

**Cabinet - 10th February 2010**

**Proposed Council Tax 2010/2011**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the final General Summary for the Revenue Estimates and the proposed Contingencies and Provisions for Strategic Priorities for 2010/2011 set out at Annex 1.
- 1.2 To enable recommendations to be made to Council with respect to Council Tax levels for 2010/2011, subject to the approval of the Revenue Budget 2010/2011. The Council Tax is calculated using the tax bases for the areas of the City Council and Hetton Town Council as confirmed by Council on 27th January 2010. There are a number of resolutions required to be made to determine the Council Tax including precepts from the Major Precepting Authorities and the Parish of Hetton Town Council.

**2. Description of Decision**

**It is recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council:**

That it be noted that at its meeting on 27th January 2010 the Council approved the following amounts for the year 2010/2011 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- a) £80,260 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as it's Council Tax Base for the year
- b) £ 4,043 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of it's Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in the area of the Parish of Hetton Town Council.

**3. It is also recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council:**

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/2011 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:

- a) £784,067,244 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act
- b) £531,317,271 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act

- c) £252,749,973 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 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year
- d) £157,511,823 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates, Revenue Support Grant, and the amount of the sum which the Council has estimated will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus)
- e) £1,186.6204 being the amount at 3 (c) above less the amount at 3 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 2 (a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year
- f) £53,000 being the precept notified by Hetton Town Council as a special item under Section 34 (1) of the Act
- g) £1,185.9600 being the amount at 3 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (f) above by the amount at 2 (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
- h) £1,199.0691 being the amount given by adding to the amount at 3 (g) above the amount 3 (f) divided by the amount at 2 (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 the area of the Parish of Hetton Town Council

#### Parts of the Council's Area

(i) Valuation Bands	Hetton Town Council	All other parts of the Council's Area
A	£ 799.38	£ 790.64
B	£ 932.61	£ 922.41
C	£ 1,065.84	£ 1,054.19
D	£ 1,199.07	£ 1,185.96
E	£ 1,465.53	£ 1,449.51
F	£ 1,731.99	£ 1,713.05
G	£ 1,998.45	£ 1,976.60
H	£ 2,398.14	£ 2,371.92

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3 (g) and 3 (h) 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.

**4. It is also recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council:**

That it be noted that for the year 2010/2011, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and Northumbria Police Authority have supplied their best estimate of their proposed precepts, which have still to be approved by their respective Authorities. Consequently, the following amounts for both the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and the Northumbria Police Authority represent the provisional precepts for 2010/2011, which may be issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings as follows:

**Precepting Authority**

<b>Valuation Bands</b>	<b>Northumbria Police Authority</b>	<b>Tyne &amp; Wear Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
A	£ 55.79	£ 48.77
B	£ 65.09	£ 56.90
C	£ 74.38	£ 65.03
D	£ 83.68	£ 73.16
E	£102.28	£ 89.42
F	£120.87	£105.68
G	£139.47	£121.93
H	£167.36	£146.32

**5. It is also recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council:**

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3 (i) and 4 above but not having received confirmation of the precept in paragraph 4, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, estimate the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/2011 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below at this point in time. The exact levels will only become known once formal notification of the precepts from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and Northumbria Police Authority are received.

**Parts of the Council's Area**

<b>Valuation Bands</b>	<b>Hetton Town Council</b>	<b>All other parts of the Council's Area</b>
A	£ 903.94	£ 895.20
B	£ 1,054.60	£ 1,044.40
C	£ 1,205.25	£ 1,193.60
D	£ 1,355.91	£ 1,342.80
E	£ 1,657.23	£ 1,641.21
F	£ 1,958.54	£ 1,939.60

G	£ 2,259.85	£ 2,238.00
H	£ 2,711.82	£ 2,685.60

**6. Suggested Reason for Decision**

To comply with all legal requirements and the Local Authorities (Alteration of requisite calculations) (England) Regulations 2003 on Sections 32, 33, 43 and 44 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Sections 85, 86, 88 and 89 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 which applied from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003, in order to determine the Council Tax applicable for 2010/2011.

**7. Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

**Background Papers**

- Local Government Finance Settlement 2010/2011 (Final).
- Calculation of Council Tax Base Report (Cabinet – 13th January 2010 and Council – 27th January 2010).
- Revenue Budget 2010/2011 and Capital Programme 2010/2011 to 2012/2013.
- Best estimate available of the Precept from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority.
- Best estimate available of the Precept from Northumbria Police Authority.
- Notification of Hetton Town Council Precept.
- Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2003.
- Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2008.