

Amended Page 33 to the Council Agenda

Setting of Council Tax 2015/16

Portfolio:	Finance
Ward(s) Affected:	All

Purpose

To set the Council Tax for 2015/16.

1. Having determined its Council Tax Requirement for 2015/16, Members are now required to formally approve the Council Tax for the area taking into account precepts received from Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and the Parishes.

Proposals in this paper

2. This paper essentially contains two sets of proposals based on the two options for the Council Tax for Surrey Heath as presented in the earlier paper as follows:
 - Option A - 0% increase in Surrey Heath Council Tax
 - Option B – 1.94% increase in Surrey Heath Council Tax
3. The actual recommendation proposed is dependent on the decision taken in the previous item.
4. In approving the Council Tax for 2015/16, the Council should note the following:
 - i. The Executive, at its meeting on 6th January 2015, approved the draft Council Tax base for 2015/16, but delegated the final setting of the base to the Executive Head of Finance. The tax base has been set at 36,600.49 Band D equivalent properties.
 - ii. Precepts have been received from the Parishes for 2015/16 and these are shown in this report.
 - iii. The Surrey County Council Precept for 2015/16 is £44,640,885.64 (was £43,333,315.63)
 - iv. The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for 2015/16 is £7,901,679.79 (was £7,760,652.39)

OPTION A1 – Recommendation to Freeze Council Tax for Surrey Heath and Surrey Police Precept received

Council Tax Levels for 2015/16

1. The following Parish Precepts have been received for the financial year 2015/16:

Parish councils	2014/15			2015/16			% Change per Band D
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D	
Bisley	1,464.72	64,523	44.05	1,507.32	67,381	44.70	1.5%
Chobham	1,895.73	74,037	39.05	1,922.82	76,537	39.80	1.9%
West End	1,988.67	80,278	40.37	1,997.80	81,453	40.77	1.0%
Windlesham	7,913.83	277,970	35.12	8,046.62	288,146	35.81	1.9%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	13,262.95	496,808	37.46	13,474.56	513,517	38.11	1.7%
Frimley & Camberley	22,974.07	173,111	7.54	23,125.93	173,111	7.49	-0.7%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	36,237.02	669,919	18.49	36,600.49	686,628	18.76	1.5%

2. The table below sets out the basic Council Tax at Band D properties for 2015/16 as compared with 2014/15.

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase £	%
Borough Council	192.56	192.56	0.00	0.00
County Council	1,195.83	1,219.68	23.85	1.99
Police Authority	211.68	215.89	4.21	1.99
Basic Council Tax	£1,600.07	£1,628.13	£28.06	1.75%

3. The Council will note that Surrey Heath's Council Tax is the smallest of the three principal precepting authorities and represents 11.8% of the total Council Tax Bill. In cash terms this represents 53p per day for each Band D property.

Set of Recommendations A – 0% increase in Council Tax for Surrey Heath

The Council is recommended to:

4. NOTE that the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 is calculated in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
- a) for the whole Council area as 36,600.49 (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 as in Table B below.

Bisley	1,507.32
Chobham	1,922.82
Frimley and Camberley	23,125.93