms 7 & 8 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

M. Butt (Chair)
Hirani
Kansagra
McLennan
Tatler

Substitute Members

Councillors:

Kabir, Knight and Nerva
Councillors:
Colwill and Maurice

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Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:

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If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

***Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences**- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

****Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
 - To which you are appointed by the council;
 - which exercises functions of a public nature;
 - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
 - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party or trade union).
- (b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Item **Page**

1 Apologies for Absence and clarification of alternate members

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the item(s) on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate.

3 Deputations

To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67.

4 Setting the Council Tax 2020/21 1 - 8

To receive a report seeking to decide the level of Council Tax for 2020/21, following the setting of the GLA precept.


Ward Affected: All Wards	Contact Officer: Minesh Patel, Director of Finance Tel: 020 8937 6528 Email: minesh.patel@brent.gov.uk
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5 Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are currently no items listed on the agenda that will require the exclusion of the press or public.

6 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Head of Executive and Member Services or his/her representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 60.

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 Brent	Council Tax Setting Committee 27 February 2020
	Report from the Director of Finance
Setting the Council Tax 2020/21	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	Two Appendix A: Formal Resolution 2020-21 Appendix B: Committee Terms of Reference
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is agree the council tax for 2020/21

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To note the 2020/21 budget agreed by Full Council on 19 February 2020, including a 3.99% council tax increase.

- 2.2 To note the formal resolution for Brent council tax agreed by Full Council on 19 February 2020 that the 2020/21 Brent element of the council tax for Band D properties in Brent, including an increase of 3.99%, be set at £1,312.74.
- 2.3 To note the Greater London Authority precept for 2020/21 of £332.07 for Band D properties, agreed by the Greater London Authority (GLA) on 24 February 2020.
- 2.4 To agree that the total council tax for all Band D properties will be set at £1,644.81

	Band D		
	2019/20	2020/21	Change
	£	£	%
Brent Council Tax	1,262.34	1,312.74	3.99%
GLA Precept	320.51	332.07	3.61%
Total Band D Council Tax	1,582.85	1,644.81	3.91%

- 2.5 That the formal resolution for council tax in 2020/21 (shown in Appendix A) be approved.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council is required to determine the level of council taxes in the borough for 2020/21. This includes the amount set as its precept by the Greater London Authority (GLA). The GLA intends to agree its precept on 24 February 2020.

- 3.2 Due to the timing of the GLA's consideration of its precept, Full Council on 19 February 2020 established a council tax setting committee for the purposes of setting the council tax and approving the formal resolutions for council taxes in 2020/21. A copy of the terms of reference of the committee agreed by Full Council is at Appendix B.

- 3.3 The GLA set a precept of £332.07 at Band D on 24 February 2020. The council has no control over the level of this precept.

- 3.4 Full details of the council tax levels for all property bands are shown in Appendix A.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 These are set out throughout the report

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act (the Act) provides that no amount of council tax may be set before the earlier of the following—

- (a) 1st March in the financial year preceding that for which the amount is set;
- (b) the date of the issue to the authority of the last precept capable of being issued to it (otherwise than by way of substitute) by a major precepting authority for the financial year for which the amount is set.

5.2 Although the council calculated the Brent element of the council tax at its meeting on 19 February, it could not set the council tax on that date as the GLA precept was not issued until after the GLA meeting on 24th February 2020,

5.3 Section 67 of the Act permits the setting of the council tax to be delegated to a special council tax setting committee established under that section.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 The council tax increase of 3.99% in respect of the Brent element was subject to an equalities impact assessment, alongside all other budget proposals for 2020/21. Further details can be found in the report presented to Full Council on 19 February 2020.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 The council tax increase of 3.99% for the Brent element formed part of the overall consultation on the budget for 2020/21. Further details can be found in the report presented to Full Council on 19 February 2020.

8.0 Human Resources

8.1 Not applicable.

Related Documents:

Budget and Council Tax 2020/21, Cabinet February 2020

Report sign off:

Minesh Patel
Director of Finance

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Appendix A

2020/21 Formal Resolution

1.0 In relation to the council tax for 2020/21 we resolve:

That the following amounts be now calculated as the Council's element by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:

- (a) £1,029,121,285 being the aggregate of the amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
- (b) 900,990,772 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £128,130,513 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £1,312.74 being the amount at (c) above, divided by the amount for the tax base of 97,605, agreed by the General Purposes Committee on 9 December 2019, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.

(e) Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
875.16	1021.02	1,166.88	1,312.74	1,604.46	1,896.18	2,187.90	2,625.48

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (d) 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.

1.1 That it be noted that for the year 2020/21 the GLA precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, in respect of the GLA, for each of the categories of dwellings are as shown below. The GLA agreed its precept on 24 February 2020.

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
221.38	258.28	295.17	332.07	405.86	479.66	553.45	664.14

- 1.2 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at paragraphs 1.0 and 1.1, 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 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,096.54	1,279.30	1,462.05	1,644.81	2,010.32	2,375.84	2,741.35	3,289.62

Appendix B

COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

Membership

The committee comprises of the five councillors (four labour and one conservative).

Terms of Reference

This committee is established under section 67 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

1. To note the annual budget 2020/21 for Brent agreed by Full Council.
2. To note the formal resolution by Full Council for Brent council tax in 2020/21.
3. To note the Greater London Authority precept level for 2020/21.
4. As a consequence, to set an amount of council tax for the financial year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 30 Local Government Finance Act 1992.
5. To agree the formal resolution for council taxes in 2020/21.

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