

REPORT TO COUNCIL

29^H FEBRUARY 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

Portfolio: **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP**

BUDGET FRAMEWORK FOR 2008/09- 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 2008/09.

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 2008/09 and approved a recommendation that will require a precept on this Council in the sum of £3,791,696.46, which equates to a Council Tax of £142.47 at Band D, an increase of £6.75 or 4.97% over the current year.

3.2 *Overall Level of Council Tax 2008/09*

Now that all the precepting requirements on the Council have been received the Council Tax payable in the Sedgefield 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	1,024.62		1,536.93	
Bradbury	975.27		1,462.90	
Chilton	1,066.92		1,600.38	
Cornforth	1,026.78		1,540.17	
Eldon	1,010.08		1,515.12	
Ferryhill	1,088.29		1,632.43	
Fishburn	1,014.03		1,521.04	
Great Aycliffe	1,093.19		1,639.79	
Middridge	987.87		1,481.80	
Mordon	970.19		1,455.29	
Sedgefield	1,035.04		1,552.56	
Shildon	1,093.86		1,640.79	
Spennymoor	1,090.04		1,635.06	
Trimdon	1,014.63		1,521.95	
Windlestone	963.33		1,444.99	

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 2007/08 to 2008/09.

RECOMMENDATIONS (following on from the earlier report)

4.12. *That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 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
<i>Durham County Council</i>	682.92	796.74	910.56	1,024.38	1,252.02	1,479.66	1,707.30	2,048.76
<i>Combined Fire Authority</i>	55.08	64.26	73.44	82.62	100.98	119.34	137.70	165.24
<i>Durham Police Authority</i>	94.98	110.81	126.64	142.47	174.13	205.79	237.45	284.94

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 2008/09 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 2008/09
2. Housing Subsidy Settlement 2008/09
3. Reports to Cabinet 10th January 2008 and 14th February 2008 – Budget Framework 2008/09
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 2008/09
8. Report to Council-29th February 2008-Budget Framework for 2008/09

EXAMINATION BY STATUTORY OFFICERS

	YES	NOT APPLICAB LE
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 2008/09

<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	682.92	796.74	910.56	1,024.38	1,252.02	1,479.66	1,707.30	2,048.76
Combined Fire Authority	55.08	64.26	73.44	82.62	100.98	119.34	137.70	165.24
Durham Police Authority	94.98	110.81	126.64	142.47	174.13	205.79	237.45	284.94
Sedgefield Borough	126.68	147.79	168.91	190.02	232.25	274.47	316.70	380.04

Parish Element

Bishop Middleham	64.96	75.79	86.61	97.44	119.09	140.75	162.40	194.88
Bradbury	15.61	18.21	20.81	23.41	28.61	33.81	39.02	46.82
Chilton	107.26	125.14	143.01	160.89	196.64	232.40	268.15	321.78
Cornforth	67.12	78.31	89.49	100.68	123.05	145.43	167.80	201.36
Eldon	50.42	58.82	67.23	75.63	92.44	109.24	126.05	151.26
Ferryhill	128.63	150.06	171.50	192.94	235.82	278.69	321.57	385.88
Fishburn	54.37	63.43	72.49	81.55	99.67	117.79	135.92	163.10
Great Aycliffe	133.53	155.79	178.04	200.30	244.81	289.32	333.83	400.60
Middridge	28.21	32.91	37.61	42.31	51.71	61.11	70.52	84.62
Mordon	10.53	12.29	14.04	15.80	19.31	22.82	26.33	31.60
Sedgefield	75.38	87.94	100.51	113.07	138.20	163.32	188.45	226.14
Shildon	134.20	156.57	178.93	201.30	246.03	290.77	335.50	402.60
Spennymoor	130.38	152.11	173.84	195.57	239.03	282.49	325.95	391.14
Trimdon	54.97	64.14	73.30	82.46	100.78	119.11	137.43	164.92
Windlestone	3.67	4.28	4.89	5.50	6.72	7.94	9.17	11.00

**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX 2008/09
IN EACH PART OF THE BOROUGH**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION 4.13

<i>Council Tax Bands</i>								
Authority	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 1	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Bishop Middleham	1,024.62	1,195.39	1,366.16	1,536.93	1,878.47	2,220.01	2,561.55	3,073.86
Bradbury	975.27	1,137.81	1,300.36	1,462.90	1,787.99	2,113.07	2,438.17	2,925.80
Chilton	1,066.92	1,244.74	1,422.56	1,600.38	1,956.02	2,311.66	2,667.30	3,200.76
Cornforth	1,026.78	1,197.91	1,369.04	1,540.17	1,882.43	2,224.69	2,566.95	3,080.34
Eldon	1,010.08	1,178.42	1,346.78	1,515.12	1,851.82	2,188.50	2,525.20	3,030.24
Ferryhill	1,088.29	1,269.66	1,451.05	1,632.43	1,995.20	2,357.95	2,720.72	3,264.86
Fishburn	1,014.03	1,183.03	1,352.04	1,521.04	1,859.05	2,197.05	2,535.07	3,042.08
Great Aycliffe	1,093.19	1,275.39	1,457.59	1,639.79	2,004.19	2,368.58	2,732.98	3,279.58
Middridge	987.87	1,152.51	1,317.16	1,481.80	1,811.09	2,140.37	2,469.67	2,963.60
Mordon	970.19	1,131.89	1,293.59	1,455.29	1,778.69	2,102.08	2,425.48	2,910.58
Sedgefield	1,035.04	1,207.54	1,380.06	1,552.56	1,897.58	2,242.58	2,587.60	3,105.12
Shildon	1,093.86	1,276.17	1,458.48	1,640.79	2,005.41	2,370.03	2,734.65	3,281.58
Spennymoor	1,090.04	1,271.71	1,453.39	1,635.06	1,998.41	2,361.75	2,725.10	3,270.12
Trimdon	1,014.63	1,183.74	1,352.85	1,521.95	1,860.16	2,198.37	2,536.58	3,043.90
Windlestone	963.33	1,123.88	1,284.44	1,444.99	1,766.10	2,087.20	2,408.32	2,889.98

COUNCIL TAX CHANGES 2007/08 TO 2008/09

<i>Band D Changes by Individual Authorities</i>				
	<i>2007/08</i>	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>Change</i>	
	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>£ p</i>	<i>%</i>
Durham County Council	995.49	1,024.38	28.89	2.9%
Combined Fire Authority	80.28	82.62	2.34	2.9%
Durham Police Authority	135.72	142.47	6.75	5.0%
Sedgefield Borough	186.11	190.02	3.91	2.1%
Parish Councils *	168.26	173.61	5.35	3.2%
	1,565.86	1,613.10	47.24	3.0%

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