

D. Council Tax Setting (Cabinet February)

1. Introduction

The Cabinet must recommend a Council Tax Rate to the Council in February. The Cabinet is aware that general inflation trends are running at around 3.0% but are also aware of the burden of council tax on individual households and that currently discounts more than £6m are granted.

Cabinet are also aware that new income sources from Qualis will commence in 2020/21 and part of the benefit of this would allow council tax rises to be pegged at half the inflation rate, i.e. 1.5%.

The Authority is awaiting precept information from parishes, the county council and other county-wide bodies. These precepts will be included in the final budget figures presented to Council in February.

2. Intended Authority Council Tax

The intended council tax rates are tabled below. The rates relate to this Authority only and other precepts will be added when known.

Council Tax Band	Number of predicted properties 2020/21	Rate in 2019/20	Proposed Rate in 2020/21	Notes
		£	£	Assumes increase of 1.5%
A	1033.1	101.64	103.17	
B	3229.7	118.58	120.36	
C	9272.0	132.32	137.56	
D	12884.9	152.46	154.75	
E	11281.3	186.34	189.14	
F	9408.8	220.22	223.53	
G	9598.6	254.10	257.92	
H	2221.5	304.92	309.50	

3. Discounts

The number and level of discounts that are forecast to be applied are as follows:

Discount	Forecast Number	% Discount
Student in full term education	146	100% if property is wholly occupied by students
Disabled individual	376	Varies
Second home	397	5% discount
Empty home	112	100% premium
Single Person Discount	17,134	25%
Hardship/LCTSS	6,231	Equates to a £6m discount