

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Officer Urgent Decision - Record

Amendment of the City Council Tax aggregate amounts

Decision(s) taken:	To amend the figures for the City Council aggregate amount in appendix A (b) of the Council's adopted resolution of 25 February 2020.
Decision of:	Strategic Director 1
Date of decision:	27 th February 2020
Matter for Decision:	To amend the Cambridge City Council council tax rates and aggregate amounts for bands A, B, C, E, F, G and H as in the attached revised Appendix A(b) – Council Tax Setting 2020/21.
Any alternative options considered and rejected:	Without making this administrative change, there is a possibility of the City Council's tax rates being challenged as the rates agreed by Full Council on 25 February 2020 are incorrect by 1p. A requirement to re-bill, if at any time in the 2020/21 year they were challenged, would be a significant additional cost and an inconvenience to residents, that is being prevented by the urgent action. By not making this change the City Council would see a small shortfall in its budget for 2020/21 of £444.
Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:	An urgent decision under paragraph 2 of section 9, Council Procedure Rules was necessary to enable the printing and delivery of Council Tax bills for the Council's area within the statutory timescales. To delay the matter for a further decision by a meeting of the Full Council was not possible if the Council was to meet its statutory timescales for billing.
Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive:	None.
Other Comments:	The Chief Executive was unavailable and therefore not able to be consulted before the action was taken. The Head of Finance advised the Leader of the Council and the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources prior to the action being taken.
Reference:	2020/OfficerURGENCY/Council/01
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Appendix A (b)

Council Tax Setting 2020/21

1. The Council calculated its Council Tax Base 2019/20 for the whole Council area as **44,450.9** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]
2. The Council calculates that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 is **£9,001,310**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

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| (a) | £192,988,374 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act |
| (b) | £183,987,064 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act |
| (c) | £9,001,310 | 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 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act] |
| (d) | £202.50 | being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the amount at 1 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. |

4. To note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council (and nil for the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority) in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. 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 table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area.

Dwelling Band	City Council £	County Council £	Police & Crime Commissioner £	Fire Authority £	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority £	Aggregate Council Tax £
A	135.00	906.12	155.10	48.06	-	1,244.28
B	157.50	1,057.14	180.95	56.07	-	1,451.66
C	180.00	1,208.16	206.80	64.08	-	1,659.04
D	202.50	1,359.18	232.65	72.09	-	1,866.42
E	247.50	1,661.22	284.35	88.11	-	2,281.18
F	292.50	1,963.26	336.05	104.13	-	2,695.94
G	337.50	2,265.30	387.75	120.15	-	3,110.70
H	405.00	2,718.36	465.30	144.18	-	3,732.84

6. *The Council determines that, in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the basic amount of its council tax for 2020/21 is not excessive.*