

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2007

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

Portfolio: **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP**

### BUDGET FRAMEWORK FOR 2007/08- ADDENDUM

#### 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Further to the above report, the Council has now been notified of the precepting requirements for the Durham Police Authority and is able to confirm the Council Tax applicable at each Band, in each area of the Borough for the financial year 2007/08.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the detailed recommendations as set out in paragraph 3 of this report be approved.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Durham Police Authority has now considered its spending plans for 2007/08 and approved a recommendation that will require a precept on this Council in the sum of £3,549,078, which equates to a Council Tax of £135.72 at Band D, an increase of £34.92 or 34.64% over the current year.

#### 3.2 *Overall Level of Council Tax 2007/08*

Now that all the precepting requirements on the Council have been received 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.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Council Tax At Band A</i>	<i>Council Tax At Band D</i>
	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>
Bishop Middleham	996.28	1,494.42
Bradbury	947.32	1,420.98
Chilton	1,037.02	1,555.54
Cornforth	993.08	1,489.63
Eldon	984.36	1,476.55
Ferryhill	1,056.73	1,585.10
Fishburn	986.30	1,479.46
Great Aycliffe	1,061.38	1,592.07
Middridge	955.90	1,433.86
Mordon	940.86	1,411.30
Sedgfield	1,005.44	1,508.17
Shildon	1,061.70	1,592.56
Spennymoor	1,058.31	1,587.47
Trimdon	980.54	1,470.81
Windlestone	935.16	1,402.75

3.3 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 Durham County Council, the Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority, the Durham Police 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 E, F and G which follow on from the earlier report as follows: -

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

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

*Appendix G:* Analysis of Council Tax Changes from 2006/07 to 2007/08.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS (following on from the earlier report)**

4.12. *That it be noted that for the year 2007/08 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:-*

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Authority</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
<i>Durham County Council</i>	663.66	774.27	884.88	995.49	1,216.71	1,437.93	1,659.15	1,990.98
<i>Combined Fire Authority</i>	53.52	62.44	71.36	80.28	98.12	115.96	133.80	160.56
<i>Durham Police Authority</i>	90.48	105.56	120.64	135.72	165.88	196.04	226.20	271.44

4.13. *That, having calculated the aggregate in each case, of the amounts at 4.11 and 4.12 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 2007/08 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.*

4.14 *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.*

4.15 *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 4.14 above.*

4.16 *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 2007/08
2. Housing Subsidy Settlement 2007/08
3. Reports to Cabinet 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – Budget Framework 2007/08
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 2007/08
8. Report to Council-27<sup>th</sup> February 2007-Budget Framework for 2007/08

**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"/>

## COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH AUTHORITY 2007/08

<b>Council Tax Bands</b>							
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<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>6/9</b>	<b>7/9</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11/9</b>	<b>13/9</b>	<b>15/9</b>	<b>18/9</b>

**Authority**

<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
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Combined Fire Authority	53.52	62.44	71.36	80.28	98.12	115.96	133.80	160.56
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Durham Police Authority	90.48	105.56	120.64	135.72	165.88	196.04	226.20	271.44
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Sedgefield Borough	124.07	144.75	165.43	186.11	227.47	268.83	310.18	372.22
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**Parish Element**

Bishop Middleham	64.55	75.30	86.06	96.82	118.34	139.85	161.37	193.64
Bradbury	15.59	18.18	20.78	23.38	28.58	33.77	38.97	46.76
Chilton	105.29	122.84	140.39	157.94	193.04	228.14	263.23	315.88
Cornforth	61.35	71.58	81.80	92.03	112.48	132.93	153.38	184.06
Eldon	52.63	61.41	70.18	78.95	96.49	114.04	131.58	157.90
Ferryhill	125.00	145.83	166.67	187.50	229.17	270.83	312.50	375.00
Fishburn	54.57	63.67	72.76	81.86	100.05	118.24	136.43	163.72
Great Aycliffe	129.65	151.25	172.86	194.47	237.69	280.90	324.12	388.94
Middridge	24.17	28.20	32.23	36.26	44.32	52.38	60.43	72.52
Mordon	9.13	10.66	12.18	13.70	16.74	19.79	22.83	27.40
Sedgefield	73.71	86.00	98.28	110.57	135.14	159.71	184.28	221.14
Shildon	129.97	151.64	173.30	194.96	238.28	281.61	324.93	389.92
Spennymoor	126.58	147.68	168.77	189.87	232.06	274.26	316.45	379.74
Trimdon	48.81	56.94	65.08	73.21	89.48	105.75	122.02	146.42
Windlestone	3.43	4.01	4.58	5.15	6.29	7.44	8.58	10.30

**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX 2007/08  
IN EACH PART OF THE BOROUGH**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION 4.13**

<i>Council Tax Bands</i>								
<b>Authority</b>	<b>A 6/9</b>	<b>B 7/9</b>	<b>C 8/9</b>	<b>D 1</b>	<b>E 11/9</b>	<b>F 13/9</b>	<b>G 15/9</b>	<b>H 18/9</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Bishop Middleham	996.28	1162.32	1328.37	1494.42	1826.52	2158.61	2490.70	2988.84
Bradbury	947.32	1105.20	1263.09	1420.98	1736.76	2052.53	2368.30	2841.96
Chilton	1037.02	1209.86	1382.70	1555.54	1901.22	2246.90	2592.56	3111.08
Cornforth	993.08	1158.60	1324.11	1489.63	1820.66	2151.69	2482.71	2979.26
Eldon	984.36	1148.43	1312.49	1476.55	1804.67	2132.80	2460.91	2953.10
Ferryhill	1056.73	1232.85	1408.98	1585.10	1937.35	2289.59	2641.83	3170.20
Fishburn	986.30	1150.69	1315.07	1479.46	1808.23	2137.00	2465.76	2958.92
Great Aycliffe	1061.38	1238.27	1415.17	1592.07	1945.87	2299.66	2653.45	3184.14
Middridge	955.90	1115.22	1274.54	1433.86	1752.50	2071.14	2389.76	2867.72
Mordon	940.86	1097.68	1254.49	1411.30	1724.92	2038.55	2352.16	2822.60
Sedgefield	1005.44	1173.02	1340.59	1508.17	1843.32	2178.47	2513.61	3016.34
Shildon	1061.70	1238.66	1415.61	1592.56	1946.46	2300.37	2654.26	3185.12
Spennymoor	1058.31	1234.70	1411.08	1587.47	1940.24	2293.02	2645.78	3174.94
Trimdon	980.54	1143.96	1307.39	1470.81	1797.66	2124.51	2451.35	2941.62
Windlestone	935.16	1091.03	1246.89	1402.75	1714.47	2026.20	2337.91	2805.50

## COUNCIL TAX CHANGES 2006/07 TO 2007/08

<b><i>Band D Changes by Individual Authorities</i></b>				
	<b><i>2006/07</i></b>	<b><i>2007/08</i></b>	<b><i>Change</i></b>	
	<b><i>£ p</i></b>	<b><i>£ p</i></b>	<b><i>£ p</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Durham County Council	967.41	995.49	28.08	2.9
Combined Fire Authority	77.04	80.28	3.24	4.2
Durham Police Authority	100.80	135.72	34.92	34.64
Sedgefield Borough	180.87	186.11	5.24	2.9
Parish Councils *	163.83	168.26	4.43	2.7
	<b>1,489.95</b>	<b>1,565.86</b>	<b>75.91</b>	<b>5.1</b>

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