

Council Tax 2012/13

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 15 December 2011, the Council approved a net budget requirement of £215,652,862 for 2012/13 and agreed to freeze the Council's council tax at 2011/12 levels.
- 1.2 The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.
- 1.3 This report sets out the Council's Council Tax requirement and the total Council Tax for Derby City residents for 2012/13 including the precepts for Derbyshire Police Authority and Derbyshire Fire Authority. Both authorities have agreed to agreed to freeze precepts at 2011/12 levels.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2012/13 of £215,652,862 approved by Full Council on 15 December 2011, subject to confirmation of the final Local Government Settlement expected in February 2012.
- 2.2 To confirm the following amounts for the year 2012/13, which are consistent with the net budget requirement agreed by the Council at its meeting on 15 December, in accordance with Sections 31A (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011:
 - a. £596,059,862 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f).
 - b. (£514,081,542) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act.
 - c. £81,978,320 as its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

d. £1,127.21 as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, being the amount at (c) above, divided by the amount at 4.1 below, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

e. for the following Valuation Bands:

	£		£
A	751.47	E	1,377.70
B	876.72	F	1,628.19
C	1,001.96	G	1,878.68
D	1,127.21	H	2,254.42

as the amounts to be taken into account for the year, under Section 30(2)(a) of the Act, in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands, being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each 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.

2.3 To note that for the year 2012/13, Derbyshire Police Authority has stated the following in a precept to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

	£		£
A	109.16	E	200.13
B	127.35	F	236.51
C	145.55	G	272.90
D	163.74	H	327.48

- 2.4 To note that for the year 2012/13, Derbyshire Fire Authority has stated the following in a precept to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

	£		£
A	44.78	E	82.10
B	52.24	F	97.02
C	59.71	G	111.95
D	67.17	H	134.34

- 2.5 To set the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below, being the aggregate in each case of the amounts in 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992,

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

	£		£
A	905.41	E	1,659.93
B	1,056.31	F	1,961.72
C	1,207.22	G	2,263.53
D	1,358.12	H	2,716.24

- 2.6 To authorise the publication of the requisite notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 As a billing authority, the Council has a legal obligation to set an amount of Council Tax for each financial year and each category of dwellings in its area, as prescribed in the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, and associated Regulations.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 At its meeting on 15 December, the Council calculated the Council's Tax Base for the year 2012/13 as 72,726.75 equivalent band D properties, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England)

Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/3012). This calculation is in line with the Council's approved decision to freeze 2012/13 Council Tax at 2011/12 levels.

- 4.2 At the 15 December meeting, the Council agreed the calculation of its council tax amounts for 2012/13. These amounts have been restated in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, and are set out for confirmation in paragraph 2.2(e) above.
- 4.3 Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council must set an amount of council tax by taking the aggregate of the amount which has been calculated for the Council and any amounts that have been calculated in precepts issues to the Council by major precepting authorities. The Council has two major precepting authorities, Derbyshire Police Authority and Derbyshire Fire Authority.
- 4.6 The aggregate council tax amounts by valuation band, including that of the Council and both major precepting bodies, are set out for approval in paragraph 2.5 above.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No other options considered. The Council has a statutory duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to set an amount of council tax for the year 2012/13.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Martyn Marples, Director of Finance and Procurement
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 As described in the report

Legal

- 2.1 Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council is required to set an amount of council tax for each financial year and each category of dwellings in its area. The amount of council tax is calculated in accordance with the detailed requirements set out in Section 30 of the Act.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None directly arising

Asset Management

- 7.1 None directly arising

Risk Management

- 8.1 None directly arising

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 None directly arising

COUNCIL TAX STATUTORY CALCULATION 2012/2013
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Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act	596,059,862
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Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act	(514,081,542)
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R	81,978,320
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Tax base for Tax Setting (Band D equivalent)	T	72,726.75
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Basic Amount of Council Tax	R/T	1,127.21
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Derby

Band A – (Disabled)	5/9	626.23
Band A	6/9	751.47
Band B	7/9	876.72
Band C	8/9	1,001.96
Band D	9/9	1,127.21
Band E	11/9	1,377.70
Band F	13/9	1,628.19
Band G	15/9	1,878.68
Band H	18/9	2,254.42

Council Tax 2011/12 Band D	1,127.21
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Unadjusted Increase Band D	0.00
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Unadjusted % Increase Band D	0.00%
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