

COUNCIL – 25TH FEBRUARY 2013

Supplementary Report of Cabinet

Lead Member: Councillor Tom Barkley

Part A

ITEM 7.3 2013/14 COUNCIL TAX BASE AND SPECIAL EXPENSES AND 2013/14 GENERAL FUND AND HRA REVENUE BUDGETS

Purpose of the Supplementary Report

To set out the full recommendations and reasons required in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the regulations’), in order that the Council can adopt a General Fund Revenue Budget, Housing Revenue Account Budget and, following receipt of all the precepts for the precepting authorities, adopt a Council Tax levy for 2013/14 and agree a National Non-Domestic Rates (‘NNDR’) tax base.

Recommendations

1. that the expenses incurred by the Council in performing in Loughborough a function performed elsewhere in its area by a parish council or the chairman of a parish meeting be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to the extent provided in minute 72 (C) 1 of Council February 2008;
2. that
 - a. the Original Budget for 2013/14 be £17,652,402,
 - b. the base Council Tax be set at £102.62 at Band D, and
 - c. the Loughborough Special Rate be set at £73.51;
3. that the amounts below be approved as the Council tax base for 2013/14:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 50,212.1 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates:

Part of the Council's area

<u>Parish, etc</u>	<u>Council Tax Base 2013/14</u>
Anstey	2071.4
Barkby	136.8
Barkby Thorpe	14.7
Barrow-upon-Soar	2138.6
Beeby	33.0
Birstall	4008.2
Burton-on-the-Wolds	483.5
Cossington	217.4
Cotes	11.2
East Goscote	839.0
Hathern	755.2
Hoton	142.6
Mountsorrel	2586.7
Newtown Linford	506.8
Prestwold	29.6
Queniborough	904.6
Quorndon	2159.8
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	86.6
Rearsby	454.3
Rothley	1735.6
Seagrave	258.9
Shepshed	4154.9
Sileby	2269.3
South Croxton	123.7
Swithland	150.9
Syston	3875.6
Thrussington	250.2
Thurcaston & Cropston	920.2
Thurmaston	2548.1
Uiverscroft	63.4
Walton-on-the-Wolds	126.3
Wanlip	84.9
Woodhouse	928.1
Wymeswold	558.8
Loughborough Special Expense Area	14583.2

being 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. that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- a) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,224,777
 - b) £63,226,827 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.
 - c) £54,400,023 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
 - d) £8,826,804 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(b) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(c) 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).
 - e) £175.79 being the amount at 4(d) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (3(a) above), 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).
 - f) £3,674,038 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A).
 - g) £102.62 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(f) above by Item T (3(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.
 - h) Part of the Council's Area

<u>Parish, etc</u>	<u>District Band D Charge</u>
Anstey	196.29
Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	150.52
Barrow-upon- Soar	189.22
Beeby	102.62
Birstall	186.18

<u>Parish, etc</u>	<u>District Band D Charge</u>
Burton-on-the-Wolds / Cotes / Prestwold	151.88
Cossington	226.06
East Goscote	166.29
Hathern	151.63
Hoton	173.58
Mountsorrel	165.18
Newtown	
Linford	176.85
Queniborough	141.66
Quorndon	184.16
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	131.49
Rearsby	142.26
Rothley	155.04
Seagrave	162.34
Shepshed	171.15
Sileby	167.47
South Croxton	172.70
Swithland	119.19
Syston	193.46
Thrussington	120.71
Thurcaston & Cropston	138.08
Thurmaston	209.31
Ulverscroft	102.62
Walton-on-the-Wolds	130.16
Wanlip	126.18
Woodhouse	169.19
Wymeswold	135.18
Loughborough Special Expense Area	176.13

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(g) 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 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

i) Part of the Council's area

Parish	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Anstey	130.86	152.67	174.48	196.29	239.91	283.53	327.15	392.58
Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	100.34	117.08	133.80	150.52	183.96	217.42	250.86	301.04
Barrow-upon-Soar	126.14	147.18	168.20	189.22	231.26	273.32	315.36	378.44
Beeby	68.41	79.82	91.22	102.62	125.42	148.23	171.03	205.24
Birstall	124.12	144.81	165.50	186.18	227.55	268.93	310.30	372.36
Burton-on-the-Wolds / Cotes / Prestwold	101.25	118.13	135.01	151.88	185.63	219.38	253.13	303.76
Cossington	150.70	175.83	200.94	226.06	276.29	326.53	376.76	452.12
East Goscote	110.86	129.34	147.82	166.29	203.24	240.20	277.15	332.58
Hathern	101.08	117.94	134.78	151.63	185.32	219.02	252.71	303.26
Hoton	115.72	135.01	154.30	173.58	212.15	250.73	289.30	347.16
Mountsorrel	110.12	128.48	146.83	165.18	201.88	238.59	275.30	330.36
Newtown Linford	117.90	137.55	157.20	176.85	216.15	255.45	294.75	353.70
Queniborough	94.44	110.18	125.92	141.66	173.14	204.62	236.10	283.32
Quorndon	122.77	143.24	163.70	184.16	225.08	266.01	306.93	368.32
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	87.66	102.27	116.88	131.49	160.71	189.93	219.15	262.98
Rearsby	94.84	110.65	126.46	142.26	173.87	205.49	237.10	284.52
Rothley	103.36	120.59	137.82	155.04	189.49	223.95	258.40	310.08
Seagrave	108.22	126.27	144.30	162.34	198.41	234.49	270.56	324.68
Shepshed	114.10	133.12	152.14	171.15	209.18	247.22	285.25	342.30
Sileby	111.64	130.26	148.86	167.47	204.68	241.90	279.11	334.94
South Croxton	115.13	134.33	153.51	172.70	211.07	249.46	287.83	345.40
Swithland	79.46	92.71	105.95	119.19	145.67	172.16	198.65	238.38
Syston	128.97	150.47	171.97	193.46	236.45	279.44	322.43	386.92
Thrussington	80.47	93.89	107.30	120.71	147.53	174.36	201.18	241.42
Thurcaston & Cropston	92.05	107.40	122.74	138.08	168.76	199.45	230.13	276.16
Thurmaston	139.54	162.80	186.06	209.31	255.82	302.34	348.85	418.62
Ulverscroft	68.41	79.82	91.22	102.62	125.42	148.23	171.03	205.24
Walton-on-the-Wolds	86.77	101.24	115.70	130.16	159.08	188.01	216.93	260.32
Wanlip	84.12	98.14	112.16	126.18	154.22	182.26	210.30	252.36
Woodhouse	112.79	131.60	150.39	169.19	206.78	244.39	281.98	338.38
Wymeswold	90.12	105.14	120.16	135.18	165.22	195.26	225.30	270.36
Loughborough Special Expense Area	117.42	136.99	156.56	176.13	215.27	254.41	293.55	352.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(h) 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 the 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.

5. that it be noted that the County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire ('PCCL') and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

	REQUIREMENTS (TO 2 DECIMAL PLACES)							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1063.00	1299.22	1535.44	1771.66	2126.00
Combined Fire Authority	38.92	45.40	51.89	58.38	71.35	84.32	97.29	116.75
PCCL	115.92	135.24	154.55	173.87	212.51	251.15	289.79	347.75

6. that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	BAND A 6/9	BAND B 7/9	BAND C 8/9	BAND D 1	BAND E 11/9	BAND F 13/9	BAND G 15/9	BAND H 18/9
ANSTEY	994.37	1160.09	1325.81	1491.54	1822.99	2154.44	2485.89	2983.08
BARKBY / BARKBY THORPE	963.85	1124.50	1285.13	1445.77	1767.04	2088.33	2409.60	2891.54
BARROW-UPON-SOAR	989.65	1154.60	1319.53	1484.47	1814.34	2144.23	2474.10	2968.94
BEEBY	931.92	1087.24	1242.55	1397.87	1708.50	2019.14	2329.77	2795.74
BIRSTALL	987.63	1152.23	1316.83	1481.43	1810.63	2139.84	2469.04	2962.86
BURTON-ON-THE-WOLDS, COTES & PRESTWOLD	964.76	1125.55	1286.34	1447.13	1768.71	2090.29	2411.87	2894.26
COSSINGTON	1014.21	1183.25	1352.27	1521.31	1859.37	2197.44	2535.50	3042.62
EAST GOSCOTE	974.37	1136.76	1299.15	1461.54	1786.32	2111.11	2435.89	2923.08
HATHERN	964.59	1125.36	1286.11	1446.88	1768.40	2089.93	2411.45	2893.76
HOTON	979.23	1142.43	1305.63	1468.83	1795.23	2121.64	2448.04	2937.66
MOUNTSORREL	973.63	1135.90	1298.16	1460.43	1784.96	2109.50	2434.04	2920.86
NEWTOWN LINFORD	981.41	1144.97	1308.53	1472.10	1799.23	2126.36	2453.49	2944.20
QUENIBOROUGH	957.95	1117.60	1277.25	1436.91	1756.22	2075.53	2394.84	2873.82
QUORNDON	986.28	1150.66	1315.03	1479.41	1808.16	2136.92	2465.67	2958.82
RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE	951.17	1109.69	1268.21	1426.74	1743.79	2060.84	2377.89	2853.48
REARSBY	958.35	1118.07	1277.79	1437.51	1756.95	2076.40	2395.84	2875.02
ROTHLEY	966.87	1128.01	1289.15	1450.29	1772.57	2094.86	2417.14	2900.58
SEAGRAVE	971.73	1133.69	1295.63	1457.59	1781.49	2105.40	2429.30	2915.18
SHEPSHED	977.61	1140.54	1303.47	1466.40	1792.26	2118.13	2443.99	2932.80
SILEBY	975.15	1137.68	1300.19	1462.72	1787.76	2112.81	2437.85	2925.44
SOUTH CROXTON	978.64	1141.75	1304.84	1467.95	1794.15	2120.37	2446.57	2935.90
SWITHLAND	942.97	1100.13	1257.28	1414.44	1728.75	2043.07	2357.39	2828.88

	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
SYSTON	992.48	1157.89	1323.30	1488.71	1819.53	2150.35	2481.17	2977.42
THRUSSINGTON	943.98	1101.31	1258.63	1415.96	1730.61	2045.27	2359.92	2831.92
THURCASTON & CROPSTON	955.56	1114.82	1274.07	1433.33	1751.84	2070.36	2388.87	2866.66
THURMASTON	1003.05	1170.22	1337.39	1504.56	1838.90	2173.25	2507.59	3009.12
ULVERSCROFT	931.92	1087.24	1242.55	1397.87	1708.50	2019.14	2329.77	2795.74
WALTON-ON-THE- WOLDS	950.28	1108.66	1267.03	1425.41	1742.16	2058.92	2375.67	2850.82
WANLIP	947.63	1105.56	1263.49	1421.43	1737.30	2053.17	2369.04	2842.86
WOODHOUSE	976.30	1139.02	1301.72	1464.44	1789.86	2115.30	2440.72	2928.88
WYMESWOLD	953.63	1112.56	1271.49	1430.43	1748.30	2066.17	2384.04	2860.86
LOUGHBOROUGH (SPECIAL EXPENSES)	980.93	1144.41	1307.89	1471.38	1798.35	2125.32	2452.29	2942.76

7. that the Original Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix 5 of the Head of Finance & Property Services' report of the 2013/14 General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets be approved;
8. that the increases to weekly rents be approved in line with the Department of Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring;
9. that the service charges be approved in accordance with the Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring regarding the de-pooling of service charges;
10. that the increases to shop rents by the Retail Price Index ('RPI'), being the applicable rate of 2.6%, be approved;
11. that garage rents increase by RPI plus 0.5% which is 3.1%;
12. that the Leasehold Management and Administration charge be reduced by £9.35, 8.6%, to £100.00 per annum.
13. that it be determined that the basic amount of Council Tax for 2013/14 is not excessive according to the principles set out by the Secretary of State; and
14. that the NNDR tax base for 2013/14 will be £43,282,458.

Reasons

1. To set the definition of the Loughborough Special Expenses in accordance with Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
2. To ensure that the necessary finance would be available to carry out services in 2013/14 and to set the Council Tax and Loughborough Special Expenses in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.

3. To set the Council's 2013/14 Council Tax Base in accordance with the regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 4-6. To set a Council Tax in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.
- 7 To ensure sufficient funding for the Housing Revenue Account in 2013/14.
8. To ensure sufficient resources would be made available to the Housing Revenue Account in 2013/14.
9. To ensure the correct alignment of costs and service charges for tenants in accordance with best practice.
10. In order that shop rents were in line with the evaluation made by the Head of Finance & Property Services.
11. To ensure that garage rents reflect current market conditions.
12. That there would be sufficient recovery of the costs associated with operating the leasehold flat and shop services.
13. To comply with the requirements of section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
14. To set the Council's NNDR tax base in accordance with statutory requirements.

Policy Justification

The budget is essential to all policies of the Council and the setting of a Council Tax levy is a legal requirement of the Council and the rents need to be within specified parameters set by the CLG. Similarly the Council Tax and NNDR tax bases are required to be set by statute. In addition, the Corporate Plan aim Grow and Prosper is the context for the HRA budget and rent/charges setting.

Implementation Timetable

The new budgets, rents, service charges etc will become effective on or after 1 April 2013.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

Without the agreement of budgets, rents, service charges etc the council would be acting illegally and would not be able to function for any length of time.

Risk Management

There are no direct risks in approving the recommendations of this report and the inherent risk elements of the budgets etc are covered by that report.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Background

1. A Report of the Head of Finance & Property Services setting out the proposed General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets for 2013/14 has been circulated with the Council Agenda for 25 February 2013. The budgets set out in that report represent the financial spending plans for all services of the Council and it is a legal requirement to set a balanced budget each financial year.
2. Appendix 2 of the report of the of the Head of Finance & Property Services identified some of the precepts as provisional, these figures have now been approved. Therefore, following receipt of all the confirmed precepts, Council is requested to consider the full Council Tax Resolution, set out in the recommendations and reasons above, in order to set a Council Tax Levy and General Fund revenue budget and Housing Revenue Account for 2013/14.
3. Appendix 4 of the above report shows the precept requirement for Seagrave Parish Council as being £16,363. Since publication of that report Seagrave Parish Council have now informed the authority that the figures should be £15,463 giving a Band D precept requirement of £59.73. The correct figures have been included in Appendix A to this report.

Appendix

Appendix A to this report sets out the Parish and Town Councils' precepts for 2012/13 and 2013/14 for information purposes.

Town and Parish Council Precepts							
Parish/Town Council	2012/13			2013/14			Council Tax % Change
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	
Anstey	2,275.5	203,000	89.21	2,071.4	194,029	93.67	5.0%
Barkby / Barkby Thorpe	161.8	7,750	47.9	151.5	7,257	47.90	0.0%
Barrow-upon-Soar	2,263.0	152,440	67.36	2,138.6	185,203	86.60	28.6%
Beeby	34.8	0	0	33.0	0	0.00	0.0%
Birstall	4,255.3	376,953	88.58	4,008.2	334,912	83.56	-5.7%
Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes, & Prestwold	538.0	26,500	49.26	524.3	25,825	49.26	0.0%
Cossington	220.7	11,000	49.84	217.4	26,836	123.44	147.7%
East Goscote	914.8	55,300	60.45	839.0	53,418	63.67	5.3%
Hathern	749.9	36,750	49.01	755.2	37,012	49.01	0.0%
Hoton	145.8	5,750	39.44	142.6	10,119	70.96	79.9%
Mountsorrel	2,811.3	175,868	62.56	2,586.7	161,817	62.56	0.0%
Newtown Linford	511.9	38,000	74.23	506.8	37,621	74.23	0.0%
Queniborough	963.0	36,000	37.38	904.6	35,317	39.04	4.4%
Quorndon	2,208.6	167,250	75.73	2,159.8	176,104	81.54	7.7%
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	86.0	2,500	29.07	86.6	2,500	28.87	-0.7%
Rearsby	452.1	18,008	39.83	454.3	18,008	39.64	-0.5%
Rothley	1,754.5	95,000	54.15	1,735.6	90,977	52.42	-3.2%
Seagrave	261.2	15,600	59.72	258.9	15,463	59.73	0.0%
Shepshed	4,557.9	312,859	68.64	4,154.9	284,741	68.53	-0.2%
Sileby	2,506.4	162,225	64.72	2,269.3	147,174	64.85	0.2%
South Croxton	128.5	8,780	68.33	123.7	8,669	70.08	2.6%
Swithland	148.5	2,500	16.84	150.9	2,500	16.57	-1.6%
Syston	4,320.8	392,500	90.84	3,875.6	352,058	90.84	0.0%
Thrussington	260.2	4,500	17.29	250.2	4,527	18.09	4.6%
Thurcaston & Cropston	949.0	32,000	33.72	920.2	32,629	35.46	5.2%
Thurmaston	2,956.9	306,580	103.68	2,548.1	271,862	106.69	2.9%
Ulverscroft	61.2	0	0	63.4	0	0.00	0.0%
Walton-on-the-Wolds	127.2	3,000	23.58	126.3	3,479	27.54	16.8%
Wanlip	81.5	2,000	24.54	84.9	2,000	23.56	-4.0%
Woodhouse	964.3	61,019	63.28	928.1	61,779	66.57	5.2%
Wymeswold	574.4	18,700	32.56	558.8	18,192	32.56	0.0%
	38,245.0	2,730,332	71.39	35,628.9	2,602,027	73.03	2.3%
Loughborough (Special Expenses)	16,967.6	1,247,368	73.51	14,583.2	1,072,011	73.51	0.0%
Total	55,212.6	3,977,700		50,212.1	3,674,038		
Average			72.04			73.17	1.6%