



COUNCIL

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Report Title	Council Tax Setting 2009/10
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1. Summary

- 1.1 The final precept determinations from the major precepting authorities (Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Police Authority), parish councils, and the budget setting decision of Northampton Borough Council earlier on this agenda lead directly to the council tax determinations set out in **Annex A** and **Annex B**.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council approve the Council Tax resolution shown at **Annex A** and **Annex B**.

3. Report Background

- 3.1 The revenue budget (approved earlier on this agenda) and the consequential Council Tax (approved as part of the revenue budget for Northampton Borough Council but formally approved as an overall Council Tax Resolution at this agenda item) provide the resources to allow the delivery of the approved level of Council services.
- 3.2 If the recommendation above is approved the average Council Tax increase for Northampton Borough Council's services will be as set out at Annex B (schedules A and B). After taking account of the Parishes, the Police Authority, and the County Council, the average increase in tax levels will vary depending on the relevant parish precept charge. The details behind these increases are set out at Annex B (schedules C and D). Table 1 below details the average Band D council tax figure for 2009/10.

Table 1: Average Band D council tax

	2008/09	2009/10	Increase		% increase
			£ per annum	£ per week	
Northampton BC	£196.92	£204.60	£7.68	£0.15	3.9
Parish Precepts	£12.71	£13.66	£0.95	£0.02	7.5
Northamptonshire Police Authority	£178.62	£186.66	£8.04	£0.15	4.5
Northamptonshire County Council	£956.05	£993.34	£37.29	£0.72	3.9
Total	£1,344.30	£1,398.26	£53.96	£1.04	4.0

- 3.3 In order to set the Council Tax legally, the Council must agree a complex set of resolutions shown at Annex A. These resolutions build up from the Council's budget requirement including Parish precepts, through deducting formula grant and collection fund surpluses (or adding a deficit) to arrive at a basic Council Tax including and excluding Parish precepts. To that is added the precepts for the Police and County Council to arrive at a total Council Tax by Parish and by Council Tax Band.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

See Cabinet report on the revenue budget earlier on the agenda.

4.2 Legal

See Cabinet report on the revenue budget earlier on the agenda.

4.3 Other Implications

See Cabinet report on the revenue budget earlier on the agenda.

5. Background Papers

See Cabinet report on the revenue budget earlier on the agenda; and
Formal precept demands of precepting authorities.

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