

Item 5

REPORT TO COUNCIL

24TH FEBRUARY 2006

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

Portfolio: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2006/07

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting on 16th February 2006 considered the feedback and findings of the comprehensive consultation exercise in regard to its initial proposals for the Budget Framework 2006/07. At the meeting the Cabinet made recommendations regarding its proposals to be considered by Council.
- 1.2 This report considers the implications of those recommendations in terms of total spending, rent increases and the increase required in the Borough's Council Tax for the coming year. Detailed account has also been taken of the Council's medium term financial plan, which sets out the framework for developing annual revenue and capital budgets over the medium term. The report also considers the demands made by precepting authorities and establishes the Council Tax applicable at each Band, in each area of the Borough for the financial year 2006/07.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Budget Framework, as summarised in this report, and the detailed recommendations set out at the end of this report, be approved.

3.0 BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2006/07

Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet approved its initial budget framework for 2006/07 at its meeting on 12th January 2006. All Members of the Council received a copy of that report, a summarised draft budget supporting it and additional notes giving background to the key budget decisions to allow full scrutiny of the budget to be undertaken. During the four-week consultation period all Overview and Scrutiny Committees considered their respective budget areas and the consultation also took place with Council Tax Focus Groups and Tenants Groups. Cabinet considered the findings of the comprehensive consultation process at its meeting on 16th February 2006, when it made recommendations representing its proposals for the Budget Framework 2006/07. These recommendations are set out at Appendix A to this report.
- 3.2 The implications of those recommendations in terms of total spending, rent increases and the increase required in the Borough Council Tax for 2006/07 can be summarised as follows.

General Fund (GF)

- 3.3 The Council's net spending requirement in 2006/07 after a use of balances of £500,000 will be £14,045,480 and the details of this and effect on the Borough's Council Tax is as follows:-

Portfolio	Budget 2005/06 £	Budget 2006/07 £
Resource Management	(1,995,060)	(2,136,000)
Performance Management	1,327,700	1,635,990
Welfare and Communications	1,385,730	1,468,560
Culture and Recreation	3,797,340	3,799,870
Environment	4,597,820	5,192,350
Housing	505,750	547,360
Regeneration	1,564,050	1,473,480
Community Safety	703,840	808,100
Supporting People	1,023,370	1,511,290
Less Salary Savings	(220,000)	(260,000)
Contingency	519,460	504,480
	13,210,000	14,545,480
Less : Use of Balances	800,000	500,000
Less:	12,410,000	14,045,480
Revenue Support Grant	7,580,450	9,133,274
Collection Fund Surplus	250,000	200,000
NET DEMAND	4,579,550	4,712,206

Equivalent Council Tax at Band D: **£175.60** **£180.87**
£5.27 increase (or 3.0%)

Equivalent Council Tax at Band A: **£117.07** **£120.58**
£3.51 increase (or 3.0%)

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- 3.4 No changes to the initial budget framework for the HRA are proposed by Cabinet and the increase in housing rents required is recommended to be:-

An increase in basic and target rents of 3.20% with effect from 3rd April 2006, with the adjustment for rent restructuring set at up to +£2 per week. This will have the impact of increasing the average rent on the HRA by 5%.

Capital Spending

- 3.5 No changes to the initial budget framework for capital spending are proposed by Cabinet and it is recommended that total capital expenditure be fixed at £15,650,000 and allocated to portfolios in accordance with the table set out at Appendix B. The programme has been set in line with the medium term capital investment plans contained in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Treasury Management Strategy incorporating the Prudential Code

- 3.6 Treasury Management covers the borrowing and investment activities of the Council and the effective management of the associated risks in relation to these activities. This is an important aspect of the overall management of the Council's financial affairs. A separate report provides details of the strategy to be followed by the Council in relation to its Treasury Management activities, which takes into account the impact of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance. The report makes

recommendations about the Council's borrowing, investment and treasury activities over the next few years, and has been developed taking full account of the Budget Framework for 2006/07.

Robustness of Budget Estimates

3.7 A prudent approach has been taken to the development of service budgets based on realistic and achievable spending and income targets with appropriate consideration of any risks and uncertainties that may be encountered.

Reasonable provision has been made for pay awards and inflation including the impact of job evaluation. The provision of a contingency fund in the Budget Framework 2006/07 provides further flexibility for the Council to respond to any additional and unexpected spending needs that may be required during the year.

3.8 A full report on the revenue position of the current year's budgets will be considered by Cabinet on the 2nd March 2006. In summary that report shows that spending on both the General Fund and the HRA is expected to be controlled within the original budget provision.

Balances and Reserves

3.9 The Council has traditionally maintained a healthy level of balances and reserves and the table below shows the amounts expected to be held at 31st March 2006:-

Estimated Balance in Hand At 31st March 2006
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Earmarked Balances	£000	£000
Budget Support Fund	1,378	
Insurance Fund	1,063	
Economic Development Fund	199	
Training and Employment Services	372	
Asset Management Fund	502	
Private Sector Housing Fund	203	
Loan Debt Support Fund	456	
Youth Development Fund	101	
Other Fund Balances	55	4,329
Non-Earmarked Balances		
General Reserve	2,240	
Housing Revenue Account	4,110	6,350
		10,679

Budget Support Fund - This was set up to provide support to the General Fund to allow spending levels to be adjusted over the medium term. The Budget Framework 2006/07 provides for the use of balances of £500,000 to support revenue spending.

Insurance Fund - Established to cover the Council's self-insured risks. Whilst the revised balance will fall as claims continue to be met, the current level of funding is regarded as satisfactory in the medium term.

Economic Development Fund - Set up to provide incentives to industry, the Fund has lasted much longer than initially anticipated. There are ongoing commitments against the fund over the next few years and it is planned that £108,500 will be committed in 2006/07. No external grant funding is now available to support the incentives programme and the fund is therefore running down and has a very limited future life.

Training and Employment Services - This fund is used to support the Council's training schemes, which have provided training opportunities to thousands of people over many years. This has proved extremely successful, however it is anticipated that there will be an operating loss of around £75,000 in 2005/06 which will be met from the Training Fund.

Asset Management Fund - This fund is available to provide support to meet the Council's commitments under the Asset Management Plan. There is no planned use of this fund next year.

Private Sector Housing Fund - Established some years ago, when housing association loans were repaid, to provide support to private sector housing initiatives. There is no planned use of this fund next year.

Loan Debt Support Fund – This fund is used to support the costs associated with managing the Council's debt portfolio. It is expected that around £200,000 will be utilised in 2006/07 to assist in rescheduling the Council's capital financing costs.

Youth Development Fund – The fund, also known as the 'Koolkash' fund, is used to support projects and initiatives aimed at developing the skills and talents of young people in Sedgefield Borough.

Other Fund Balances - This covers a range of small balances, which are used for technical accounting purposes.

General Reserve - The balance on this reserve of £2.2m represents around 15% of net revenue spending, which is well above the minimum level advised by the Audit Commission of 5%. Having said that, the Council has always held a significant reserve reflecting its tradition of being an active Council, prepared to respond to new initiatives. I consider the level of balances to be adequate and appropriate for this authority and my advice is to regard £2m as a target to be maintained in the medium term.

Housing Revenue Account – HRA balances are also in a healthy state and are expected to total £4.1m at 31st March 2006. This takes into account a forecast contribution to balances in the current year of about £650,000, which includes the reimbursement of LSVT costs.

In line with previous years, the final funding position of the Housing Capital Programme for 2005/06, in terms of the actual use of revenue contributions to capital, could affect the final balance on the HRA Reserve. As the Housing Subsidy Settlement has released additional resources into the HRA for 2006/07, no use of balances will be required to fund revenue activities. However, it is planned to make a contribution from HRA Reserves of £500,000 in 2006/07 and in 2007/08 in respect of the Housing Capital Programme to assist with the transition to a programme focused on meeting the Government's Decent Homes Standard by 2010. It is also likely that there will be a requirement to use HRA Reserves to assist with the implementation of the Service Improvement Plan and the impact of this will be reported to Cabinet in March 2006.

PRECEPTING AUTHORITIES

Parishes

- 3.10 In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Parish Council precepts must be issued against the Borough Council's General Fund. Precept forms have now been received from all Parish and Town Councils. The figures for all Towns and Parishes, together with the resulting Council Tax at Band D, are set out in the following table:-

	Council Tax Base 2006/07	Precept For 2006/07	Council Tax At Band D
		£	£ p
Bishop Middleham	435	40,140	92.28
Bradbury	55	1,250	22.73
Chilton	1,129	172,910	153.15
Cornforth	720	66,000	91.67
Eldon	114	9,000	78.95
Ferryhill	3,018	549,910	182.21
Fishburn	719	58,000	80.67
Great Aycliffe	7,726	1,441,878	186.63
Middridge	128	4,000	31.25
Mordon	107	1,373	12.83
Sedgefield	1,880	202,007	107.45
Sildon	2,775	545,480	196.57
Spennymoor	5,825	1,079,014	185.24
Trimdon	1,324	96,790	73.10
Windlestone	98	500	5.10
	26,053	4,268,252	163.83

- 3.11 The precepts for 2006/07 total £4,268,252 compared with £4,120,981 for the current year, an increase of £147,271 (3.6%). This equates to an average parish Council Tax of £163.83 at Band D, an increase of £5.81 (3.7%) over the current year. For details of the increases applicable to particular Parishes, Members should refer to Appendix C.
- 3.12 The total level of Parish precepts is taken into account in determining the Borough's overall demand on the Collection Fund, which is summarised as follows:-

	Borough £	Parishes £	Total £
Budget Requirements	14,045,480	4,268,252	18,313,732
Less			
Revenue Support Grant	9,133,274	-	9,133,274
Collection Fund Surplus	200,000	-	200,000
NET DEMAND	4,712,206	4,268,252	8,980,458
Equivalent Council Tax at Band D	180.87	163.83	344.70

Durham County Council

- 3.13 Durham County Council meets to consider its spending plans for 2006/07 on 21st February 2006. It will consider a recommendation that will require a precept on this Council in the sum of £25,204,043.12, which equates to a Council Tax of £967.41 at Band D, an increase of £42.57 or 4.6% over the current year.

Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority

- 3.14 The Fire and Rescue Authority met to consider its spending plans for 2006/07 on 16th February 2006. It approved a recommendation that will require a precept on this Council in the sum of £2,007,123.12, which equates to a Council Tax of £77.04 at band D, an increase of £3.60 or 4.9% over the current year.

Durham Police Authority

- 3.15 The Police Authority meets to consider its spending plans for 2006/07 on 17th February 2005. It will consider a recommendation that will require a precept on this Council in the sum of £2,626,142.40, which equates to a Council Tax of £100.80 at Band D, an increase of £4.77 or 4.96% over the current year. However, it should be noted that consideration is still being given by the Police Authority to a much larger increase than indicated above.

Overall Level of Council Tax 2006/07

- 3.16 Subject to the final recommendations of Durham County Council and Durham Police Authority, and the demands contained in this report, the Council Tax payable in the Sedgfield area at Band D will be in accordance with the following Table. As 68% of all properties in the Borough fall into Band A, that figure is also shown for Members' information.

Area	Council Tax At Band A		Council Tax At Band D	
	£	p	£	p
Bishop Middleham	945.60		1,418.40	
Bradbury	899.23		1,348.85	
Chilton	986.18		1,479.27	
Cornforth	945.19		1,417.79	
Eldon	936.71		1,405.07	
Ferryhill	1,005.55		1,508.33	
Fishburn	937.86		1,406.79	
Great Aycliffe	1,008.50		1,512.75	
Middridge	904.91		1,357.37	
Mordon	892.63		1,338.95	
Sedgfield	955.71		1,433.57	
Shildon	1,015.13		1,522.69	
Spennymoor	1,007.57		1,511.36	
Trimdon	932.81		1,399.22	
Windlestone	887.48		1,331.22	

- 3.17 As Members are aware, the Council Tax for all other Bands is fixed as a specified proportion of the tax at Band D. The figures shown above are the combined figures to meet the net expenditure of the County Council, the Police Authority, the Fire Authority, the Borough and various Town and Parish Councils. Further details showing the tax for each Band and the constituent elements are set out in Appendices D, E, F and G as follows:-

Appendix D: Council Tax for Borough and Parish Councils.

Appendix E: Analysis of Council Taxes for the County Council, Borough and Parish Councils, Durham Police Authority and Combined Fire Authority.

Appendix F: The total Council Tax in each area of the Borough.

Appendix G: Analysis of Council Tax Changes from 2005/06 to 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Council's 2006/07 General Fund Revenue Budget, totalling **£14,045,480** be approved.
2. That the Housing Revenue Account Budget be approved and that a rent increase of 3.20% be applied to all basic and target rents with a rent restructuring adjustment of up to + £2, effective from 3rd April 2006.
3. That the council's 2006/07 Capital Spending Programme, totalling **£15,650,000**, as set out in Appendix B to the report be approved.
4. That in accordance with Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, the comments of the Director of Resources, in relation to the robustness of the budget estimates being considered and adequacy of the financial reserves, be noted.
5. That the calculations required under Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 be approved as follows:-

	£
Aggregate of the calculations required under Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act (i.e. gross expenditure of the Borough plus Parish precepts)	93,500,672
Aggregate of the calculations required under Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act (i.e. income which will be credited to the Borough's General Fund)	75,186,940
Being the difference between the above calculations, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act – the budget requirement for the year	18,313,732

6. That the calculation of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund be approved as follows:-

	£
Revenue Support Grant	9,133,274
Collection Fund Surplus	200,000
	8,980,458

7. That the calculation required under Section 33(1) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amount of the Council Tax for the year, i.e. the total in 5 above, less the total in 6 above, divided by the Tax Base 26,053, be approved as follows - **£344.70** (i.e. an average local Tax at Band D).
8. That the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) in accordance with Section 34(1) of the Act, amounting to **£163.83** be approved.
9. That the Council Tax for the year for those dwellings in the area to which no special items relates, calculated in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, be **£180.87** (i.e. the Council Tax at Band D for Borough Council purposes).
10. That the amounts given by adding to the amount at 9 above, the amounts of the special items for those parts of the Council's area, calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act be as set out under Band D in Appendix D to this report (i.e. Council Tax at Band D for Borough and Parish Councils in each Parish or part of the Borough).
11. That the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, using as the base those amounts set out in 10 above, be as shown in Appendix D to the report.
12. That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 Durham County Council, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority, and Durham Police Authority have stated the following amounts in the precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Authority	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Durham County Council	644.94	752.43	859.92	967.41	1,182.39	1,397.37	1,612.35	1,934.82
Combined Fire Authority	51.36	59.92	68.48	77.04	94.16	111.28	128.40	154.08
Durham Police Authority	67.20	78.40	89.60	100.80	123.20	145.60	168.00	201.60

13. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case, of the amounts at 11 and 12 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown at Appendix F as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2006/07 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.
14. That the Director of Resources be authorised to serve notices, enter into agreements, give receipts, make adjustments, institute proceedings and take any action available to the Council to collect or enforce the collection of the Non-Domestic Rate and the Council Tax from those persons liable.
15. That the Director of Resources be authorised to nominate officers, from time to time, within the Resources Department, to conduct proceedings on behalf of the Council in connection with the implementation of 14 above.

16. That, in accordance with Part II of Schedule 1 of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992, the Council resolves that instalments of Council Tax due from Council house tenants, will be due on a weekly basis simultaneous with the rent.

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Background Papers:

1. Local Authority Finance Settlement 2006/07
2. Housing Subsidy Settlement 2006/07
3. Reports to Cabinet 12th January 2006 and 16th February 2006 – Budget Framework 2006/07
4. Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Associated Regulations
5. Local Government Finance Act 1988 and Associated Regulations
6. Local Government Act 2003 and Associated Regulations
7. Treasury Management Strategy 2006/07

EXAMINATION BY STATUTORY OFFICERS

	YES	NOT APPLICABLE
1. The report has been examined by the Council's Head of the Paid Service or his representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The content has been examined by the Council's S151 Officer or his representative.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The content has been examined by the Council's Monitoring Officer or his representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The report has been approved by Management Team.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONSTITUTION PART 4(C)

BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES

In accordance with Paragraph 2(b) of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, Cabinet is required to make recommendations to Council as its firm proposals for the Budget Framework 2006/2007.

At its meeting on 16th February 2006, Cabinet made the following recommendations:-:

1. That insofar as General Fund Services are concerned, the Budget Framework previously agreed by Cabinet on the 12th January 2006, be confirmed and as a consequence it is proposed that:
 - The net revenue budget is set at £14,045,480 for 2006/2007.
 - The increase in the Borough Council Tax be 3%, taking the Band D Tax from £175.60 to £180.87.
2. That insofar as the Housing Revenue Account is concerned, the Budget Framework previously agreed by Cabinet on the 12th January 2006, be confirmed and as a consequence it is proposed that:
 - A rent increase of 3.2% be applied to all basic and target rents, with effect from 3rd April 2006.
 - The Government's new rent re-structuring proposals are implemented to bring basic rents towards target rents at the maximum level of +£2 per week. This will have the impact of increasing the average rent on the Housing Revenue Account by 5%.
3. That insofar as the Capital Spending Programmes are concerned, the Budget Framework previously agreed by Cabinet on the 12th January 2006, be confirmed and as a consequence it is proposed that the Capital Programme be set at £15,650,000.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07

PROPOSED TARGET SPENDING LIMITS

	£000	£000
HOUSING		
<i>Council Housing</i>	7,800	
<i>Private Sector Housing Renewal</i>	1,800	9,600
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT		
<i>ICT</i>	900	
<i>Offices and Depots</i>	330	1,230
REGENERATION		
<i>Special Provision for Regeneration Initiatives</i>	3,450	
<i>Economic Development</i>	300	
<i>Town Centres / Neighbourhood Renewal</i>	300	4,050
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
<i>Asset Management Plan Works in Leisure Centres</i>	450	
<i>Other Leisure Initiatives</i>	150	600
ENVIRONMENT		70
COMMUNITY SAFETY		75
SUPPORTING PEOPLE		25
		15,650

Note:-

- (1) The above table only shows the use of this Council's resources. The total level of capital spending will be substantially higher when external funding is taken into account - for example from Lottery Grant, Single Capital Programme Grant etc.

PARISH PRECEPTS

	<i>Precept 2005/06</i>	<i>Precept 2006/07</i>	<i>Increases</i>	
	£	£	£	%
Bishop Middleham	40,140	40,140	-	-
Bradbury	1,155	1,250	95	8.2
Chilton	167,306	172,910	5,604	3.3
Cornforth	63,000	66,000	3,000	4.8
Eldon	10,000	9,000	(1,000)	(10.0)
Ferryhill	524,340	549,910	25,570	4.9
Fishburn	55,000	58,000	3,000	5.5
Great Aycliffe	1,392,156	1,441,878	49,722	3.6
Middridge	3,500	4,000	500	14.3
Mordon	1,195	1,373	178	14.9
Sedgefield	194,700	202,007	7,307	3.8
Shildon	538,650	545,480	6,830	1.3
Spennymoor	1,032,549	1,079,014	46,465	4.5
Trimdon	96,790	96,790	-	-
Windlestone	500	500	-	-
	4,120,981	4,268,252	147,271	3.6

COUNCIL TAX

	<i>Band D Tax 2005/06</i>	<i>Band D Tax 2006/07</i>	<i>Increases</i>	
	£	£	£	%
Bishop Middleham	92.70	92.28	(0.42)	(0.5)
Bradbury	21.00	22.73	1.73	8.2
Chilton	149.11	153.15	4.04	2.7
Cornforth	86.30	91.67	5.37	6.2
Eldon	86.96	78.95	(8.01)	(9.2)
Ferryhill	172.71	182.21	9.50	5.5
Fishburn	76.07	80.67	4.60	6.0
Great Aycliffe	179.59	186.63	7.04	3.9
Middridge	27.34	31.25	3.91	14.3
Mordon	11.06	12.83	1.77	16.0
Sedgefield	104.40	107.45	3.05	2.9
Shildon	193.06	196.57	3.51	1.8
Spennymoor	177.96	185.24	7.28	4.1
Trimdon	73.21	73.10	(0.11)	(0.2)
Windlestone	5.10	5.10	-	-
Average	158.02	163.83	5.81	3.7

**COUNCIL TAX FOR BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCILS
IN EACH PART OF THE BOROUGH**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION 10 and 11

Council Tax Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Area	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Bishop Middleham	182.10	212.45	242.80	273.15	333.85	394.55	455.25	546.30
Bradbury	135.73	158.36	180.98	203.60	248.84	294.09	339.33	407.20
Chilton	222.68	259.79	296.91	334.02	408.25	482.47	556.70	668.04
Cornforth	181.69	211.98	242.26	272.54	333.10	393.67	454.23	545.08
Eldon	173.21	202.09	230.95	259.82	317.55	375.30	433.03	519.64
Ferryhill	242.05	282.40	322.74	363.08	443.76	524.45	605.13	726.16
Fishburn	174.36	203.42	232.48	261.54	319.66	377.78	435.90	523.08
Great Aycliffe	245.00	285.83	326.67	367.50	449.17	530.83	612.50	735.00
Middridge	141.41	164.98	188.55	212.12	259.26	306.40	353.53	424.24
Mordon	129.13	150.66	172.18	193.70	236.74	279.79	322.83	387.40
Sedgefield	192.21	224.25	256.28	288.32	352.39	416.46	480.53	576.64
Shildon	251.63	293.56	335.50	377.44	461.32	545.19	629.07	754.88
Spennymoor	244.07	284.75	325.43	366.11	447.47	528.83	610.18	732.22
Trimdon	169.31	197.53	225.75	253.97	310.41	366.85	423.28	507.94
Windlestone	123.98	144.64	165.31	185.97	227.30	268.62	309.95	371.94

COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH AUTHORITY 2006/07

<i>Council Tax Bands</i>								
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 1	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
<i>Authority</i>	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Durham County Council	644.94	752.43	859.92	967.41	1,182.39	1,397.37	1,612.35	1,934.82
Combined Fire Authority	51.36	59.92	68.48	77.04	94.16	111.28	128.40	154.08
Durham Police Authority	67.20	78.40	89.60	100.80	123.20	145.60	168.00	201.60
Sedgefield Borough	120.58	140.68	160.77	180.87	221.06	261.26	301.45	361.74

Parish Element

Bishop Middleham	61.52	71.77	82.03	92.28	112.79	133.29	153.80	184.56
Bradbury	15.15	17.68	20.20	22.73	27.78	32.83	37.88	45.46
Chilton	102.10	119.12	136.13	153.15	187.18	221.22	255.25	306.30
Cornforth	61.11	71.30	81.48	91.67	112.04	132.41	152.78	183.34
Eldon	52.63	61.41	70.18	78.95	96.49	114.04	131.58	157.90
Ferryhill	121.47	141.72	161.96	182.21	222.70	263.19	303.68	364.42
Fishburn	53.78	62.74	71.71	80.67	98.60	116.52	134.45	161.34
Great Aycliffe	124.42	145.16	165.89	186.63	228.10	269.58	311.05	373.26
Middridge	20.83	24.31	27.78	31.25	38.19	45.14	52.08	62.50
Mordon	8.55	9.98	11.40	12.83	15.68	18.53	21.38	25.66
Sedgefield	71.63	83.57	95.51	107.45	131.33	155.21	179.08	214.90
Shildon	131.05	152.89	174.73	196.57	240.25	283.93	327.62	393.14
Spennymoor	123.49	144.08	164.66	185.24	226.40	267.57	308.73	370.48
Trimdon	48.73	56.86	64.98	73.10	89.34	105.59	121.83	146.20
Windlestone	3.40	3.97	4.53	5.10	6.23	7.37	8.50	10.20

**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX 2006/07
IN EACH PART OF THE BOROUGH**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION 13

<i>Council Tax Bands</i>								
<i>Authority</i>	<i>A 6/9</i>	<i>B 7/9</i>	<i>C 8/9</i>	<i>D 1</i>	<i>E 11/9</i>	<i>F 13/9</i>	<i>G 15/9</i>	<i>H 18/9</i>
	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>
Bishop Middleham	945.60	1,103.20	1,260.80	1,418.40	1,733.60	2,048.80	2,364.00	2,836.80
Bradbury	899.23	1,049.11	1,198.97	1,348.85	1,648.59	1,948.34	2,248.08	2,697.70
Chilton	986.18	1,150.55	1,314.90	1,479.27	1,807.99	2,136.73	2,465.45	2,958.54
Cornforth	945.19	1,102.73	1,260.25	1,417.79	1,732.85	2,047.92	2,362.98	2,835.58
Eldon	936.71	1,092.84	1,248.95	1,405.07	1,717.30	2,029.55	2,341.78	2,810.14
Ferryhill	1,005.55	1,173.15	1,340.73	1,508.33	1,843.51	2,178.70	2,513.88	3,016.66
Fishburn	937.86	1,094.17	1,250.48	1,406.79	1,719.41	2,032.03	2,344.65	2,813.58
Great Aycliffe	1,008.50	1,176.59	1,344.66	1,512.75	1,848.91	2,185.09	2,521.25	3,025.50
Middridge	904.91	1,055.74	1,206.55	1,357.37	1,659.00	1,960.65	2,262.28	2,714.74
Mordon	892.63	1,041.41	1,190.17	1,338.95	1,636.49	1,934.04	2,231.58	2,677.90
Sedgefield	955.71	1,115.00	1,274.28	1,433.57	1,752.14	2,070.72	2,389.28	2,867.14
Shildon	1,015.13	1,184.32	1,353.50	1,522.69	1,861.06	2,199.44	2,537.82	3,045.38
Spennymoor	1,007.57	1,175.51	1,343.43	1,511.36	1,847.21	2,183.08	2,518.93	3,022.72
Trimdon	932.81	1,088.29	1,243.75	1,399.22	1,710.15	2,021.10	2,332.03	2,798.44
Windlestone	887.48	1,035.40	1,183.30	1,331.22	1,627.04	1,922.88	2,218.70	2,662.44

COUNCIL TAX CHANGES 2005/06 TO 2006/07

<i>Band D Changes by Individual Authorities</i>				
	<i>2005/06</i>	<i>2006/07</i>	<i>Change</i>	
	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>%</i>
Durham County Council	924.84	967.41	42.57	4.6
Combined Fire Authority	73.44	77.04	3.60	4.9
Durham Police Authority	96.03	100.80	4.77	5.0
Sedgefield Borough	175.60	180.87	5.27	3.0
Parish Councils *	158.02	163.83	5.81	3.7
	1,427.93	1,489.95	62.02	4.3

** Average of all Parish and Town Councils
(Total Parish Precept divided by Total Tax Base)*