

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL



Report to: Finance and Policy Committee
December 2020 Item

Summary:

A report providing information on council tax base for 2021/2022

Attachments:

None

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Each year the Council must pass a resolution to set its Precept for the following financial year.

1.2 The Precept is the main source of income for the Council and is calculated by taking the net estimated expenditure after deducting income streams and the use of reserves (if appropriate). East Northamptonshire Council is responsible for raising the revenue to meet the precept through the Council Tax levied on taxpayers within Raunds.

1.3 Each year, East Northamptonshire Council is responsible for calculating a tax base for each town and village within East Northamptonshire Council. The provisional figure for 2021/2022 will hopefully be available in time for this committee meeting.

1.4 The tax base is calculated by reference to the number of domestic properties in the town or parish to which is added anticipated completions (new properties) less an allowance for exemptions, discounts, the cost of the local council tax support scheme (LCTSS) and an allowance for losses on collection.

1.5 The basis for calculating the council tax base is changing for 2021/22 in line with the new unitary authorities

The council tax base for 2021/22 is still subject to the outcome of a consultation, however provisional figures are noted below.

2.0

2.1. Financial implications - changes to tax base

The table below illustrate changes to the Council Tax Base and precept.

| Financial Year | Tax base | Precept | Band D |
|----------------|----------|----------|--------|
| 2017/18 | 2,785 | £325,845 | £117 |
| 2018/19 | 2,916 | £442,912 | £152 |
| 2019/20 | 3,088 | £469,069 | £152 |
| 2020/21 | 3,234 | £501,070 | £155 |
| 2021/2022 | 3,295 | £510,725 | £155 |
| 2021/2022 | 3,312 | £513,360 | £155 |

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| Council objectives: | Good governance and robust financial management | X |
| Equalities & Human Rights | There are no equalities and human rights issues | X |
| Financial | There are no financial implications at this stage | |
| | There will be financial implications – see paragraph | X |
| | There is financial provision within the budget | |
| | Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure | |
| | Decisions may have potential for income generation | |
| Legal | Power: Local Government Finance Act 1972 and subsequent legislation | X |
| | Other considerations: None | |
| Risk Management | Material risks exist and these are detailed in report at 3.0 | X |
| | - Inherent risk score: N/A - Residual risk score: N/A | |
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| Date: 1 December 2020 | | |