

COUNCIL - 19TH APRIL 2016

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2016/17 – ITEM H NARRATIVE

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update members on the omission of a descriptive narrative paragraph in the 2016/17 Council Tax Resolution reported to Special Council on the 24th February 2016.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides details of a paragraph omitted from the Council Tax Resolution 2016/17 presented to Special Council on the 24th February 2016.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The Council is required annually to approve a balanced budget and agree Council Tax levels.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 Council Tax Resolutions – Item H Part of the Council's Area

- 4.1.1 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 and The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 set out the rules for the calculation of the Council Tax base. This is the amount required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to be used in the calculation of the Council Tax.
- 4.1.2 Item H of the Council Tax Resolution 2016-17 details the calculation of the Authority's band D Council Tax inclusive of Community Council precepts.
- 4.1.3 The following narrative paragraph was omitted from the Resolution presented to Special Council:

"being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2)(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 (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts, of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate."

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As part of the 2016/17 budget-setting process Equalities Impact Assessments have been completed for the savings proposals that impact on service users and/or the public.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The omitted paragraph is a descriptive narrative of the calculated figures in Item H and has no impact upon the value of the figures reported in item H.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that the descriptive narrative outlined in paragraph 4.1.2 of this report be adopted as part of the Council Tax Resolution 2016-17.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 The Council is required annually to agree a Council Tax rate.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Finance Act 1992 and regulations made under the Act.

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Background Papers:

Special Council Report 24th February 2016 - Council Tax Resolution 2016/17 and Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

Cabinet Report 17th February 2016 - Budget Proposals 2016/17 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2016/2021.

Cabinet Report 9th December 2015 - Council Tax Base 2016/17.