

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX 2018/2019

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE & TOWN CLERK

LEAD OFFICER: ROBERT BAXTER, INTERIM CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 In light of the report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which appears elsewhere on this agenda, this report will set out the City Council's council tax requirement and, together with the requirements of the County Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire, will allow Members to make a formal recommendation to Council for the overall levels of Council Tax for 2018/19.

2. City Council Requirement 2018/19

- 2.1 The net General Fund Budget requirement as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy report totals £14,276,460 which includes a contribution to balances of £288,360.
- 2.2 For 2018/19 a Council Tax increase of 2.95% has been applied.
- 2.3 The Council Tax requirement for 2018/19 is £6,393,490
- 2.4 By reference to the Band D level, the 2018/19 Council Tax would rise by £7.65 to £267.03 per annum. The range of Council Taxes will be:

Band	2017/18 Council Tax £	2018/19 Council Tax £
A	172.92	178.02
B	201.74	207.69
C	230.56	237.36
D	259.38	267.03
E	317.02	326.37
F	374.66	385.71
G	432.30	445.05
H	518.76	534.06

3. Requirements of the Police & Crime Commissioner and the County Council

- 3.1 The County Council agreed their 2018/19 Council Tax requirements on the 23rd February 2018 and the Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire agreed its increase on the 15th February. The County Council have agreed to a 4.95% increase, whereas the Police & Crime Commissioner have agreed an increase of 5.83%.

At Band D Council Tax level these are as follows: -

	£
Police & Crime Commissioner	217.44
Lincolnshire County Council	1,231.47

4. Total Council Tax 2018/19

- 4.1 The council tax requirements for all the authorities for 2018/19 is summarised as follows:

	£	% share
City of Lincoln Council	267.03	15.6%
Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire	217.44	12.7%
Lincolnshire County Council	1,231.47	71.7%
Total Band D Charge	1,715.94	100%

This represents an overall increase of 4.74% for 18/19.

5. Organisational Impacts

- 5.1 Local authorities must decide, prior to the 11th March, each year how much they are going to raise from Council Tax.
- 5.2 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 sets out the legislative powers for each billing authority to levy and collect Council Tax which shall be payable in respect of dwellings situated in its area.

6. Formal Council Tax Recommendation 2018/19

- 6.1 The Executive is requested to recommend to Council:

1. Acceptance of the 8th January 2018 Executive Committee recommendation that the Council Tax Base for 2018/19, as calculated in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, to be 23,943.
2. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - a) £106,585,210 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) £100,191,720 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- c) £6,393,490 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. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A (4) of the Act).
- d) £267.03 being the amount at 2(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 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 (including Parish precepts).
- e) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- f) £267.03 being the amount at 2c) above less the amount at 2e) above, all divided by the amount at 1 above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year

g) **City of Lincoln Council**

A	B	C	D
£178.02	£207.69	£237.36	£267.03
E	F	G	H
£326.37	£385.71	£445.05	£534.06

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in 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 for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different bands.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 Lincolnshire County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Lincolnshire County Council

A	B	C	D
£820.98	£957.81	£1,094.64	£1,231.47
E	F	G	H
£1,505.13	£1,778.79	£2,052.45	£2,462.94

4. That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire

A	B	C	D
£144.96	£169.12	£193.28	£217.44
E	F	G	H
£265.76	£314.08	£362.40	£434.88

5. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2g, 3 and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2018/19 in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Total Council Tax Charge 2018/19

A	B	C	D
£1,143.96	£1,334.62	£1,525.28	£1,715.94
E	F	G	H
£2,097.26	£2,478.58	£2,859.90	£3,431.88

Key Decision Yes

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply No

Call In and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

Does the report contain Appendices? No

If Yes, how many Appendices? N/A

List of Background Papers: None.

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