

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Chairman), R. J. Laight (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, Ms. M. T. Buxton, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Dr. B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, S. J. Dudley, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, P. Lammas, B. Lewis F.CMI, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

65/12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E. J. Murray.

66/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Item 6 – Medium Term Financial Plan

Councillor S. J. Dudley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as a local Planning Consultant and agent. Councillor Dudley left the room during the consideration of this item.

Item 6 – Housing Growth Consultation

Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths declared an other disclosable interest as she had relatives who owned land in the vicinity. Councillor Mrs. Griffiths left the room during the consideration of this item and the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Councillor R. J. Laight.

Item 10 – Appointment of Joint Chief Executive

Mr. K. Dicks declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and left the room during during consideration of this item.

67/12 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 21st November 2012 and 16th January 2013 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 21st November 2012 and 16th January 2013 be approved as a correct record.

68/12 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, THE CIVIC HEAD AND THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Civic Head informed Members that the Civic Dinner would be taking place on 26th April 2013 at Hagley Hall and invited all Members to attend.

69/12 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

70/12 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET ON 5TH DECEMBER 2012 AND 6TH FEBRUARY 2013**

(i) **Crown Close Open Space – Repairs to Surrounding Roads and Footpaths**

The recommendation from the Cabinet was proposed by Councillor M. J. A. Webb and seconded by Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth.

RESOLVED that the Capital Programme 2012/2013 be increased by £40,000 to enable the resurfacing of footpaths and the road at Crown Close Open Space, Bromsgrove to be undertaken and that this be funded by way of Section 106 monies.

(ii) **Finance Monitoring – Quarter 2 2012/2013**

The recommendations from the Cabinet were proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey.

RESOLVED:

(a) that the 2012/2013 Capital Programme be increased by £108,000 to reflect additional funding received from the Football Foundation and Stoke Parish Council in respect of the following sports and play schemes:

- Braces Lane (Football Foundation) - £50,000
- Barnsley Hall (Football Foundation) - £48,000
- Stoke Heath (Stoke Parish Council) - £10,000

(b) that the following capital funding be carried forward into 2013/2014 in respect of the capital schemes which will not be undertaken in 2012/2014;

- Parkside development and Public Realm improvements
- £1,400,000
- Regulatory Services - £58,000

(iii) Housing Growth Consultation

(Councillor R. J. Laight in the Chair)

Councillor R. Hollingworth reported that since the meeting of the Cabinet on 6th February 2013, Redditch Borough Council had also considered the recommendation on public consultation on Housing Growth but had made no decision on the matter at the meeting of the Council on 18th February 2013. Councillor Hollingworth referred to the very detailed preparatory work which had been undertaken by officers in respect of the sites contained in the consultation document “Housing Growth Consultation” and the supporting background evidence.

Members considered the proposed consultation and queried the position with regard to affordable housing and the size of units to be provided. Councillor P. McDonald requested clarification on densities in respect of affordable housing and the Portfolio Holder stated he would consult with officers and provide a written answer. It was confirmed that the properties would be to meet the needs of Redditch, but that any planning application would be determined by this Council’s Planning Committee.

Following a proposal from Councillor Hollingworth which was seconded by Councillor C. B. Taylor it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the consultation document Housing Growth Consultation (Appendix 1) and the supporting background evidence report (Appendix 2) and the Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 3) be approved;
- (b) that in the light of the decision of Redditch Borough Council not to approve the proposals for consultation on cross border growth, that a letter be sent from this Council to Redditch Borough Council to request that Redditch Borough Council reconsiders its position under the duty to co-operate;
- (c) that it be agreed that the start of the public consultation period be deferred until 1st April 2013 to allow Redditch Borough Council to consider its response to the letter referred to at (b) above; and
- (d) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Planning Regeneration Regulatory and Housing Services, in consultation with the Leader, to arrange for the letter referred at (b) to be sent and to consider the response from Redditch Borough Council.

(iv) **Redevelopment of the Former Parkside Middle School, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove**

(Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths in the Chair)

The recommendations from the Cabinet were proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey.

Councillor R. Hollingworth reminded Members of the background to the proposals in respect of the redevelopment of the Parkside building including the intention to dispose of the Burcot Lane site in order to fund the Parkside redevelopment in conjunction with the Worcestershire County Council. This would also significantly contribute to the regeneration of the Town Centre.

Councillor P. M. McDonald queried whether it was in the interests of the District Council to invest heavily in the former Parkside site in view of the condition of the building which had been in the ownership of the County Council. The Leader reminded Members that the original intention had been to utilise the Parkside site for an Emergency "Blue Light" Centre but this had been impossible due to the Listing of the Building. The envisaged redevelopment of the Burcot Lane site would also enable the provision of much needed housing within the Town.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Capital Programme 2013/2014 be increased by a further £130,000 and that this sum be paid to Worcestershire County Council in order to acquire a fifty percent interest in the former Parkside Middle School; and
- (b) that Capital Assets relating to the relocation of services from The Council House on completion of the redevelopment be released and these capital receipts (estimated at approximately £2,100,000) be used to support the capital expenditure previously agreed.

71/12 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2013 - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2013/2014 - 2015/2016**

The Chairman agreed to the adjournment of the meeting for approximately 20 minutes to enable Members to give consideration to the papers which had been circulated immediately prior to the meeting in respect of this item.

Having reconvened the meeting the recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey. Councillor Hollingworth referred to the very difficult circumstances in which the Medium Term Financial Plan had been produced, including many

changes which had been introduced by the Government at a late stage in the process and thanked officers for their hard work. Councillor Hollingworth referred to the proposal to increase Council Tax by 1.9% in order to maintain a reasonable level of Working Balances and to protect the Council's position in the event of decisions on funding changes which may be taken by Worcestershire County Council.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor C. J. Bloore that the budget savings and expenditure be varied as follows:

Savings	Totals
Freeze on salaries above £70,000	£10,000
Cut to Artrix Funding	£60,000
Withdrawal of Consultants	£225,000
Transformation Team	£25,000
Total Savings	£320,000

Expenditure	Totals
Dog Warden	£30,000
Litter Pickers (x 3)	£90,000
Bus Shelter Fund	£50,000
Local Member Initiatives Fund (to spend in Ward)	£125,000
Total Expenditure	£320,000

On a requisition made under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the amendment were recorded:

For the amendment: Councillors C. J. Bloore, Ms. M. T. Buxton, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (9);

Against the amendment: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter, Dr. D. W. P. Booth, Mrs J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Dr. B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, B. Lewis, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (27)

Accordingly the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The substantive recommendations were put to the meeting whereupon it was

RESOLVED:

- 1) the Council determines the level of Council Tax discount to be applied to the prescribed classes of dwellings as defined by the

Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England)
Regulations 2003 (as amended) for

- a) Class A [“second homes with planning restriction”] be set at 0% - no discount
 - b) Class B [“second homes without planning restriction”] be set at 0% - no discount
 - c) Class C [vacant dwellings] be set at:
 - a. Where the dwelling appears in the Valuation List for the first time and it has been continuously unoccupied and substantially unfurnished since the effective date of entry into the list:
 - i. for the first 3 months from the date of entry into the list 100%
 - ii. for periods of more than 3 months and for less than 6 months 50%
 - iii. for periods of 6 months or more 0% - no discount
 - b. Where the dwelling has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of less than 6 months 50%
 - c. where the dwelling has been continuously unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for 6 months or more 0% - no discount
 - d. For the purposes of Class C when considering whether a dwelling falls within the class any period of occupation, not exceeding 6 weeks, during which it was not unoccupied and substantially unfurnished shall be disregarded.
 - d) Class D [uninhabitable dwellings] be set at 100%
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- 2) The powers to reduce the Council Tax payable on a case by case basis , as provided by Section 13A 1(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, be delegated to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources and the Revenue Services Manager;
 - 3) authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services to amend the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to implement (2) above
 - 4) that the high revenue bids and unavoidable pressures of; 2013/14 £561k as detailed in Appendix 1be approved;
 - 5) that the use of balances totalling £97,000 for 2013/14 be approved;
 - 6) that an increase in Council Tax of 1.9% for 2013/14 be approved;
 - 7) that the pay policy as set out in Appendix 2 be approved;

72/12 **COUNCIL TAX FOR 2013/2014**

Members received a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2013/2014.

Having been moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, it was

RESOLVED that the recommendations as set out as an Appendix to these minutes, setting a Council Tax for 2013/2014 of £196.51 for a Band D unparished property be approved.

73/12 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2012, 9TH JANUARY 2013 AND 6TH FEBRUARY 2013**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 5th December 2012, 9th January 2013 and 6th February 2013 were received.

74/12 **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Members considered a report of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for Worcestershire District Councils setting out its recommendations to Bromsgrove District Council arising from its review of Members' Allowances for 2013/2014.

In responding to the Panel's report Councillor R. Hollingworth stated that having considered the report he felt the Panel did not have a sufficient understanding of the work which was undertaken by Members and he did not feel he could support the recommendations of the Panel.

He had discussed the position with Councillor P. M. McDonald as leader of the largest opposition group.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor P. M. McDonald and

RESOLVED that the existing structure in respect of Members' Allowances (including the current Bromsgrove multipliers relating to Special Responsibility Allowances) be maintained and that the Allowances be increased by 3% for 2013/2014.

75/12 **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

No questions on notice had been received.

76/12 **MOTION - POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald.

“That this Council has no confidence in the new West Mercia Police and Crime commissioner and his Deputy and calls on them to consider their positions”

The motion was moved by Councillor P. M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor C. J. Bloore.

It was queried whether this was an appropriate motion for discussion by this Council on the grounds whether Bromsgrove was any more affected by the issue than anywhere else. The Chairman stated that she had agreed to the motion being discussed in view of an agreement at the previous meeting that it would be brought to this meeting. The Chairman however reminded Members that they must have regard to the need for a proper debate and avoid any defamatory statements.

In moving the motion Councillor McDonald stated that the Police and Crime Commissioner was intended to be a catalyst for change and new ways of working and therefore it was unfortunate that “cronyism” and lack of transparency had arisen in relation to the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner. He suggested that the appointment had damaged the confidence of the public in the office of the Commissioner and the morale of the workforce. Public respect could only come from high standards of behaviour and Councillor McDonald felt that the situation could now only be rectified with the resignation of the Commissioner and his Deputy.

Councillor R. Hollingworth stated that he agreed with much of what had been said by Councillor McDonald but that the Commissioner had not acted illegally and he did not feel that there was anything to be gained at this stage by calling for the resignations of the Commissioner and his Deputy. Councillor Hollingworth stated he had attended meetings with the Commissioner and his Deputy and with the Chief Constable who felt that he could deliver the proposed plans for the policing of the District.

During the debate some Members expressed disappointment that the Leader had not maintained his previous stance on the matter. It was felt that the Commissioner had acted unwisely but that there was a need to move forward in order to obtain the best Police Service for the District and that there would be an opportunity for the public to express their views through the ballot box in four years.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5 the following details of voting were recorded.

For the motion: Councillors C. J. Bloore, Ms. M. T. Buxton, L.C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, R. J. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (9)

Against the motion: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter, Dr. D. W. P. Booth, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J.R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R.A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Dr. B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, B. Lewis, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner and M. J. A. Webb (26)

Abstentions: Councillors S. J. Dudley and P. J. Whittaker (2)

Accordingly the Chairman declared the motion to be lost.

77/12 **APPOINTMENT OF JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Council considered a report on the appointment of a Joint Chief Executive and the inclusion of the post of Chief Executive in the Joint Management Team arrangements between Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council.

The report made reference to the arrangements previously agreed in respect of the Chief Executive Post which were now due to be reviewed.

The recommendations contained within the report were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey.

On a requisition under Council procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting were recorded.

For the recommendations: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter, Dr. D. W. P. Booth, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Dr. B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, S. J. Dudley, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, B. Lewis J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (28)

Against the recommendations: Councillors C. J. Bloore, Ms. M. T. Buxton, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, R. J. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (9)

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the current position with regard to the joint Chief Executive arrangements between Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council be noted;
- (b) that the Joint Chief Executive be shared in line with the wider Shared Management Team arrangements;
- (c) that the annual salary in respect of the post of shared Joint Chief Executive be confirmed as £122,500 - £127,500; and
- (d) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise the employment arrangements.

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The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman

Unavoidable Expenditure Pressures / Income Shortfalls & Revenue Bids 2013/14 - 2015/16 Expenditure Pressures

Description	Department	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 Y?N?	2015/16 Y/N?	Commentary (link to priorities etc)
Community Right to Bid	Corporate	20	Y	Y	To provide funds for any claims by private landlords in relation to Assets of Community Value.
Local Plan	Planning	30	40	N	Cost of Local Planning Enquiry 2013/14 & 2014/15
Establishment General	Finance	17	Y	Y	Additional costs of employee liability insurance
Bridge Repairs Town Centre		8	N	N	Costs associated with repairs to footbridge by Bus Station in Town Centre
Gypsy/Traveller Review	Community	14	N	N	Funding to provide a formal assessment of need in line with National Planning Policy Framework
IDOX EDMs	Planning	21	N	N	This is to meet legislation and it is a spend to save
Utilities	Leisure	2	Y	Y	Additional utility costs over that estimated
Individual Elector Register	Legal		20	N	To fund the development of the Individual Elector Register
TOTAL UNAVOIDABLE (Pressures)		112	60	0	

Revenue Bids

Electronic Document Management System	Planning	20	N	N	To support the implementation of a new document management system that will enable access via the planning portal for the public as defined in legislation. It is estimated that this will generate savings of £20k in 2014/15.
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Unavoidable Income Shortfall

Description	Department	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 Y?N?	2015/16 Y/N?	Commentary (link to priorities etc)
Reduction in car parking income reduction of funding from Worcs HUB	Environmental customer	200	Y	Y	Despite the work being undertaken by Wychavon on enforcement the income from car parking is estimated to continue to reduce in 2013/14
Building Control	Planning	22	Y	Y	Reduction in Funding from Worcestershire County Council
Development Control	Planning	48	Y	Y	Reduction in income due to the Economic Climate
Economic Dev	Planning	105	Y	Y	Reduction in income due to the Economic Climate
Land Charges	Planning	10	Y	Y	Income for events/exhibitions
		44	Y	Y	Reduction in income due to service being available from a number of sources
TOTAL UNAVOIDABLE (income shortfall)		429	0	0	

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES

1.0 PURPOSE

To seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Bromsgrove District Council for 2013/14. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and the various Parish Councils.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.

3.0 PRECEPTS AND LEVIES

Details have been received from the various precepting bodies to enable the Council to set the Council Tax for 2013/14. The amounts of the precepts are set out below:

	£
Worcestershire County Council	35,104,234
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	6,037,967.62
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority	2,487,854.99
Bromsgrove District Council	6,638,994
Parish precepts	700,211
Total	50,969,262

The Parish Council Precepts for 2013/14 are detailed in the attached **Schedule 3**.

4.0 INFORMATION

Based on the recommendation from Cabinet, it is now necessary to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and the various Parish Councils. If the Council approves the recommendations set out below the average band D Council Tax in 2013/14 will be £1,508.66, made up as follows:

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Authority	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Increase %
Bromsgrove District Council	192.85	196.51	1.90
Worcestershire County Council	1,039.06	1,039.06	0.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	178.72	178.72	0.00
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue	73.64	73.64	0.00
Parish Councils (Average)	18.3	20.73	13.26
Total Council Tax	1,502.57	1,508.66	0.41

The % increases all relate to the change from current year levels.

Council Tax for all the major preceptors has been frozen for a third year at 2010/11 levels. The average increase in overall bills represents a range from 0.25% to +1.38% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out below.

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. that it be noted at its meeting on 9 January 2013 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2013/14
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 33,784.51 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B 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 the amounts as shown in Column 4 of the attached **Schedule 1**.
2. Calculate the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£6,638,994**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

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- (a) £31,962,230 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) (*i.e. Gross expenditure*)
- (b) £24,623,025 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (*i.e. Gross income*)
- (c) £7,339,205 being the amount by which the aggregate of 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 31B of the Act).
- (d) £217.24 being the amount at 3 (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £700,211 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (as per the attached **Schedule 3**).
- (f) £196.51 being the amount at 3 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (e) above by Item T (1 (a) 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.
- (g) the amounts shown in Column 3 of **Schedule 1**. These are the basic amounts of the council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area shown in Column 1 of the schedule respectively to which special items relate, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act. (District and Parish combined at Band D).
- (h) The amounts shown in Column 5 of **Schedule 1** being the amount given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a 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, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

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4. It be noted that for the year 2013/14 Worcestershire County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwelling in the Council's area as indicated below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Worcestershire County Council	692.71	808.16	923.61	1,039.06	1,269.97	1,500.87	1,731.77	2,078.13
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	119.15	139.00	158.86	178.72	218.44	258.15	297.87	357.44
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	49.10	57.27	65.46	73.64	90.00	106.38	122.73	147.28

5. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, that Bromsgrove District Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the amounts shown in **Schedule 2** as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

6. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund by ten equal installments between April 2013 to March 2014 as detailed below:

	Precept £	Surplus on Collection Fund £	Total to pay £
Worcestershire County Council	35,104,234.00	142,018	35,246,252.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	6,037,967.62	24,427	6,062,394.62
Hereford & Worcester Fire	2,487,854.99	10,065.00	2,497,919.99

7. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make transfers under Section 97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund to the General

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Fund the sum of £ 7,367,205 being the Council's own demand on the Collection Fund (£6,638,994), Parish Precepts (£700,211) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£28,000).

8. That the Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make payments from the General Fund to the Parish Councils the sums listed on **Schedule 3** by two equal instalments on 1 April 2013 and 1 October 2013 in respect of the precept levied on the Council.

9. That the above resolutions 3 to 5 be signed by the Chief Executive for use in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the recovery of unpaid Council Taxes.

10. Notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive are given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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