

# BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Revenue Budget and Council Tax Setting 2010/11

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

To seek approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Bromsgrove District Council for 2010/11. The levels of tax take account of the requirements of Bromsgrove District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the West Mercia Police Authority, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority, and the various Parish Councils.

#### 2.0 INFORMATION

The Council's budget requirements for 2010/11 were agreed at the Council Meeting held on 20 January 2010.

Based on the above information, 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 West Mercia Police Authority, Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority, and the various Parish Councils. Once this report is agreed the Band D Council Tax will be:

Authority	Band D Council Tax £	Increase %
Bromsgrove District Council	192.85	2.50
Worcestershire County Council	1,039.06	2.50
West Mercia Police Authority	178.72	2.94
Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue	73.64	2.89
Parish Councils (Average)	17.77	2.66
Total Council Tax	1,502.04	2.57

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

While the increase for the Council's own budget is only 2.5%, when the higher precept increases which have been levied by other local bodies are included this raises the overall increase to an average 2.57%. This average increase in overall bills represents a range from 2.39% - 2.80% depending on variations in parish council spending and precepts.

The total average Band D bill will be £1,502.04.

The necessary formal resolutions are set out below

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. that it be noted at its meeting on 2 December 2009 the Executive Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2010/11 in accordance with the Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 36,416.56 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax base) Regulations 1992 (as amended), as its Council Tax base for the year (the tax base for the whole district).

(b)	
Alvechurch	2272.25
Barnt Green	925.75
Belbroughton	1,211.07
Bentley Pauncefoot	186.42
Beoley	459.46
Bournheath	217.01
Catshill and North Marlbrook	2,429.46
Clent	1,203.34
Cofton Hackett	739.53
Dodford with Grafton	402.14
Finstall	297.99
Frankley	51.78
Hagley	2,117.11
Hunnington	238.79
Lickey & Blackwell	2,071.77
Lickey End	1097.81
Romsley	704.48
Stoke	1734.88
Tutnall and Cobley	357.19
Wythall	4,785.66

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

2. that

(i) the Council determines the level of Council Tax discount to be applied to second homes as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 for

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- (a) Class A be set at 10%
- (b) Class B be set at 10%

(ii) the Council determines to reduce or remove the Council Tax discount that is applied to long term empty properties defined as Class C to 0% - no discount.

(iii) these powers are delegated to the Head of Financial Services and the Revenues Services Manager to award case by case discounts or exemptions.

3. that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £34,668,975 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (c) of the Act (including Parish Council precepts totalling £647,073.50)
- (b) £21,899,967 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act.
- (c) £12,769,008 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 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £5,099,001 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant, and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund directions under Section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- (e) £210.62 being the amount at 3 (c) above less the amount at 3 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 1 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year; (this is an overall average amount of Council Tax, per Band D property, for District and Parish requirements).
- (f) £647,073.50 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act; (Parish precepts).

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(g) £192.85 being the amount at 3 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (f) above by the amount at 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 special items relate. (The District Council element of the tax for Band D dwellings).

(h)

Parish of:	£
Alvechurch	234.93
Barnt Green	253.34
Belbroughton	238.26
Bentley Pauncefoot	221.01
Beoley	214.80
Bournheath	240.68
Catshill and North Marlbrook	201.63
Clent	237.73
Cofton Hackett	223.74
Dodford with Grafton	217.34
Finstall	219.50
Frankley	228.58
Hagley	226.86
Hunnington	227.40
Lickey & Blackwell	216.36
Lickey End	192.85
Romsley	221.24
Stoke	218.79
Tutnall and Cobley	213.23
Wythall	212.85

being the amounts given by adding to the amounts at 3(g) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided by each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(i) the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) 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 the 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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	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
Part of the Council's Area	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alvechurch	156.62	182.72	208.82	234.93	287.14	339.34	391.55	469.86
Barnt Green	168.90	197.04	225.19	253.34	309.64	365.94	422.24	506.68
Belbroughton	158.85	185.31	211.79	238.26	291.22	344.16	397.11	476.52
Bentley Pauncefoot	147.34	171.89	196.45	221.01	270.13	319.24	368.36	442.02
Beoley	143.20	167.06	190.93	214.80	262.53	310.26	358.00	429.60
Bournheath	160.46	187.19	213.94	240.68	294.17	347.65	401.14	481.36
Catshill and North Marlbrook	134.42	156.82	179.22	201.63	246.44	291.24	336.05	403.26
Clent	158.49	184.89	211.31	237.73	290.56	343.38	396.21	475.46
Cofton Hackett	149.17	174.02	198.88	223.74	273.47	323.18	372.91	447.48
Dodford with Grafton	144.90	169.04	193.19	217.34	265.65	313.94	362.24	434.68
Finstall	146.34	170.72	195.11	219.50	268.29	317.06	365.84	439.00
Frankley	152.39	177.78	203.18	228.58	279.38	330.17	380.97	457.16
Hagley	151.24	176.44	201.65	226.86	277.28	327.68	378.10	453.72
Hunnington	151.60	176.86	202.13	227.40	277.94	328.46	379.00	454.80
Lickey & Blackwell	144.24	168.27	192.31	216.36	264.44	312.51	360.60	432.72
Lickey End	128.57	149.99	171.42	192.85	235.71	278.56	321.42	385.70
Romsley	147.50	172.07	196.66	221.24	270.41	319.57	368.74	442.48
Stoke	145.86	170.16	194.48	218.79	267.41	316.03	364.65	437.58
Tutnall and Cobley	142.16	165.84	189.54	213.23	260.62	308.00	355.39	426.46
Wythall	141.90	165.54	189.20	212.85	260.15	307.44	354.75	425.70
Unparished Areas	128.57	149.99	171.42	192.85	235.71	278.56	321.42	385.70

4. It be noted that for the year 2010/11 Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police Authority and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Worcestershire County Council	692.71	808.16	923.61	1,039.06	1,269.97	1,500.87	1,731.77	2,078.12
West Mercia Police Authority	119.15	139.01	158.86	178.72	218.44	258.15	297.87	357.44
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	49.10	57.28	65.46	73.64	90.01	106.38	122.74	147.28

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5. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3 and 4 above, Bromsgrove District Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/11 for each categories of dwelling shown below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Part of the Council's Area	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alvechurch	1,017.58	1,187.17	1,356.75	1,526.35	1,865.56	2,204.74	2543.93	3052.70
Barnt Green	1,029.86	1,201.49	1,373.12	1,544.76	1,888.06	2,231.34	2574.62	3089.52
Belbroughton	1,019.81	1,189.76	1,359.72	1,529.68	1,869.64	2,209.56	2549.49	3059.36
Bentley Paucefoot	1,008.30	1,176.34	1,344.38	1,512.43	1,848.55	2,184.64	2520.74	3024.86
Beoley	1,004.16	1,171.51	1,338.86	1,506.22	1,840.95	2,175.66	2510.38	3012.44
Bournheath	1,021.42	1,191.64	1,361.87	1,532.10	1,872.59	2,213.05	2553.52	3064.20
Catshill and North Marlbrook	995.38	1,161.27	1,327.15	1,493.05	1,824.86	2,156.64	2488.43	2986.10
Clent	1,019.45	1,189.34	1,359.24	1,529.15	1,868.98	2,208.78	2548.59	3058.30
Cofton Hackett	1,010.13	1,178.47	1,346.81	1,515.16	1,851.89	2,188.58	2525.29	3030.32
Dodford with Grafton	1,005.86	1,173.49	1,341.12	1,508.76	1,844.07	2,179.34	2514.62	3017.52
Finstall	1,007.30	1,175.17	1,343.04	1,510.92	1,846.71	2,182.46	2518.22	3021.84
Frankley	1,013.35	1,182.23	1,351.11	1,520.00	1,857.80	2,195.57	2533.35	3040.00
Hagley	1,012.20	1,180.89	1,349.58	1,518.28	1,855.70	2,193.08	2530.48	3036.56
Hunnington	1,012.56	1,181.31	1,350.06	1,518.82	1,856.36	2,193.86	2531.38	3037.64
Lickey & Blackwell	1,005.20	1,172.72	1,340.24	1,507.78	1,842.86	2,177.91	2512.98	3015.56
Lickey End	989.53	1,154.44	1,319.35	1,484.27	1,814.13	2,143.96	2473.80	2968.54
Romsley	1,008.46	1,176.52	1,344.59	1,512.66	1,848.83	2,184.97	2521.12	3025.32
Stoke	1,006.82	1,174.61	1,342.41	1,510.21	1,845.83	2,181.43	2517.03	3020.42
Tutnall and Cobley	1,003.12	1,170.29	1,337.47	1,504.65	1,839.04	2,173.40	2507.77	3009.30
Wythall	1,002.86	1,169.99	1,337.13	1,504.27	1,838.57	2,172.84	2507.13	3008.54
Unparished Areas	989.53	1,154.44	1,319.35	1,484.27	1,814.13	2,143.96	2473.80	2968.54

6. That the Head of Financial Services be authorised to make payments under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund

(a) to Worcestershire County Council the sum of £38,094,176 by ten equal installments on dates between April 2010 to March 2011 agreed with Worcestershire County Council in respect of the precept levied on the Council (£37,839,099) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£255,077).

(b) to West Mercia Police Authority the sum of £6,552,120 by ten equal installments on dates between April 2010 to March 2011 agreed with West Mercia Police Authority in respect of the precept levied on the Council (£6,508,433) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£43,687).

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(c) to Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority the sum of £2,699,894.65 by ten equal installments on dates between April 2010 to March 2011 agreed with Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority in respect of the precept levied on the Council (£2,681,885.65) and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£18,009).

7. That the Head of Financial Services be authorised to make transfers under Section 97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 from the Collection Fund to the General Fund the sum of £7,721,706.50 being the Council's own demand on the Collection Fund including Parish Precepts of £647,073.50 and the distribution of the Surplus on the Collection Fund (£51,699).

8. That the Head of Financial Services be authorised to make payments from the General Fund to the Parish Councils the sums listed below by two equal installments on 1 April 2010 and 1 October 2010 in respect of the precept levied on the Council

Parish of:	Alvechurch	95,615.00
	Barnt Green	56,000.00
	Belbroughton	55,000.00
	Bentley Pauncefoot	5,250.00
	Beoley	10,083.00
	Bournheath	10,380.00
	Catshill and North Marlbrook	21,327.00
	Clent	54,000.00
	Cofton Hackett	22,846.00
	Dodford with Grafton	9,850.00
	Finstall	7,942.50
	Frankley	1,850.00
	Hagley	72,000.00
	Hunnington	8,250.00
	Lickey & Blackwell	48,700.00
	Lickey End	0.00
	Romsley	20,000.00
	Stoke	45,000.00
	Tutnall and Cobley	7,280.00
	Wythall	95,700.00

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 be given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.