

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL BUDGET – 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

Alternative Recommendations

- 2 Approve a 2017/18 Council Tax requirement for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council of £77,775,802.
- 3 Approve a 2017/18 Council Tax requirement for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council inclusive of Parish Precepts (£744,264) of £78,520,066.
- 4 Approve the 2017/18 budget and indicative 2017/21 MTFP as outlined in paragraph 85 and the use of balances and reserves as outlined in paragraph 99.
- 6 Approve the Council Tax for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council prior to Parish, Fire and Police Precepts be increased by the Government Levy of 3% in respect of Social Care, i.e. to £1,431.46 at Band D (£954.31 at Band A).

Changes to Body of Report and Impact of Alternative Recommendations

Paragraph 53 – SIRF

This paragraph is removed.

Paragraph 59 - Hotel

This paragraph is removed.

New Paragraph – Members Allowances

Members Special Responsibility Allowances are to be ceased with effect from 1st April 2017, leading to an annual saving of £180,000.

New Paragraph – Salary Cap

A staff Salary Cap of £70,000 to be applied leading to a saving of £485,000 in 2017/18 and £650,000 per year thereafter.

New Paragraph – Press and Communications

A 50% reduction in the Press and Communications Budget, saving £401,000 in 2017/18 and onwards.

Paragraph 60 – Table

The above pressures and changes can be summarised as follows and this needs to be incorporated into the plan.

	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
Employers Pension Contribution	600	800	900	900
Residential Care Fees	300	300	300	300
Education and Social Care Transport	880	880	880	880
Waste Disposal Pressure	400	400	400	400
Infrastructure Maintenance	560	590	630	630
DOLS	750	470	470	470
SIRF	0	0	0	0
Preston Park Operation	140	140	140	0
HB Admin Grant	50	150	150	150
Business Development	60	0	0	0
Council Tax Updates	-772	-1,073	-1,240	-1,407
Council Tax Core Freeze	1,435	1,521	1,563	1,607
Return on Hotel Investment	0	0	0	0
SRA's	-180	-180	-180	-180
Communications Saving	-401	-401	-401	-401
Senior Staff Salary Cap	-485	-650	-650	-650
	3,337	2,947	2,962	2,699

Paragraph 64 – Infrastructure Investment

Add a sentence – “This to be implemented with effect from 2018/19”.

Paragraph 81

The changes to the MTFP are summarised in the table below:

	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
Budget Gap - per 2016 Budget Report	10,709	13,367	15,041	16,139
Adult & Childrens Social Care Growth	4,290	4,490	4,890	5,290
Government Funding	93	798	1,156	1,596
New Pressures	3,337	2,947	2,962	2,699
Infrastructure Investment		100	250	540
Revised Budget Position	18,429	21,702	24,299	26,264
Actions:				
New Savings Identified	-1,740	-2,540	-2,940	-3,565
Council Tax Levy Changes	-750	-1,600		
Current Big Picture Savings Programme	-7,844	-11,389	-12,119	-12,119
Minimum Revenue Provision Change	-3,487	-3,339	-3,195	-3,056
Adult & Childrens Social Care Growth - Reduction	-2,090	-3,390	-4,890	-5,290
Gap	2,518	-556	1,155	2,234

Funded By:

Use Of Reserves Previously Approved

Revised Gap

Paragraph 82

The table above demonstrates that the budget gap would be £18.4m rising to £26.2m by 2020/21. By implementing the actions outlined above, this would result in a pressure of £2.518m in 2017/18, a balanced position in 2018/19 with the surplus being available to manage the estimated pressure in 2019/20 and 2020/21. The current Medium Term Financial Plan already includes provision of £2.574m use of reserves in 2017/18 which will fund the 2017/18 budget gap.

Paragraph 85

The updated Medium Term Financial Plan can be re-presented in the format below:

	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
RSG (inc LCTS)	-14,648	-9,840	-4,995	-3,736
NNDR (incl s31 grants)	-39,888	-40,949	-42,082	-43,445
Council Tax	-77,776	-82,429	-84,705	-87,035
New Homes Bonus	-3,740	-2,204	-1,725	-1,248
Social Care Reform	-849	0	0	0
BCF (incl Pooled Budget)	-10,064	-12,556	-14,824	-14,824
Public Health	-14,278	-13,907	-13,545	-13,545
Total Income	-161,243	161,885	161,876	163,833
Expenditure				
Adults & Health	72,966	74,025	75,599	77,368
Childrens Services	33,079	31,484	30,364	30,364
Community Services	18,370	18,331	18,458	18,556
Culture, Leisure & Events	7,574	7,474	7,374	7,234
Democratic Services, Xentrall & Corporate areas	7,699	6,107	7,258	8,667
Economic Growth & Development	13,499	13,439	13,439	13,439
Finance & Business Services	7,673	7,773	7,773	7,773
HR, Legal & Communications	2,901	2,696	2,766	2,666
Total Expenditure	163,761	161,329	163,031	166,067
Use Of Reserves Previously Approved	-2,574			
Revised Budget Position	-56	-556	1,155	2,234

Paragraph 123

Revised Table

	Band A £	Band D £
2016/17	926.51	1,389.77
2017/18	954.31	1,431.36

Paragraph 127

Stockton Borough Council is required to collect tax on behalf of 4 independent organisations:

The Council
Police
Fire

Parishes

The position assuming Stockton Borough Council sets its Council Tax requirement at £77,775,802 is given below:

Tax 2017/18			
	Current 2016/17 (Band A) £	Proposed 2017/18 (Band A) £	Increase %
Police	140.24	143.03	1.99
Fire	47.80	48.71	1.9
Stockton BC	926.51	954.31	3.0

Council Tax Resolution

A. Members are invited to Recommend that:

1. The Council calculated as its Council Tax Base for the year, in accordance with Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act), and reported to the Leader on 14th December 2016.
 - a) the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B, as its Council Tax Base for the year: **54,333.20**,
 - b) the amounts calculated by the Council as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its areas to which one or more special items relate.

Tax Base approved under the Scheme of Delegation on the 14th December 2016.

Part of the Council's Area	Tax Base
Aislaby & Newsham	94.70
Carlton	305.60
Castleavington / Kirklevington	520.90
Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe	3,059.50
Elton	133.50
Grindon	1,398.20
Hilton	213.70
Ingleby Barwick	7,611.90
Long Newton	341.90
Maltby	151.60
Preston	560.10
Redmarshall	150.01
Stillington & Whitton	358.10
Thornaby	5,587.70
Wolviston	401.30
Yarm	3,421.20
Billingham	9,092.00

2. The amounts for the year that were approved by the Council on 22nd February 2017 in accordance with Section 31A of the Act :
 - a) The aggregate amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act: **£380,745,338.**
 - b) The aggregate amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the

The Council's total expenditure for the year including Parish Precepts

The total income to be raised by the Council in the year plus movement on

Act: **£302,225,272.**

- c) The amount by which the aggregate at 2 a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2 b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year: **£78,520,066.**
- d) The basic amount of Council Tax for the year, being the amount at 2.c) above, divided by the amount at 1.a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts); **£1,445.16.**
- e) The aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act: **£744,264.**
- f) The basic amount of Council Tax for those parts of the area to which no special items relate: **£1,431.46.**

revenue balances and grants

The Council's Council Tax Requirement for the year including Parish Precepts

The average Tax at Band D, including the Parish precepts.

The total of all Parish precepts.

Stockton-On-Tees Borough's Basic Tax

B. Members are invited to Note:

3. a) Parish Precepts are:

Part of the Council's Area	2017/18 Precept	Band D Equivalent
	£	£
Aislaby & Newsham	0	0.00
Carlton	4,498	14.98
Castleavington / Kirklevington	12,500	24.42
Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe	67,693	22.52
Elton	0	0.00
Grindon	22,000	16.01
Hilton	2,171	10.34
Ingleby Barwick	138,172	18.48
Long Newton	11,764	35.02
Maltby	2,362	15.86
Preston	5,029	9.14
Redmarshall	3,300	22.39
Stillington & Whitton	8,757	24.89
Thornaby	138,360	25.20
Wolviston	11,445	29.03
Yarm	93,359	27.77
Billingham	222,854	24.95
	744,264	

b) Parish Funding Allocations are:

Part of the Council's Area	2017/18 Funding Allocation
	£
Aislaby & Newsham	0
Carlton	22
Castleavington / Kirklevington	348
Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe	5,446
Elton	0
Grindon	0
Hilton	129
Ingleby Barwick	3,445
Long Newton	236
Maltby	138
Preston	471
Redmarshall	118
Stillington & Whitton	1,243
Thornaby	36,050
Wolviston	533
Yarm	6,141
Billingham	23,509
	<u>77,829</u>

4. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has stated the sum of **£11,656,645** in a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act; this translates into the following sums for each Council Tax Band:

Band	Sum
	£
A	143.03
B	166.86
C	190.70
D	214.54
E	262.22
F	309.89
G	357.57
H	429.08

*Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
for Cleveland Tax*

5. Cleveland Fire Authority has stated the sum of **£3,969,586** in a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act: this translates into the following sums for each Council Tax Band:

Cleveland Fire Authority Tax

Band	Sum
	£
A	48.71
B	56.82
C	64.94
D	73.06
E	89.30
F	105.53
G	121.77
H	146.12

- C.** Members are **Recommended** to set amounts of Council Tax for the year, being the aggregate of items 2 (f) 3,4 and 5 above in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwelling in each area as shown at **Appendix F(1),F(2),F(3)**.

Total Council Tax bill levels, including Borough, Police & Crime Commissioner, Fire Authority and Parish elements

- D.** Members are also invited to Note

1. Each year the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 52ZC Local Government Finance Act 1992 will determine a limit for council tax rises. If an authority proposes to raise taxes above this limit they will have to hold a referendum to get approval from local voters.
2. The limit for council tax rises applicable to the authority as set by the Secretary of State for 2017/18 is 5.0%.

Determination whether Council tax rate is excessive

- E.** Members are asked to Note that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 and D above and that a referendum is not required.

Council Tax - Parish Demands
2017/18

Item	Parish	Band							
		A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
1	Aislaby and Newsham	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Carlton	9.99	11.65	13.32	14.98	18.31	21.64	24.97	29.96
3	Castlelevington / Kirklevington	16.28	18.99	21.71	24.42	29.85	35.27	40.70	48.84
4	Egglescliffe	15.01	17.52	20.02	22.52	27.52	32.53	37.53	45.04
5	Elton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Grindon	10.67	12.45	14.23	16.01	19.57	23.13	26.68	32.02
7	Hilton	6.89	8.04	9.19	10.34	12.64	14.94	17.23	20.68
8	Ingleby Barwick	12.32	14.37	16.43	18.48	22.59	26.69	30.80	36.96
9	Long Newton	23.35	27.24	31.13	35.02	42.80	50.58	58.37	70.04
10	Maltby	10.57	12.34	14.10	15.86	19.38	22.91	26.43	31.72
11	Preston	6.09	7.11	8.12	9.14	11.17	13.20	15.23	18.28
12	Redmarshall	14.93	17.41	19.90	22.39	27.37	32.34	37.32	44.78
13	Stillington & Whitton	16.59	19.36	22.12	24.89	30.42	35.95	41.48	49.78
14	Thornaby	16.80	19.60	22.40	25.20	30.80	36.40	42.00	50.40
15	Wolviston	19.35	22.58	25.80	29.03	35.48	41.93	48.38	58.06
16	Yarm	18.51	21.60	24.68	27.77	33.94	40.11	46.28	55.54
17	Billingham	16.63	19.41	22.18	24.95	30.49	36.04	41.58	49.90

**Council Tax - Borough and Parish Demands
2017/18**

Item	Parish Factor	Band							
		A 6	B 7	C 8	D 9	E 11	F 13	G 15	H 18
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aislaby and Newsham	954.31	1,113.36	1,272.41	1,431.46	1,749.56	2,067.66	2,385.77	2,862.92
2	Carlton	964.30	1,125.01	1,285.73	1,446.44	1,767.87	2,089.30	2,410.74	2,892.88
3	Castlelevington / Kirklevington	970.59	1,132.35	1,294.12	1,455.88	1,779.41	2,102.93	2,426.47	2,911.76
4	Egglescliffe	969.32	1,130.88	1,292.43	1,453.98	1,777.08	2,100.19	2,423.30	2,907.96
5	Elton	954.31	1,113.36	1,272.41	1,431.46	1,749.56	2,067.66	2,385.77	2,862.92
6	Grindon	964.98	1,125.81	1,286.64	1,447.47	1,769.13	2,090.79	2,412.45	2,894.94
7	Hilton	961.20	1,121.40	1,281.60	1,441.80	1,762.20	2,082.60	2,403.00	2,883.60
8	Ingleby Barwick	966.63	1,127.73	1,288.84	1,449.94	1,772.15	2,094.35	2,416.57	2,899.88
9	Long Newton	977.66	1,140.60	1,303.54	1,466.48	1,792.36	2,118.24	2,444.14	2,932.96
10	Maltby	964.88	1,125.70	1,286.51	1,447.32	1,768.94	2,090.57	2,412.20	2,894.64
11	Preston	960.40	1,120.47	1,280.53	1,440.60	1,760.73	2,080.86	2,401.00	2,881.20
12	Redmarshall	969.24	1,130.77	1,292.31	1,453.85	1,776.93	2,100.00	2,423.09	2,907.70
13	Stillington & Whitton	970.90	1,132.72	1,294.53	1,456.35	1,779.98	2,103.61	2,427.25	2,912.70
14	Thornaby	971.11	1,132.96	1,294.81	1,456.66	1,780.36	2,104.06	2,427.77	2,913.32
15	Wolviston	973.66	1,135.94	1,298.21	1,460.49	1,785.04	2,109.59	2,434.15	2,920.98
16	Yarm	972.82	1,134.96	1,297.09	1,459.23	1,783.50	2,107.77	2,432.05	2,918.46
17	Billingham	970.94	1,132.77	1,294.59	1,456.41	1,780.05	2,103.70	2,427.35	2,912.82
18	Areas without Parish Councils	954.31	1,113.36	1,272.41	1,431.46	1,749.56	2,067.66	2,385.77	2,862.92

Appendix E(3)

**Council Tax - Total Demand (Borough, Parishes, Police and Fire)
2017/18**

Item	Parish Factor	Band							
		A 6	B 7	C 8	D 9	E 11	F 13	G 15	H 18
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aislaby and Newsham	1,146.05	1,337.04	1,528.05	1,719.06	2,101.08	2,483.08	2,865.11	3,438.12
2	Carlton	1,156.04	1,348.69	1,541.37	1,734.04	2,119.39	2,504.72	2,890.08	3,468.08
3	Castlelevington / Kirklevington	1,162.33	1,356.03	1,549.76	1,743.48	2,130.93	2,518.35	2,905.81	3,486.96
4	Egglescliffe	1,161.06	1,354.56	1,548.07	1,741.58	2,128.60	2,515.61	2,902.64	3,483.16
5	Elton	1,146.05	1,337.04	1,528.05	1,719.06	2,101.08	2,483.08	2,865.11	3,438.12
6	Grindon	1,156.72	1,349.49	1,542.28	1,735.07	2,120.65	2,506.21	2,891.79	3,470.14
7	Hilton	1,152.94	1,345.08	1,537.24	1,729.40	2,113.72	2,498.02	2,882.34	3,458.80
8	Ingleby Barwick	1,158.37	1,351.41	1,544.48	1,737.54	2,123.67	2,509.77	2,895.91	3,475.08
9	Long Newton	1,169.40	1,364.28	1,559.18	1,754.08	2,143.88	2,533.66	2,923.48	3,508.16
10	Maltby	1,156.62	1,349.38	1,542.15	1,734.92	2,120.46	2,505.99	2,891.54	3,469.84
11	Preston	1,152.14	1,344.15	1,536.17	1,728.20	2,112.25	2,496.28	2,880.34	3,456.40
12	Redmarshall	1,160.98	1,354.45	1,547.95	1,741.45	2,128.45	2,515.42	2,902.43	3,482.90
13	Stillington & Whitton	1,162.64	1,356.40	1,550.17	1,743.95	2,131.50	2,519.03	2,906.59	3,487.90
14	Thornaby	1,162.85	1,356.64	1,550.45	1,744.26	2,131.88	2,519.48	2,907.11	3,488.52
15	Wolviston	1,165.40	1,359.62	1,553.85	1,748.09	2,136.56	2,525.01	2,913.49	3,496.18
16	Yarm	1,164.56	1,358.64	1,552.73	1,746.83	2,135.02	2,523.19	2,911.39	3,493.66
17	Billingham	1,162.68	1,356.45	1,550.23	1,744.01	2,131.57	2,519.12	2,906.69	3,488.02
18	Areas without Parish Councils	1,146.05	1,337.04	1,528.05	1,719.06	2,101.08	2,483.08	2,865.11	3,438.12
	Police Precept included - all areas	143.03	166.86	190.70	214.54	262.22	309.89	357.57	429.08
	Fire Precept included - all areas	48.71	56.82	64.94	73.06	89.30	105.53	121.77	146.12