



<b>Council</b>	<b>Thursday, 23 February 2017</b>	<b>Matter for Decision</b>
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**Title:** Council Tax Setting 2017/18

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is for the Council to set the amount of Council Tax for its area in accordance with section 30(s) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

Approval is sought for Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's net budget requirement of £6,601,700 and an associated Band D Council Tax for 2017/18 of £211.63.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That it be noted that under powers delegated to the Chief Financial Officer, the Council has calculated the amount of 17,155.70 as its Council Tax base for the financial year 2017/18 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2. That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 is £3,630,690.
- 2.3. The following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 30 to 306 (as amended) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
- 2.3.a. £18,200,300 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31 A (2) of the Act.
- 2.3.b. £14,569,610 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31 A (3) of the Act.
- 2.3.c. £3,630,690 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3 a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3 b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31 A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.
- 2.3.d. £211.63 being the amount at 3 c) divided by the amount a 1 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31 B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year
- 2.3.e. **Valuation Bands**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
141.09	164.60	188.12	<b>211.63</b>	258.66	305.69	352.72	423.26

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 3 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 amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 2.4. That it is noted that for the year 2017/18, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, and the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority 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 shown below and that Leicestershire County Council have indicated that their provisional precept will be confirmed on 22 February 2017

#### **Precepting Authorities - Valuation Bands**

<b>Leicestershire County Council :-</b>							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
781.59	911.85	1,042.12	1,172.38	1,432.91	1,693.44	1,953.97	2,344.76
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire :-</b>							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
124.82	145.62	166.43	187.23	228.84	270.44	312.05	374.46
<b>Leicestershire Fire Authority :-</b>							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
41.89	48.88	55.86	62.84	76.80	90.77	104.73	125.68

- 2.5. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3 (e) and 2.4 above, 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 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below'.

#### **Valuation Bands**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,089.39	1,270.95	1,452.53	1,634.08	1,997.21	2,360.34	2,723.47	3,268.16

### **3. Information**

Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the Council to set amounts of Council tax at taxpayer level for each category of dwelling (i.e. Council Tax Band) before 11 March in the preceding financial year. At the time of writing, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Leicester and the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority had already set their Council Tax increases for 2017/18. Leicestershire County Council is due to agree its increase on 22 February 2017.

The increases (including the indicative increase for Leicestershire County Council) are as follows:

<b>Preceptor</b>	<b>% - Age Increase</b>
Leicestershire County Council (provisional)	3.99
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Leicester	1.99
Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority	1.98

For 2016/17, local authorities that provide adult social care (such as Leicestershire County Council) were able to levy an additional precept of up to 2%. The settlement for 2017/18 included allowing local authorities that provide adult social care to levy a precept on Council Tax that will allow for a maximum 6% increase over the next three years, with a maximum increase in any one year of 3%. (So an authority could set the precept at 2% in each of the next three years, or 3% in the first two years and then 0% in the final year). As can be seen in the table above, Leicestershire County Council has provisionally decided to opt for a 2% adult social care levy in 2017/18. Their final decision will be reported to Council verbally by the Chief Financial Officer before members are asked to vote on the recommendations contained in this report.

The final local government finance settlement for 2017/18 will be announced by the Secretary of State after the writing of this report. The Council has adequate reserves to make any minor adjustments to its budget once the final figures are confirmed.

In total, the average Council Tax (Band D) for 2017/18 (assuming that Leicestershire County Council confirms its proposed precepts) will be 3.47%, comprising:

<b>Preceptor</b>	<b>Band D Council Tax</b>	<b>% - Age Increase</b>
Leicestershire County Council	£1,172.38	3.99
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Leicester	£187.23	1.99
Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority	£62.84	1.98
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council	£211.63	2.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,634.08</b>	<b>3.47</b>

The table below shows the respective proportions year on year:-

*(Continued overleaf)*

	10/11		11/12		12/13		13/14	
	£	%	£	%	£	%	£	%
<b>L.C.C</b>	1,063.00	71.4	1,063.00	71.4	1,063.00	71.2	1,063.00	71.0
<b>L.P.P.C</b>	169.63	11.4	169.63	11.4	173.87	11.6	173.87	11.6
<b>L.F.A</b>	53.38	3.6	53.38	3.6	53.38	3.6	58.38	3.9
<b>OWBC</b>	202.60	13.6	202.60	13.6	202.60	13.6	202.60	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,488.61</b>		<b>1,488.61</b>		<b>1,492.85</b>		<b>1,497.85</b>	
	14/15		15/16		16/17		17/18	
	£	%	£	%	£	%	£	%
<b>L.C.C</b>	1,063.00	70.8	1,084.15	71.0	1,127.40	71.4	1,172.38	71.7
<b>L.P.P.C.</b>	176.48	11.8	180.00	11.8	183.58	11.6	187.23	11.5
<b>L.F.A</b>	59.25	3.9	60.43	4.0	61.62	3.9	62.84	3.8
<b>OWBC</b>	202.60	13.5	202.60	13.3	206.63	13.1	211.63	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,501.33</b>		<b>1,527.18</b>		<b>1,579.23</b>		<b>1,634.08</b>	

Under Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council is required to consult National Non Domestic Ratepayers, within the area of the borough, on proposed revenue and capital expenditure for the financial year 2017/18.

As the Council is unable to influence the amount that the commercial sector is required to pay in business rates, it is difficult to make this consultation meaningful. By forwarding details of the proposed budget to the Leicester Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses for circulation amongst their members, who constitute a cross section of all sizes and types of businesses, this obligation has been met for 2017/18. Any feedback arising will be reported to the Council meeting.

Although the information contained in this report was accurate at the time of writing not all the major precept bodies had formally approved their Council Tax. Should there be any changes to the figures in this report Members will be informed at the meeting.

**Background Documents:-**  
None.

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Implications	
<b>Financial (MHo)</b>	These are included within the main body of the report.
<b>Legal (AC)</b>	An annual legislative requirement as to Council Tax setting.
<b>Risk (MHo)</b>	CR1 - Scarce Financial Resources Risk has been assessed and appropriate measures have been built into these budget proposals.
<b>Equalities (MHo)</b>	In planning the budget, EA's have been taken into account for all changes to current funding-levels.
	Equality Assessment:- <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable