



REPORT of INTERIM DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

**to
COUNCIL
16 FEBRUARY 2017**

COUNCIL TAX 2017 / 18

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is required to set out the total amount that needs to be raised from Council Tax in the forthcoming year. This is known as the Council Tax precept (Council Tax Requirement) for Maldon District Council and forms part of the funding that supports the services provided by the Council. Ultimately, this report sets the amount of Council Tax charged to each household in the District.
- 1.2 The report not only details the average amount of Council Tax charged by Maldon but also includes the total amounts of Council Tax expected to be collected for Essex County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (OPCC), the Essex Fire Authority and the various Parish Councils within the District.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) that Maldon District Council's Council Tax Requirement for 2017 / 18 is set at £4,472,307;
- (ii) that the Maldon District Council's Band D Council Tax (excluding Parish precepts) is set at £187.37, reflecting an increase of £5, all other bands being determined in accordance with the relevant Sections of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended;
- (iii) that the precept demands and level of Band D Council Tax of the Essex County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (OPCC), the Essex Fire Authority and the various Parish Councils within the District be determined as set out in the report, all other bands being determined in accordance with the relevant Sections of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended;
- (iv) that the Council agrees the resolution set out at **APPENDIX A**.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Council is statutorily required to determine its own Council Tax Requirement and, taking into account precepts determined by the other precepting authorities, to determine the Council Tax for the 2017 / 18 financial year (**APPENDIX A**).

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3.2 Setting the level of council tax charged and calculating the total amount of council tax to be drawn from the collection fund is the final stage of the budget process. Council tax is one form of funding that pays for the services provided to residents. The amount of funding the council may raise in council tax is limited by:

- the number and size of properties in the district on which a charge for council tax can be applied (referred to as the council tax base); and
- the maximum increase that may be applied to the current council tax level (without a referendum being triggered).

3.3 Maldon’s council tax base for 2017 / 18 is 23,868.70, and was set by the Council on 15 December 2016.

3.4 The Government announced on 17 December 2015 draft referendum Principles. For Maldon District Council this means if it wished to raise the relevant basic amount of Council Tax by equal to or more than 2% and more than £5.00, a referendum of the local electorate would be required to approve or veto the increase.

3.5 The table below illustrates the impact of the £5 increase for each of the council tax bands:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£3.33	£3.89	£4.44	£5.00	£6.11	£7.22	£8.33	£10.00

3.6 Essex County Council is not due to formally set its council tax requirement until 14 February 2017, and Essex Fire Authority are not due to formally set theirs until 15 February but provisional figures are included in this report. The OPCC have already set their budget and council tax and so the details contained in the tables for those preceptors are final.

3.7 Maldon District Council’s Council Tax Requirement 2017 / 18

3.7.1 The Council Tax Requirement as calculated and recommended is £4,472,307. The table below illustrates the calculation:

	2016/17	2017/18
	£	£
Maldon District Council Net Budget Requirement	6,341,500	6,541,000
Government Grant		
Revenue Support Grant	(561,443)	(169,424)
Baseline Business Rates	(1,402,505)	(1,431,139)
Business Rates Retention Scheme		(350,000)
Collection Fund Net Surplus	(100,000)	(118,130)
Maldon District Council Council Tax Requirement	4,277,552	4,472,307

3.7.2 The Council Tax Requirement including all preceptors is shown in the table overleaf. The percentage increase is due to both an increase in the Tax Base and the Budget Requirement.

Precepting and Billing Authority	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Change %
Essex County Council	26,507,990	27,776,006	4.78
Essex Fire Authority	1,587,482	1,647,656	3.79
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	3,567,612	3,748,579	5.07
Maldon District Council	4,277,616	4,472,307	4.55
Parish Council's (Aggregate)	1,260,989	1,383,356	9.70
Total	37,201,689	39,027,904	4.91

3.7.3 The Average Council Tax for each household is calculated by taking the precept requirement and dividing it by the Council Tax Base. The average is always shown as Band D equivalent. All other bands are calculated by applying a ratio to the Band D Council Tax.

3.7.4 The table below shows the resulting Band D Council Tax amount for each of the precepting authorities that make up the Council Tax bill. The Parish element is not shown in this table as it will be different for each Parish area depending on the amount of the Parish precept. The individual Parish Precepts are show in **APPENDIX A section 3 (g)**.

Precepting and Billing Authority	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Change %
Essex County Council	1,130.13	1,163.70	2.97
Essex Fire Authority	67.68	69.03	1.99
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	152.10	157.05	3.25
Maldon District Council	182.37	187.37	2.74
Total	1,532.28	1,577.15	2.93

3.7.5 The average Parish Band D Council Tax equates to £57.96 and gives an overall Band D average charge of £1,635.11 compared to the current year Band D average charge of £1,586.

3.7.6 In accordance with Section 30-36 of the Local Government and Finance Act, 1992, as amended, I have determined the Council Tax payable for each band of property by Parish taking into account the individual precept requirement for each Parish Council. This information is set out in **APPENDIX A – Table A**.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The Council is statutorily required to determine its own Council Tax Requirement and, taking into account precepts determined by the other precepting authorities, to determine the Council Tax for the 2017/18 financial year. This report and the Appendices does that.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 This report discharges the Council's statutory function as a Council Tax billing authority.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The report and the Appendices sets out the Council Tax that will be payable by residents of the District for the financial year commencing 1 April 2017.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None arising directly from this report.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Significant legal and statutory default risk if the Council fails to set the Council Tax for its area for 2017 / 18.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Significant financial and statutory default risk if the Council fails to set the Council Tax for its area for 2017 / 18.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None arising from this report.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None arising directly from this report.

Background Papers: Revised 2016/17 and Original 2017/18 Budget Estimates and Council Tax 2017 / 18 report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee (31 January 2017).

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COUNCIL TAX 2017 / 18 RESOLUTION

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 15 December 2016 the Council calculated its Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18:
 - (a) for the whole district as 23,868.70 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act), as amended by the Localism Act 2011; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its district to which a Parish precept relates as listed below:

Althorne	511.6
Asheldham	60.4
Bradwell-on-Sea	343.7
Burnham-on-Crouch	2,997.4
Cold Norton	482.0
Dengie	49.4
Goldhanger	282.9
Great Braxted	154.0
Great Totham	1,239.3
Hazeleigh	55.4
Heybridge	2,858.0
Langford	81.6
Latchingdon	415.3
Little Braxted	84.1
Little Totham	193.7
Maldon	5,088.7
Mayland	1,479.6
Mundon	142.5
North Fambridge	396.7
Purleigh	548.3
Southminster	1,512.8
St. Lawrence	590.2
Steeple	189.1
Stow Maries	83.8
Tillingham	403.4
Tollesbury	989.2
Tolleshunt D'arcy	422.7
Tolleshunt Knights	403.3
Tolleshunt Major	261.0
Ulting	66.0
Wickham Bishops	962.9
Woodham Mortimer	248.1
Woodham Walter	271.6
	23,868.7

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2. Calculate that the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,472,307
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with new Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £33,516,356 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (**i.e. gross expenditure including Parish precepts**)
 - (b) £27,660,693 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act (**i.e. gross income including government grants**)
 - (c) £5,855,663 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act) (**i.e. Council Tax Requirement including Parish precepts**).
 - (d) £245.33 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 1(a) above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (**i.e. average Band D Council Tax including Parish precepts**)
 - (e) £1,383,356 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (**i.e. Parish Council precepts**)
 - (f) £187.37 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (**i.e. District Council Band D Council Tax excluding Parish precepts**).

(g) Basic Amount of Council Tax by Parish 2017/18

Town/Parish	Local Precept £	Town/Parish Band D £	District + Town/Parish Band D £
Althorne	17,000.00	33.23	220.60
Asheldham	2,252.62	37.30	224.67
Bradwell-on-Sea	16,000.00	46.55	233.92
Burnham-on-Crouch	188,000.00	62.72	250.09
Cold Norton	25,000.00	51.87	239.24
Dengie	1,842.38	37.30	224.67
Goldhanger	7,800.00	27.57	214.94
Great Braxted	4,500.00	29.22	216.59
Great Totham	19,036.00	15.36	202.73
Hazeleigh	703.13	12.69	200.06
Heybridge	218,200.00	76.35	263.72
Langford	4,433.00	54.33	241.70
Latchingdon	41,750.00	100.53	287.90
Little Braxted	3,125.00	37.16	224.53
Little Totham	5,310.00	27.41	214.78
Maldon	331,467.00	65.14	252.51
Mayland	97,310.00	65.77	253.14
Mundon	4,250.00	29.82	217.19
North Fambridge	14,700.00	37.06	224.43
Purleigh	40,000.00	72.95	260.32
Southminster	121,600.00	80.38	267.75
St. Lawrence	21,870.00	37.06	224.43
Steeple	6,000.00	31.73	219.10
Stow Maries	6,455.00	77.03	264.40
Tillingham	33,900.00	84.04	271.41
Tollesbury	81,523.71	82.41	269.78
Tolleshunt D'arcy	19,129.00	45.25	232.62
Tolleshunt Knights	9,800.00	24.30	211.67
Tolleshunt Major	8,000.00	30.65	218.02
Ulting	3,067.00	46.47	233.84
Wickham Bishops	12,000.00	12.46	199.83
Woodham Mortimer	3,148.87	12.69	200.06
Woodham Walter	14,183.00	52.22	239.59

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Councils 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.

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(h) Calculation of Basic Amounts of Council Tax by Parish for Different Valuation Bands

PARISH	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Althorne	147.06	171.58	196.09	220.60	269.62	318.65	367.66	441.20
Asheldham	149.78	174.74	199.71	224.67	274.60	324.53	374.45	449.34
Bradwell-on-Sea	155.94	181.94	207.93	233.92	285.90	337.89	389.86	467.84
Burnham-on-Crouch	166.72	194.51	222.30	250.09	305.67	361.25	416.81	500.18
Cold Norton	159.49	186.07	212.66	239.24	292.41	345.57	398.73	478.48
Dengie	149.78	174.74	199.71	224.67	274.60	324.53	374.45	449.34
Goldhanger	143.29	167.17	191.06	214.94	262.71	310.47	358.23	429.88
Great Braxted	144.39	168.46	192.52	216.59	264.72	312.86	360.98	433.18
Great Totham	135.15	157.68	180.20	202.73	247.78	292.84	337.88	405.46
Hazeleigh	133.37	155.60	177.83	200.06	244.52	288.98	333.43	400.12
Heybridge	175.81	205.11	234.42	263.72	322.33	380.93	439.53	527.44
Langford	161.13	187.99	214.84	241.70	295.41	349.13	402.83	483.40
Latchingdon	191.93	223.92	255.91	287.90	351.88	415.86	479.83	575.80
Little Braxted	149.68	174.63	199.58	224.53	274.43	324.33	374.21	449.06
Little Totham	143.18	167.05	190.91	214.78	262.51	310.24	357.96	429.56
Maldon	168.34	196.39	224.45	252.51	308.63	364.74	420.85	505.02
Mayland	168.76	196.88	225.01	253.14	309.40	365.65	421.90	506.28
Mundon	144.79	168.92	193.06	217.19	265.46	313.72	361.98	434.38
North Fambridge	149.62	174.55	199.49	224.43	274.31	324.18	374.05	448.86
Purleigh	173.54	202.47	231.39	260.32	318.17	376.02	433.86	520.64
Southminster	178.50	208.25	238.00	267.75	327.25	386.75	446.25	535.50
St. Lawrence	149.62	174.55	199.49	224.43	274.31	324.18	374.05	448.86
Steeple	146.06	170.41	194.75	219.10	267.79	316.48	365.16	438.20
Stow Maries	176.26	205.64	235.02	264.40	323.16	381.92	440.66	528.80
Tillingham	180.94	211.09	241.25	271.41	331.73	392.04	452.35	542.82
Tollesbury	179.85	209.83	239.80	269.78	329.73	389.69	449.63	539.56
Tolleshunt D'arcy	155.08	180.92	206.77	232.62	284.32	336.01	387.70	465.24
Tolleshunt Knights	141.11	164.63	188.15	211.67	258.71	305.75	352.78	423.34
Tolleshunt Major	145.34	169.57	193.79	218.02	266.47	314.92	363.36	436.04
Ulting	155.89	181.87	207.86	233.84	285.81	337.77	389.73	467.68
Wickham Bishops	133.22	155.42	177.63	199.83	244.24	288.65	333.05	399.66
Woodham Mortimer	133.37	155.60	177.83	200.06	244.52	288.98	333.43	400.12
Woodham Walter	159.72	186.35	212.97	239.59	292.83	346.08	399.31	479.18

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band, divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year, in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

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4. That it be noted for the year 2017/18 the major precepting authorities have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below:

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands			
Essex County Council	A	£775.80	E	£1,422.30
	B	£905.10	F	£1,680.90
	C	£1,034.40	G	£1,939.50
	D	£1,163.70	H	£2,327.40
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex	A	£104.70	E	£191.95
	B	£122.15	F	£226.85
	C	£139.60	G	£261.75
	D	£157.05	H	£314.10
Essex Fire Authority	A	£46.02	E	£84.37
	B	£53.69	F	£99.71
	C	£61.36	G	£115.05
	D	£69.03	H	£138.06

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwelling shown in Table A attached.
6. Determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

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2017/2018 COUNCIL TAX CHARGES BY PRECEPTING AUTHORITY								
Authority	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Essex County	775.80	905.10	1,034.40	1,163.70	1,422.30	1,680.90	1,939.50	2,327.40
Essex Police	104.70	122.15	139.60	157.05	191.95	226.85	261.75	314.10
Essex Fire	46.02	53.69	61.36	69.03	84.37	99.71	115.05	138.06
Maldon District	124.91	145.73	166.55	187.37	229.01	270.65	312.28	374.74
Althorne	1,073.58	1,252.52	1,431.45	1,610.38	1,968.24	2,326.11	2,683.96	3,220.76
Asheldham	1,076.30	1,255.68	1,435.07	1,614.45	1,973.22	2,331.99	2,690.75	3,228.90
Bradwell-on-Sea	1,082.46	1,262.88	1,443.29	1,623.70	1,984.52	2,345.35	2,706.16	3,247.40
Burnham-on-Crouch	1,093.24	1,275.45	1,457.66	1,639.87	2,004.29	2,368.71	2,733.11	3,279.74
Cold Norton	1,086.01	1,267.01	1,448.02	1,629.02	1,991.03	2,353.03	2,715.03	3,258.04
Dengie	1,076.30	1,255.68	1,435.07	1,614.45	1,973.22	2,331.99	2,690.75	3,228.90
Goldhanger	1,069.81	1,248.11	1,426.42	1,604.72	1,961.33	2,317.93	2,674.53	3,209.44
Great Braxted	1,070.91	1,249.40	1,427.88	1,606.37	1,963.34	2,320.32	2,677.28	3,212.74
Great Totham	1,061.67	1,238.62	1,415.56	1,592.51	1,946.40	2,300.30	2,654.18	3,185.02
Hazeleigh	1,059.89	1,236.54	1,413.19	1,589.84	1,943.14	2,296.44	2,649.73	3,179.68
Heybridge	1,102.33	1,286.05	1,469.78	1,653.50	2,020.95	2,388.39	2,755.83	3,307.00
Langford	1,087.65	1,268.93	1,450.20	1,631.48	1,994.03	2,356.59	2,719.13	3,262.96
Latchingdon	1,118.45	1,304.86	1,491.27	1,677.68	2,050.50	2,423.32	2,796.13	3,355.36
Little Braxted	1,076.20	1,255.57	1,434.94	1,614.31	1,973.05	2,331.79	2,690.51	3,228.62
Little Totham	1,069.70	1,247.99	1,426.27	1,604.56	1,961.13	2,317.70	2,674.26	3,209.12
Maldon	1,094.86	1,277.33	1,459.81	1,642.29	2,007.25	2,372.20	2,737.15	3,284.58
Mayland	1,095.28	1,277.82	1,460.37	1,642.92	2,008.02	2,373.11	2,738.20	3,285.84
Mundon	1,071.31	1,249.86	1,428.42	1,606.97	1,964.08	2,321.18	2,678.28	3,213.94
North Fambridge	1,076.14	1,255.49	1,434.85	1,614.21	1,972.93	2,331.64	2,690.35	3,228.42
Purleigh	1,100.06	1,283.41	1,466.75	1,650.10	2,016.79	2,383.48	2,750.16	3,300.20
Southminster	1,105.02	1,289.19	1,473.36	1,657.53	2,025.87	2,394.21	2,762.55	3,315.06
St. Lawrence	1,076.14	1,255.49	1,434.85	1,614.21	1,972.93	2,331.64	2,690.35	3,228.42
Steeple	1,072.58	1,251.35	1,430.11	1,608.88	1,966.41	2,323.94	2,681.46	3,217.76
Stow Maries	1,102.78	1,286.58	1,470.38	1,654.18	2,021.78	2,389.38	2,756.96	3,308.36
Tillingham	1,107.46	1,292.03	1,476.61	1,661.19	2,030.35	2,399.50	2,768.65	3,322.38
Tollesbury	1,106.37	1,290.77	1,475.16	1,659.56	2,028.35	2,397.15	2,765.93	3,319.12
Tolleshunt D'arcy	1,081.60	1,261.86	1,442.13	1,622.40	1,982.94	2,343.47	2,704.00	3,244.80
Tolleshunt Knights	1,067.63	1,245.57	1,423.51	1,601.45	1,957.33	2,313.21	2,669.08	3,202.90
Tolleshunt Major	1,071.86	1,250.51	1,429.15	1,607.80	1,965.09	2,322.38	2,679.66	3,215.60
Ulting	1,082.41	1,262.81	1,443.22	1,623.62	1,984.43	2,345.23	2,706.03	3,247.24
Wickham Bishops	1,059.74	1,236.36	1,412.99	1,589.61	1,942.86	2,296.11	2,649.35	3,179.22
Woodham Mortimer	1,059.89	1,236.54	1,413.19	1,589.84	1,943.14	2,296.44	2,649.73	3,179.68
Woodham Walter	1,086.24	1,267.29	1,448.33	1,629.37	1,991.45	2,353.54	2,715.61	3,258.74