

Agenda Item No: 10
Report To: Full Council
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Report Title: Budget and Council Tax Resolutions 2017/18
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Summary: This report presents the Cabinet's 2017/18 General Fund Budget and Council Tax recommendations for resolution by the Full Council. It also presents the full statutory resolutions, including the requirements of the Precepting Authorities and Parish Councils, for the area covered by the Borough Council as the billing authority.

Excluding Parish Precepts, the Council's net revenue spending, is £15,248,990 for 2017/18. The Borough Council's element of the Council Tax at band D is to be increased by 2.67% to £154.

On the basis of information available from the Precepting Authorities the overall level of Council Tax, excluding Parish Precepts, is anticipated to be £1,563.32 an increase overall of £55.62 (or 3.69%).

The detailed Council Tax amounts by band are subject to validation within our billing system. If amendments are needed they will be tabled at the meeting.

Key Decision: YES

Significantly Affected Wards: All

Recommendations: **The Council is recommended to:-**

- I. Agree the budget for 2017/18 as recommended by the Cabinet**
- II. Agree the formal Council Tax resolution annexed to this report**

Policy Overview: The budget is a matter for the Full Council to approve. Apart from the statutory requirement and status of the budget, the proposals for 2017/18 work towards delivering the Council's priorities in the Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications:	The budget supports the Corporate Plan and is the result of considerable input from Members and services over several months. It is broadly in line with the medium term financial plan. The recommended budget requirement (excluding parish precepts) is £15,248,990 .The recommended Council Tax at Band D is £154, an increase of £4 from 2016/17.
Legal Implications	The council tax needs to be set in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
Equalities Impact Assessment	Please see the Final Budget Report
Other Material Implications:	
Exempt from Publication:	NO
Background Papers:	
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Important notice

1. The resolution in this report, which must include the requirements of all precepting authorities, are based on the recommendations made to these authorities.

Proposal/Current Position

2. To present the Cabinet Committee's 2017/18 General Fund Budget and Council Tax recommendation for resolution by the Full Council. It presents the full statutory resolutions, including the requirements of the Precepting Authorities (as known at the time of writing) and the Parish Councils, for the areas covered by the Borough Council as the Billing Authority.

Issues to be decided

3. The Full Council is required to consider and approve the recommended 2017/18 Budget and the Council Tax requirement. The Full Council must also agree the statutory resolutions, which include the Precepting Authorities' requirements.

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4. The decisions of the Cabinet at its meeting on 9 February are set out in its Cabinet Minute reported on this Agenda. A summary of the recommended budget is included as **Appendix A**. Members will also have received a link to allow them to review the full 2017/18 Budget Book by the time of the meeting.
5. The report to the Cabinet Meeting included advice required by the Local Government Act 2003, on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the Councils reserves.
6. It should be noted that the period for budget consultation closes on 8 February. The public response received was reported to cabinet, and cabinet received a paper on the response of the Overview and Scrutiny committee. Any further responses to the consultation will be reported to the Full Council Meeting.

Council Tax Requirement

7. The demand on the Council Tax Collection Fund for 2017/18 that flows from the recommendation of the Cabinet, and the decisions of the Precepting Bodies totals £71,270,041.56, analysed as follows: -

Authority	Precept/Demand		2017/18 Band D Council Tax	Change over 2016/17	
	£	%		£	£
Ashford Borough Council	6,879,437.18	9.65	154.00	4.00	2.67
Kent County Council	52,659,858.03	73.89	1178.82	45.27	3.99
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	7,020,152.94	9.85	157.15	5.00	3.29
Kent and Medway Fire Authority	3,276,666.99	4.60	73.35	1.35	1.88
Parish Councils	1,433,926.42	2.01	31.89	0.01	0.00

8. Excluding Parish Precepts the overall Council Tax at Band D for 2017/18 is £1,563.32, and increase of £55.62 on 2016/17.
9. Attached to this report are the formal resolutions for approval by the Council as the Billing Authority. Also attached at **Appendix A and B** are details on the calculation of this Council's Budget requirement and Council Tax at Band D.

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Council Tax Resolution

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on **8 December 2016** the Cabinet calculated:
 - a. The Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area as 44,671.7 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")) and,
 - b. for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached **Annex A**.
2. Calculation that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£6,879,437.18 (Appendices A and B)**.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

	£	
(a)	99,688,422.60	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.
(b)	91,375,059.00	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	8,313,363.60	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 31A(4) of the Act).
(d)	186.10	being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).(Annex C)
(e)	1,433,926.42	being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Annex B).
(f)	154.00	being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 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 Parish precept relates.(Annex D & E)

Part of the Council's area (i.e. tax base for parished areas – Band D equivalent properties).

PARISH	LOCAL TAX BASE	PARISH	LOCAL TAX BASE
Aldington & Bonnington	594.45	Little Chart	128.76
Appledore	338.65	Mersham and Sevington	740.49
Bethersden	702.48	Molash	108.07
Biddenden	1,095.73	Newenden	101.97
Bilsington	145.62	Orlestone	597.25
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,067.44	Pluckley	475.69
Brabourne	597.06	Rolvenden	681.00
Brook	155.02	Ruckinge	335.44
Challock	452.89	Shadoxhurst	543.13
Charing	1,306.17	Smarden	640.56
Chilham	746.22	Smeeth	360.06
Crundale (PM)	93.16	Stanhope	776.75
Egerton	501.20	Stone	201.76
Godmersham	172.62	Tenterden (TC)	3,533.93
Great Chart with Singleton	2,414.65	Warehorne	174.86
Hastingleigh	114.17	Westwell	324.58
High Halden	716.09	Wittersham	529.40
Hothfield	264.02	Woodchurch	834.75
Kenardington	107.35	Wye with Hinxhill	1,024.70
Kingsnorth	4,434.76		

Parish Council Precepts

PARISH	PRECEPT	PARISH	PRECEPT
Aldington & Bonnington	28,515.00	Little Chart	6,000.00
Appledore	26,000.00	Mersham and Sevington	15,046.80
Bethersden	22,760.00	Molash	4,000.00
Biddenden	51,283.00	Newenden	5,020.00
Bilsington	4,230.00	Orlestone	20,390.00
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	26,280.00	Pluckley	46,200.00
Brabourne	34,000.00	Rolvenden	25,146.62
Brook	7,070.00	Ruckinge	10,000.00
Challock	15,770.00	Shadoxhurst	15,000.00
Charing	87,098.00	Smarden	28,640.00
Chilham	26,498.00	Smeeth	22,376.00
Crundale (PM)	200.00	Stanhope	16,018.00
Egerton	18,331.00	Stone	5,500.00
Godmersham	5,430.00	Tenterden (TC)	335,700.00
Great Chart with Singleton	174,821.00	Warehorne	4,449.00
Hastingleigh	3,010.00	Westwell	15,759.00
High Halden	33,054.00	Wittersham	24,035.00
Hothfield	9,500.00	Woodchurch	22,800.00
Kenardington	4,850.00	Wye with Hinxhill	87,662.00
Kingsnorth	145,484.00		

Billing Authority share of Council Tax

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	134.65	157.09	179.53	201.97	246.85	291.73	336.62	403.94
Appledore	153.86	179.50	205.14	230.78	282.06	333.34	384.64	461.56
Bethersden	124.27	144.98	165.69	186.40	227.82	269.24	310.67	372.80
Biddenden	133.87	156.18	178.49	200.80	245.42	290.04	334.67	401.60
Bilsington	122.03	142.37	162.71	183.05	223.73	264.41	305.08	366.10
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	119.08	138.93	158.77	178.62	218.31	258.01	297.70	357.24
Brabourne	140.63	164.07	187.51	210.95	257.83	304.71	351.58	421.90
Brook	133.07	155.25	177.43	199.61	243.97	288.33	332.68	399.22
Challock	125.88	146.86	167.84	188.82	230.78	272.74	314.70	377.64
Charing	147.12	171.64	196.16	220.68	269.72	318.76	367.80	441.36
Chilham	126.34	147.40	168.45	189.51	231.62	273.74	315.85	379.02
Crundale (PM)	104.10	121.45	138.80	156.15	190.85	225.55	260.25	312.30
Egerton	127.05	148.22	169.40	190.57	232.92	275.27	317.62	381.14
Godmersham	123.64	144.25	164.85	185.46	226.67	267.89	309.10	370.92
Great Chart with Singleton	150.93	176.09	201.24	226.40	276.71	327.02	377.33	452.80
Hastingleigh	120.24	140.28	160.32	180.36	220.44	260.52	300.60	360.72
High Halden	133.44	155.68	177.92	200.16	244.64	289.12	333.60	400.32
Hothfield	126.65	147.76	168.87	189.98	232.20	274.42	316.63	379.96
Kenardington	132.79	154.92	177.05	199.18	243.44	287.70	331.97	398.36
Kingsnorth	124.54	145.30	166.05	186.81	228.32	269.84	311.35	373.62
Little Chart	133.73	156.02	178.31	200.60	245.18	289.76	334.33	401.20
Mersham and Sevington	116.21	135.58	154.95	174.32	213.06	251.80	290.53	348.64
Molash	127.34	148.56	169.79	191.01	233.46	275.90	318.35	382.02
Newenden	135.49	158.07	180.65	203.23	248.39	293.55	338.72	406.46
Orlestone	125.43	146.33	167.24	188.14	229.95	271.75	313.57	376.28
Pluckley	167.41	195.32	223.22	251.12	306.92	362.73	418.53	502.24
Rolvenden	127.29	148.50	169.72	190.93	233.36	275.78	318.22	381.86
Ruckinge	122.54	142.97	163.39	183.81	224.65	265.50	306.35	367.62
Shadoxhurst	121.08	141.26	161.44	181.62	221.98	262.34	302.70	363.24
Smarden	132.47	154.55	176.63	198.71	242.87	287.03	331.18	397.42
Smeeth	144.10	168.11	192.13	216.14	264.17	312.20	360.24	432.28
Stanhope	116.41	135.82	155.22	174.62	213.42	252.23	291.03	349.24
Stone	120.84	140.98	161.12	181.26	221.54	261.82	302.10	362.52
Tenterden (TC)	166.00	193.66	221.33	248.99	304.32	359.65	414.99	497.98
Warehorne	119.63	139.57	159.50	179.44	219.31	259.19	299.07	358.88
Westwell	135.03	157.54	180.04	202.55	247.56	292.57	337.58	405.10
Wittersham	132.94	155.09	177.25	199.40	243.71	288.02	332.34	398.80
Woodchurch	120.88	141.02	161.17	181.31	221.60	261.89	302.19	362.62
Wye with Hinxhill	159.70	186.32	212.93	239.55	292.78	346.01	399.25	479.10
Unparished Area	102.67	119.78	136.89	154.00	188.22	222.44	256.67	308.00

Council Tax Charge per Band

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	1,074.20	1,253.23	1,432.26	1,611.29	1,969.35	2,327.41	2,685.49	3,222.58
Appledore	1,093.41	1,275.64	1,457.87	1,640.10	2,004.56	2,369.02	2,733.51	3,280.20
Bethersden	1,063.82	1,241.12	1,418.42	1,595.72	1,950.32	2,304.92	2,659.54	3,191.44
Biddenden	1,073.42	1,252.32	1,431.22	1,610.12	1,967.92	2,325.72	2,683.54	3,220.24
Bilsington	1,061.59	1,238.51	1,415.44	1,592.37	1,946.23	2,300.08	2,653.96	3,184.74
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,058.63	1,235.07	1,411.50	1,587.94	1,940.81	2,293.68	2,646.57	3,175.88
Brabourne	1,080.19	1,260.21	1,440.24	1,620.27	1,980.33	2,340.38	2,700.46	3,240.54
Brook	1,072.63	1,251.39	1,430.16	1,608.93	1,966.47	2,324.00	2,681.56	3,217.86
Challock	1,065.43	1,243.00	1,420.57	1,598.14	1,953.28	2,308.42	2,663.57	3,196.28
Charing	1,086.67	1,267.78	1,448.89	1,630.00	1,992.22	2,354.44	2,716.67	3,260.00
Chilham	1,065.89	1,243.54	1,421.18	1,598.83	1,954.12	2,309.41	2,664.72	3,197.66
Crundale (PM)	1,043.65	1,217.59	1,391.53	1,565.47	1,913.35	2,261.23	2,609.12	3,130.94
Egerton	1,066.60	1,244.36	1,422.13	1,599.89	1,955.42	2,310.94	2,666.49	3,199.78
Godmersham	1,063.19	1,240.39	1,417.58	1,594.78	1,949.17	2,303.56	2,657.97	3,189.56
Great Chart with Singleton	1,090.49	1,272.23	1,453.98	1,635.72	1,999.21	2,362.70	2,726.21	3,271.44
Hastingleigh	1,059.79	1,236.42	1,413.05	1,589.68	1,942.94	2,296.20	2,649.47	3,179.36
High Halden	1,072.99	1,251.82	1,430.65	1,609.48	1,967.14	2,324.80	2,682.47	3,218.96
Hothfield	1,066.21	1,243.90	1,421.60	1,599.30	1,954.70	2,310.09	2,665.51	3,198.60
Kenardington	1,072.34	1,251.06	1,429.78	1,608.50	1,965.94	2,323.38	2,680.84	3,217.00
Kingsnorth	1,064.09	1,241.44	1,418.78	1,596.13	1,950.82	2,305.51	2,660.22	3,192.26
Little Chart	1,073.29	1,252.16	1,431.04	1,609.92	1,967.68	2,325.43	2,683.21	3,219.84
Mersham and Sevington	1,055.77	1,231.72	1,407.68	1,583.64	1,935.56	2,287.47	2,639.41	3,167.28
Molash	1,066.89	1,244.71	1,422.52	1,600.33	1,955.95	2,311.58	2,667.22	3,200.66
Newenden	1,075.04	1,254.21	1,433.38	1,612.55	1,970.89	2,329.23	2,687.59	3,225.10
Orlestone	1,064.98	1,242.47	1,419.97	1,597.46	1,952.45	2,307.43	2,662.44	3,194.92
Pluckley	1,106.97	1,291.46	1,475.95	1,660.44	2,029.42	2,398.40	2,767.41	3,320.88
Rolvenden	1,066.84	1,244.64	1,422.45	1,600.25	1,955.86	2,311.46	2,667.09	3,200.50
Ruckinge	1,062.09	1,239.11	1,416.12	1,593.13	1,947.15	2,301.18	2,655.22	3,186.26
Shadoxhurst	1,060.63	1,237.40	1,414.17	1,590.94	1,944.48	2,298.02	2,651.57	3,181.88
Smarden	1,072.03	1,250.69	1,429.36	1,608.03	1,965.37	2,322.70	2,680.06	3,216.06
Smeeth	1,083.65	1,264.25	1,444.86	1,625.46	1,986.67	2,347.88	2,709.11	3,250.92
Stanhope	1,055.96	1,231.96	1,407.95	1,583.94	1,935.92	2,287.90	2,639.91	3,167.88
Stone	1,060.39	1,237.12	1,413.85	1,590.58	1,944.04	2,297.50	2,650.97	3,181.16
Tenterden (TC)	1,105.55	1,289.80	1,474.06	1,658.31	2,026.82	2,395.33	2,763.86	3,316.62
Warehorne	1,059.18	1,235.71	1,412.23	1,588.76	1,941.81	2,294.87	2,647.94	3,177.52
Westwell	1,074.59	1,253.68	1,432.78	1,611.87	1,970.06	2,328.25	2,686.46	3,223.74
Wittersham	1,072.49	1,251.23	1,429.98	1,608.72	1,966.21	2,323.70	2,681.21	3,217.44
Woodchurch	1,060.43	1,237.16	1,413.90	1,590.63	1,944.10	2,297.57	2,651.06	3,181.26
Wye with Hinxhill	1,099.25	1,282.46	1,465.66	1,648.87	2,015.28	2,381.69	2,748.12	3,297.74
Unparished Area	1,042.22	1,215.92	1,389.62	1,563.32	1,910.72	2,258.12	2,605.54	3,126.64

Breakdown of Council Tax per Authority

Precepting Authority	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Ashford Borough Council	102.67	119.78	136.89	154.00	188.22	222.44	256.67	308.00
Kent County Council	785.88	916.86	1,047.84	1,178.82	1,440.78	1,702.74	1,964.70	2,357.64
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	104.77	122.23	139.69	157.15	192.07	226.99	261.92	314.30
Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority	48.90	57.05	65.20	73.35	89.65	105.95	122.25	146.70

Appendix A

CALCULATION OF THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D		
	£	£
Gross Expenditure - General Fund	64,778,246.18	
Gross Expenditure - HRA	33,476,250.00	
Parish Precepts	1,433,926.42	99,688,422.60
Less Gross Income	(82,964,610.00)	(82,964,610.00)
NET EXPENDITURE		16,723,812.60
Surplus Distribution from Collection Fund	(200,000.00)	
New Homes Bonus	(3,394,889.00)	
Retained Business Rates	(3,666,600.00)	
Government Grant (RSG and S31 grants)	(1,148,960.00)	(8,410,449.00)
BUDGET REQUIREMENT		8,313,363.60
Less Parish Precepts		(1,433,926.42)
Council Tax Requirement		6,879,437.18
Council Tax Base		44,671.67
Band 'D' Council Tax		154.00
Average including Parishes		186.10

Appendix B

REVENUE BUDGET				
SUMMARY				
Actuals 2015/16 £	Budget 2016/17 £	Projected Outturn 2016/17 £	Detail	Estimate 2017/18 £
1,257,747	1,270,720	1,360,180	Corporate & Strategy	1,375,250
1,237,036	1,380,320	1,449,310	Legal & Democratic	1,361,440
2,128,990	1,983,050	1,886,620	Planning & Development	1,937,930
845,169	2,554,620	2,538,580	Financial Services	2,643,320
181,637	291,010	351,990	HR, Communications and Technology	433,210
769,142	915,720	823,770	Housing Services	654,790
393,553	838,400	671,340	Health, Parking & Community Safety	516,490
4,714,705	4,963,150	4,736,900	Environment and Customer Services	4,909,440
(1,375,820)	(1,500,070)	(1,336,680)	Corporate Property & Projects	(1,399,390)
3,095,743	2,713,130	2,839,460	Cultural Services	2,972,040
13,247,902	15,410,050	15,321,470	Service Expenditure	15,404,520
(2,340,864)	(1,475,830)	(2,058,080)	Capital Charges & Net Interest	(2,032,910)
40,190	30,260	30,260	Concurrent Functions Grant	30,260
241,098	241,000	241,000	Levies	250,000
3,632,509	1,316,670	1,991,670	Contribution to Balances	1,319,041
14,820,834	15,522,150	15,526,320	ABC Budget Requirement	14,970,911
			Income	
(2,114,651)	(1,269,920)	(1,269,920)	Government Grant	(615,360)
(2,281,862)	(3,410,410)	(3,410,410)	Retained Business Rates	(3,422,120)
(933,921)	(538,000)	(538,000)	Business Rates S31 Grants	(500,000)
(3,150,387)	(3,782,820)	(3,782,820)	New Homes Bonus	(3,394,891)
41,280	41,500	41,500	Parish CTS Payment	40,900
0	0	0	Collection Fund Surplus	(200,000)
(6,352,539)	(6,562,500)	(6,562,500)	Council Tax	(6,879,440)
28,754	0	4,170	Budget Gap	0