



Council 26 February 2014

Report of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Council Tax Resolution

Purpose of report

To enable the Council to set its Budget and associated strategies and to set the Council Tax for 2014/15.

Attachment(s):

Appendix 1 – Council Tax Resolution

Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. 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 required under previous legislation.
- 1.2. Since the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 10 February 2014 the precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below.
- 1.3. The Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 10 February 2014 discussed the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2017/18, Revenue Budget 2014/15, Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2023/24, Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15, Reserves Strategy (including the minimum level of reserves) and Revised Fees and Charges. Subject to the approval of the level of Council Tax and Council Tax Support Grant, it agreed to recommend to Council all of the above budgets and strategies. The resolution is contained elsewhere on this agenda.

2. Town and Parish Councils

- 2.1. Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2014/15 are detailed in Appendix 1 and total £2,465,827. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils is 5.2% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £86.97 for 2014/15. These precepts are not currently subject to any of the limits set by Government in respect of principal authorities.
- 2.2. However, the Council tax referendums 2014/15: Information Note include the following:

The Secretary of State has not determined principles for town and parish councils for 2014/15. However, in a written ministerial statement to the House of Commons announcing the principles on 5 February, Local Government Minister Bandon Lewis said:

“We have not determined principles for local precepting authorities in 2014 to 2015, but we are putting on notice that we are prepared if necessary to apply the referendum thresholds to larger town and parish councils from 2015 to 2016 onwards to provide protection for local taxpayers and extend the principle of direct democracy.”

2.3. Northamptonshire County Council

2.4. Northamptonshire County Council is due to meet on 20 February 2014 to set their precept at £29.730m. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,048.57. This is the position proposed by Cabinet on 11 February 2013. ***The approved level of precept will be confirmed at the meeting.***

2.5. Office of Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner

2.6. Under the new rules and regulations the Police and Crime Commissioner is required to consult on the proposed level of precept with the Police and Crime Panel (PCP). The PCP holds the Police and Crime Commissioner to account.

2.7. The PCP proposed to set their precept at £5.587m. This would result in a Band D Council Tax of £197.04.

2.8. The Police and Crime Commissioner is now required to formally respond to the PCP's resolution. ***The approved level of precept will be confirmed at the meeting.***

3. Equality and Diversity Implications

3.1. Equalities Impact Assessments (EIA) for specific changes to policy that have led to changes being incorporated into the budget have been prepared.

4. Legal Implications

4.1. In accordance with the legislative framework and the council's own policy and budgetary framework, the council is required to approve the revenue budget and capital programme for 2014/15.

4.2. The Council is required to set the level of council tax prior to 11 March each year.

5. Risk Management

5.1. The Finance Sub-Committee and Policy and Resources Committee have considered the risks associated with the budgets subject to the level of council tax.

5.2. The Chief Finance Officer has commented on the robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of reserves in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 to provide further reassurance to members on potential risks in the budget and how these are being mitigated.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. This report is of a financial nature and the implications are set out within the report

7. Corporate Outcomes

7.1. This report links to the following Corporate Outcomes:

- Effective Management


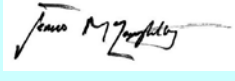
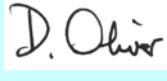
(Ensuring the Council sets the level of council tax within the required timescales)

8. Recommendations

8.1. The Council is recommended to:

- Approve the appropriate Council Tax Resolution in Appendix 1

(Reason – to approve the level of Council Tax for 2014/15)

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| Legal | Power: Local Government Finance Act 1992, Local Government Acts 1972, 2000 & 2003, Localism Act 2011 | |
| | Other considerations: Constitution | |
| Background Papers: Reports To Finance Sub-Committee and P&R; precept notifications | | |
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| Date: 17 February 2014 | | |
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Council Tax Resolution

- 1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 26th February 2014 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act);-
- (a) For the whole Council area as 28,353 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the 'Act') and

| <u>Parish of</u> | <u>Tax Base</u> | <u>Parish of</u> | <u>Tax Base</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Aldwincle | 154 | Lilford cum Wigsthorpe | 52 |
| Apethorpe | 98 | Little Addington | 140 |
| Ashton | 104 | Lowick & Slipton | 129 |
| Barnwell | 169 | Luddington | 33 |
| Benefield | 160 | Lutton | 54 |
| Blatherwycke | 24 | Nassington | 335 |
| Brigstock | 493 | Newton Bromswold | 29 |
| Bulwick | 84 | Oundle | 1,953 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 196 | Pilton | 28 |
| Clopton | 58 | Polebrook | 188 |
| Collyweston | 202 | Raunds | 2,491 |
| Cotterstock | 83 | Ringstead | 464 |
| Deene | 31 | Rushden | 8,738 |
| Deenethorpe | 74 | Southwick | 74 |
| Denford | 134 | Stanwick | 662 |
| Duddington | 76 | Stoke Doyle | 34 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 416 | Sudborough | 103 |
| Fineshade | 17 | Tansor | 98 |
| Fotheringhay | 73 | Thorpe Achurch | 75 |
| Glapthorn | 132 | Thrapston | 1,964 |
| Great Addington | 134 | Thurning | 44 |
| Hargrave | 117 | Titchmarsh | 237 |
| Harringworth | 130 | Twywell | 73 |
| Hemington | 44 | Wadenhoe | 53 |
| Higham Ferrers | 2,490 | Wakerley | 42 |
| Irthlingborough | 2,458 | Warmington | 401 |
| Islip | 273 | Woodford | 480 |
| Kings Cliffe | 527 | Woodnewton | 221 |
| Laxton | 60 | Yarwell | 147 |

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (Tax base for parish).

2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):

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| (a) | £39,459,866 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act including appropriation to reserves. <i>(Gross expenditure, parish expenses, any contingencies, any provision for reserves.)</i> |
| (b) | £26,704,862 | 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 including appropriation from reserves. <i>(Gross income, any use of reserves.)</i> |
| (c) | £12,755,004 | being 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 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. <i>(Expenditure less income = net expenditure/budget requirement)</i> |
| (d) | £6,783,282 | 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, revenue support grant, additional grant or relevant special grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the directions under section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. <i>(Business Rates, Government grant, relevant special grant, any surplus or deficit from council tax collected.)</i> |
| (e) | £210.62 | being the amount at 2 (c) above less the amount at 2 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 1 (a) 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. <i>(Net expenditure including parish precepts, less Business Rates, grant etc., divided by tax base = an average council tax which includes parishes.)</i> |
| (f) | £2,465,827 | being the aggregate amount of the special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act. <i>(Total amount of parish precepts.)</i> |
| (g) | £123.65 | being the amount at 2 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2 (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 item relates. <i>(This Council's own Council Tax at Band D.)</i> |

(h) **Part of the Council's area**

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|---|--------|
| Aldwincle | 169.10 |
| Ashton | 149.61 |
| Barnwell | 159.15 |
| Benefield | 165.53 |
| Brigstock | 162.19 |
| Bulwick | 144.48 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 174.67 |
| Collyweston | 210.37 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 172.77 |
| Denford | 168.43 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 183.33 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 174.82 |
| Glaphorn | 182.74 |
| Great Addington | 182.66 |
| Hargrave | 167.45 |
| Harringworth | 163.27 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 147.62 |
| Higham Ferrers | 215.02 |
| Irthlingborough | 217.09 |
| Islip | 189.58 |
| Kings Cliffe | 161.60 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 139.51 |
| Little Addington | 162.94 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 146.91 |
| Lutton | 132.91 |
| Nassington | 216.64 |
| Oundle | 292.83 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 156.26 |
| Polebrook | 158.22 |
| Raunds | 234.95 |
| Ringstead | 176.68 |
| Rushden | 211.92 |
| Stanwick | 210.70 |
| Sudborough | 159.57 |
| Thrapston | 243.81 |
| Titchmarsh | 176.39 |
| Twywell | 172.97 |
| Warmington | 198.46 |
| Woodford | 153.44 |
| Woodnewton | 175.17 |
| Yarwell | 178.07 |
| Other | 123.65 |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1 (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 item relates. (*Council Tax at Band D for those parishes that have issued a precept added to this Council's council tax.*)

(i) Part of the Council's areaValuation Bands

| <u>Parish of</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Aldwincle | 112.73 | 131.52 | 150.31 | 169.10 | 206.68 | 244.26 | 281.83 | 338.20 |
| Ashton | 99.74 | 116.36 | 132.99 | 149.61 | 182.86 | 216.11 | 249.35 | 299.22 |
| Barnwell | 106.10 | 123.78 | 141.47 | 159.15 | 194.52 | 229.89 | 265.25 | 318.30 |
| Benefield | 110.35 | 128.74 | 147.14 | 165.53 | 202.32 | 239.10 | 275.88 | 331.06 |
| Brigstock | 108.12 | 126.15 | 144.17 | 162.19 | 198.23 | 234.28 | 270.31 | 324.38 |
| Bulwick | 96.32 | 112.37 | 128.43 | 144.48 | 176.59 | 208.70 | 240.80 | 288.96 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 116.44 | 135.85 | 155.26 | 174.67 | 213.49 | 252.31 | 291.11 | 349.34 |
| Collyweston | 140.24 | 163.62 | 186.99 | 210.37 | 257.12 | 303.87 | 350.61 | 420.74 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 115.18 | 134.37 | 153.57 | 172.77 | 211.17 | 249.56 | 287.95 | 345.54 |
| Denford | 112.28 | 131.00 | 149.71 | 168.43 | 205.86 | 243.29 | 280.71 | 336.86 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 122.22 | 142.59 | 162.96 | 183.33 | 224.07 | 264.81 | 305.55 | 366.66 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 116.54 | 135.97 | 155.39 | 174.82 | 213.67 | 252.52 | 291.36 | 349.64 |
| Glaphthorn | 121.82 | 142.13 | 162.43 | 182.74 | 223.35 | 263.96 | 304.56 | 365.48 |
| Great Addington | 121.77 | 142.07 | 162.36 | 182.66 | 223.25 | 263.85 | 304.43 | 365.32 |
| Hargrave | 111.63 | 130.24 | 148.84 | 167.45 | 204.66 | 241.88 | 279.08 | 334.90 |
| Harringworth | 108.84 | 126.99 | 145.13 | 163.27 | 199.55 | 235.84 | 272.11 | 326.54 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 98.41 | 114.81 | 131.22 | 147.62 | 180.43 | 213.23 | 246.03 | 295.24 |
| Higham Ferrers | 143.34 | 167.24 | 191.13 | 215.02 | 262.80 | 310.59 | 358.36 | 430.04 |
| Irthlingborough | 144.72 | 168.85 | 192.97 | 217.09 | 265.33 | 313.58 | 361.81 | 434.18 |
| Islip | 126.38 | 147.45 | 168.51 | 189.58 | 231.71 | 273.84 | 315.96 | 379.16 |
| Kings Cliffe | 107.73 | 125.69 | 143.64 | 161.60 | 197.51 | 233.43 | 269.33 | 323.20 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 93.00 | 108.51 | 124.01 | 139.51 | 170.51 | 201.52 | 232.51 | 279.02 |
| Little Addington | 108.62 | 126.73 | 144.83 | 162.94 | 199.15 | 235.36 | 271.56 | 325.88 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 97.94 | 114.26 | 130.59 | 146.91 | 179.56 | 212.21 | 244.85 | 293.82 |
| Lutton | 88.60 | 103.37 | 118.14 | 132.91 | 162.45 | 191.99 | 221.51 | 265.82 |
| Nassington | 144.42 | 168.50 | 192.57 | 216.64 | 264.78 | 312.93 | 361.06 | 433.28 |
| Oundle | 195.22 | 227.75 | 260.29 | 292.83 | 357.91 | 422.98 | 488.05 | 585.66 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 104.17 | 121.53 | 138.90 | 156.26 | 190.99 | 225.71 | 260.43 | 312.52 |
| Polebrook | 105.48 | 123.06 | 140.64 | 158.22 | 193.38 | 228.54 | 263.70 | 316.44 |
| Raunds | 156.63 | 182.74 | 208.84 | 234.95 | 287.16 | 339.38 | 391.58 | 469.90 |
| Ringstead | 117.78 | 137.42 | 157.05 | 176.68 | 215.94 | 255.21 | 294.46 | 353.36 |
| Rushden | 141.28 | 164.82 | 188.37 | 211.92 | 259.02 | 306.11 | 353.20 | 423.84 |
| Stanwick | 140.46 | 163.88 | 187.29 | 210.70 | 257.52 | 304.35 | 351.16 | 421.40 |
| Sudborough | 106.38 | 124.11 | 141.84 | 159.57 | 195.03 | 230.49 | 265.95 | 319.14 |
| Thrapston | 162.54 | 189.63 | 216.72 | 243.81 | 297.99 | 352.17 | 406.35 | 487.62 |
| Titchmarsh | 117.59 | 137.19 | 156.79 | 176.39 | 215.59 | 254.79 | 293.98 | 352.78 |
| Twywell | 115.31 | 134.53 | 153.75 | 172.97 | 211.41 | 249.85 | 288.28 | 345.94 |
| Warmington | 132.30 | 154.36 | 176.41 | 198.46 | 242.56 | 286.67 | 330.76 | 396.92 |
| Woodford | 102.29 | 119.34 | 136.39 | 153.44 | 187.54 | 221.64 | 255.73 | 306.88 |
| Woodnewton | 116.78 | 136.24 | 155.71 | 175.17 | 214.10 | 253.03 | 291.95 | 350.34 |
| Yarwell | 118.71 | 138.50 | 158.28 | 178.07 | 217.64 | 257.22 | 296.78 | 356.14 |
| Other | 82.43 | 96.17 | 109.91 | 123.65 | 151.13 | 178.61 | 206.08 | 247.30 |

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2 (g) and 2 (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 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. (*This Council and each Parish Council's combined council tax for each Council Tax Band and which will appear on the council tax bill.*)

- 3) That it be noted that for the year 2014/2015 the major precepting authorities 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 dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

| | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Northamptonshire County Council | 699.05 | 815.55 | 932.06 | 1,048.57 | 1,281.59 | 1,514.60 | 1,747.62 | 2,097.14 |
| Northamptonshire Police Authority | 131.36 | 153.25 | 175.15 | 197.04 | 240.83 | 284.61 | 328.40 | 394.08 |

- 4) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2 (i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2013/2014 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: *(Total council tax in each band for each parish.)*

| <u>Part of the Council's Area</u> | <u>Valuation Bands</u> | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Aldwincle | 943.14 | 1,100.32 | 1,257.52 | 1,414.71 | 1,729.10 | 2,043.47 | 2,357.85 | 2,829.42 |
| Ashton | 930.15 | 1,085.16 | 1,240.20 | 1,395.22 | 1,705.28 | 2,015.32 | 2,325.37 | 2,790.44 |
| Barnwell | 936.51 | 1,092.58 | 1,248.68 | 1,404.76 | 1,716.94 | 2,029.10 | 2,341.27 | 2,809.52 |
| Benefield | 940.76 | 1,097.54 | 1,254.35 | 1,411.14 | 1,724.74 | 2,038.31 | 2,351.90 | 2,822.28 |
| Brigstock | 938.53 | 1,094.95 | 1,251.38 | 1,407.80 | 1,720.65 | 2,033.49 | 2,346.33 | 2,815.60 |
| Bulwick | 926.73 | 1,081.17 | 1,235.64 | 1,390.09 | 1,699.01 | 2,007.91 | 2,316.82 | 2,780.18 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 946.85 | 1,104.65 | 1,262.47 | 1,420.28 | 1,735.91 | 2,051.52 | 2,367.13 | 2,840.56 |
| Collyweston | 970.65 | 1,132.42 | 1,294.20 | 1,455.98 | 1,779.54 | 2,103.08 | 2,426.63 | 2,911.96 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 945.59 | 1,103.17 | 1,260.78 | 1,418.38 | 1,733.59 | 2,048.77 | 2,363.97 | 2,836.76 |
| Denford | 942.69 | 1,099.80 | 1,256.92 | 1,414.04 | 1,728.28 | 2,042.50 | 2,356.73 | 2,828.08 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 952.63 | 1,111.39 | 1,270.17 | 1,428.94 | 1,746.49 | 2,064.02 | 2,381.57 | 2,857.88 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 946.95 | 1,104.77 | 1,262.60 | 1,420.43 | 1,736.09 | 2,051.73 | 2,367.38 | 2,840.86 |
| Glaphthorn | 952.23 | 1,110.93 | 1,269.64 | 1,428.35 | 1,745.77 | 2,063.17 | 2,380.58 | 2,856.70 |
| Great Addington | 952.18 | 1,110.87 | 1,269.57 | 1,428.27 | 1,745.67 | 2,063.06 | 2,380.45 | 2,856.54 |
| Hargrave | 942.04 | 1,099.04 | 1,256.05 | 1,413.06 | 1,727.08 | 2,041.09 | 2,355.10 | 2,826.12 |
| Harringworth | 939.25 | 1,095.79 | 1,252.34 | 1,408.88 | 1,721.97 | 2,035.05 | 2,348.13 | 2,817.76 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 928.82 | 1,083.61 | 1,238.43 | 1,393.23 | 1,702.85 | 2,012.44 | 2,322.05 | 2,786.46 |
| Higham Ferrers | 973.75 | 1,136.04 | 1,298.34 | 1,460.63 | 1,785.22 | 2,109.80 | 2,434.38 | 2,921.26 |
| Irthlingborough | 975.13 | 1,137.65 | 1,300.18 | 1,462.70 | 1,787.75 | 2,112.79 | 2,437.83 | 2,925.40 |
| Islip | 956.79 | 1,116.25 | 1,275.72 | 1,435.19 | 1,754.13 | 2,073.05 | 2,391.98 | 2,870.38 |
| Kings Cliffe | 938.14 | 1,094.49 | 1,250.85 | 1,407.21 | 1,719.93 | 2,032.64 | 2,345.35 | 2,814.42 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 923.41 | 1,077.31 | 1,231.22 | 1,385.12 | 1,692.93 | 2,000.73 | 2,308.53 | 2,770.24 |
| Little Addington | 939.03 | 1,095.53 | 1,252.04 | 1,408.55 | 1,721.57 | 2,034.57 | 2,347.58 | 2,817.10 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 928.35 | 1,083.06 | 1,237.80 | 1,392.52 | 1,701.98 | 2,011.42 | 2,320.87 | 2,785.04 |
| Lutton | 919.01 | 1,072.17 | 1,225.35 | 1,378.52 | 1,684.87 | 1,991.20 | 2,297.53 | 2,757.04 |
| Nassington | 974.83 | 1,137.30 | 1,299.78 | 1,462.25 | 1,787.20 | 2,112.14 | 2,437.08 | 2,924.50 |
| Oundle | 1,025.63 | 1,196.55 | 1,367.50 | 1,538.44 | 1,880.33 | 2,222.19 | 2,564.07 | 3,076.88 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 934.58 | 1,090.33 | 1,246.11 | 1,401.87 | 1,713.41 | 2,024.92 | 2,336.45 | 2,803.74 |
| Polebrook | 935.89 | 1,091.86 | 1,247.85 | 1,403.83 | 1,715.80 | 2,027.75 | 2,339.72 | 2,807.66 |
| Raunds | 987.04 | 1,151.54 | 1,316.05 | 1,480.56 | 1,809.58 | 2,138.59 | 2,467.60 | 2,961.12 |
| Ringstead | 948.19 | 1,106.22 | 1,264.26 | 1,422.29 | 1,738.36 | 2,054.42 | 2,370.48 | 2,844.58 |
| Rushden | 971.69 | 1,133.62 | 1,295.58 | 1,457.53 | 1,781.44 | 2,105.32 | 2,429.22 | 2,915.06 |
| Stanwick | 970.87 | 1,132.68 | 1,294.50 | 1,456.31 | 1,779.94 | 2,103.56 | 2,427.18 | 2,912.62 |
| Sudborough | 936.79 | 1,092.91 | 1,249.05 | 1,405.18 | 1,717.45 | 2,029.70 | 2,341.97 | 2,810.36 |
| Thrapston | 992.95 | 1,158.43 | 1,323.93 | 1,489.42 | 1,820.41 | 2,151.38 | 2,482.37 | 2,978.84 |
| Titchmarsh | 948.00 | 1,105.99 | 1,264.00 | 1,422.00 | 1,738.01 | 2,054.00 | 2,370.00 | 2,844.00 |
| Twywell | 945.72 | 1,103.33 | 1,260.96 | 1,418.58 | 1,733.83 | 2,049.06 | 2,364.30 | 2,837.16 |
| Warmington | 962.71 | 1,123.16 | 1,283.62 | 1,444.07 | 1,764.98 | 2,085.88 | 2,406.78 | 2,888.14 |
| Woodford | 932.70 | 1,088.14 | 1,243.60 | 1,399.05 | 1,709.96 | 2,020.85 | 2,331.75 | 2,798.10 |
| Woodnewton | 947.19 | 1,105.04 | 1,262.92 | 1,420.78 | 1,736.52 | 2,052.24 | 2,367.97 | 2,841.56 |
| Yarwell | 949.12 | 1,107.30 | 1,265.49 | 1,423.68 | 1,740.06 | 2,056.43 | 2,372.80 | 2,847.36 |
| Other areas | 912.84 | 1,064.97 | 1,217.12 | 1,369.26 | 1,673.55 | 1,977.82 | 2,282.10 | 2,738.52 |

- 5) The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax Resolution

- 1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 26th February 2014 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act);-
- (a) For the whole Council area as 28,353 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the 'Act') and

| <u>Parish of</u> | <u>Tax Base</u> | <u>Parish of</u> | <u>Tax Base</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Aldwincle | 154 | Lilford cum Wigsthorpe | 52 |
| Apethorpe | 98 | Little Addington | 140 |
| Ashton | 104 | Lowick & Slipton | 129 |
| Barnwell | 169 | Luddington | 33 |
| Benefield | 160 | Lutton | 54 |
| Blatherwycke | 24 | Nassington | 335 |
| Brigstock | 493 | Newton Bromswold | 29 |
| Bulwick | 84 | Oundle | 1,953 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 196 | Pilton | 28 |
| Clopton | 58 | Polebrook | 188 |
| Collyweston | 202 | Raunds | 2,491 |
| Cotterstock | 83 | Ringstead | 464 |
| Deene | 31 | Rushden | 8,738 |
| Deenethorpe | 74 | Southwick | 74 |
| Denford | 134 | Stanwick | 662 |
| Duddington | 76 | Stoke Doyle | 34 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 416 | Sudborough | 103 |
| Fineshade | 17 | Tansor | 98 |
| Fotheringhay | 73 | Thorpe Achurch | 75 |
| Glapthorn | 132 | Thrapston | 1,964 |
| Great Addington | 134 | Thurning | 44 |
| Hargrave | 117 | Titchmarsh | 237 |
| Harringworth | 130 | Twywell | 73 |
| Hemington | 44 | Wadenhoe | 53 |
| Higham Ferrers | 2,490 | Wakerley | 42 |
| Irthlingborough | 2,458 | Warmington | 401 |
| Islip | 273 | Woodford | 480 |
| Kings Cliffe | 527 | Woodnewton | 221 |
| Laxton | 60 | Yarwell | 147 |

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (Tax base for parish).

2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):

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|-----|-------------|--|
| (a) | £39,459,866 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act including appropriation to reserves. <i>(Gross expenditure, parish expenses, any contingencies, any provision for reserves.)</i> |
| (b) | £26,673,631 | 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 including appropriation from reserves. <i>(Gross income, any use of reserves.)</i> |
| (c) | £12,786,235 | being 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 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. <i>(Expenditure less income = net expenditure/budget requirement)</i> |
| (d) | £6,744,590 | 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, revenue support grant, additional grant or relevant special grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the directions under section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. <i>(Business Rates, Government grant, relevant special grant, any surplus or deficit from council tax collected.)</i> |
| (e) | £213.08 | being the amount at 2 (c) above less the amount at 2 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 1 (a) 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. <i>(Net expenditure including parish precepts, less Business Rates, grant etc., divided by tax base = an average council tax which includes parishes.)</i> |
| (f) | £2,465,827 | being the aggregate amount of the special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act. <i>(Total amount of parish precepts.)</i> |
| (g) | £126.11 | being the amount at 2 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2 (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 item relates. <i>(This Council's own Council Tax at Band D.)</i> |

(h) **Part of the Council's area**

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| | |
|---|--------|
| Aldwincle | 171.56 |
| Ashton | 152.07 |
| Barnwell | 161.61 |
| Benefield | 167.99 |
| Brigstock | 164.65 |
| Bulwick | 146.94 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 177.13 |
| Collyweston | 212.83 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 175.23 |
| Denford | 170.89 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 185.79 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 177.28 |
| Glaphorn | 185.20 |
| Great Addington | 185.12 |
| Hargrave | 169.91 |
| Harringworth | 165.73 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 150.08 |
| Higham Ferrers | 217.48 |
| Irthlingborough | 219.55 |
| Islip | 192.04 |
| Kings Cliffe | 164.06 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 141.97 |
| Little Addington | 165.40 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 149.37 |
| Lutton | 135.37 |
| Nassington | 219.10 |
| Oundle | 295.29 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 158.72 |
| Polebrook | 160.68 |
| Raunds | 237.41 |
| Ringstead | 179.14 |
| Rushden | 214.38 |
| Stanwick | 213.16 |
| Sudborough | 162.03 |
| Thrapston | 246.27 |
| Titchmarsh | 178.85 |
| Twywell | 175.43 |
| Warmington | 200.92 |
| Woodford | 155.90 |
| Woodnewton | 177.63 |
| Yarwell | 180.53 |
| Other | 126.11 |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1 (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 item relates. (*Council Tax at Band D for those parishes that have issued a precept added to this Council's council tax.*)

(i) Part of the Council's areaValuation Bands

| Parish of | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Aldwincle | 114.37 | 133.44 | 152.50 | 171.56 | 209.68 | 247.81 | 285.93 | 343.12 |
| Ashton | 101.38 | 118.28 | 135.18 | 152.07 | 185.86 | 219.66 | 253.45 | 304.14 |
| Barnwell | 107.74 | 125.70 | 143.66 | 161.61 | 197.52 | 233.44 | 269.35 | 323.22 |
| Benefield | 111.99 | 130.66 | 149.33 | 167.99 | 205.32 | 242.65 | 279.98 | 335.98 |
| Brigstock | 109.76 | 128.07 | 146.36 | 164.65 | 201.23 | 237.83 | 274.41 | 329.30 |
| Bulwick | 97.96 | 114.29 | 130.62 | 146.94 | 179.59 | 212.25 | 244.90 | 293.88 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 118.08 | 137.77 | 157.45 | 177.13 | 216.49 | 255.86 | 295.21 | 354.26 |
| Collyweston | 141.88 | 165.54 | 189.18 | 212.83 | 260.12 | 307.42 | 354.71 | 425.66 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 116.82 | 136.29 | 155.76 | 175.23 | 214.17 | 253.11 | 292.05 | 350.46 |
| Denford | 113.92 | 132.92 | 151.90 | 170.89 | 208.86 | 246.84 | 284.81 | 341.78 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 123.86 | 144.51 | 165.15 | 185.79 | 227.07 | 268.36 | 309.65 | 371.58 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 118.18 | 137.89 | 157.58 | 177.28 | 216.67 | 256.07 | 295.46 | 354.56 |
| Glaphthorn | 123.46 | 144.05 | 164.62 | 185.20 | 226.35 | 267.51 | 308.66 | 370.40 |
| Great Addington | 123.41 | 143.99 | 164.55 | 185.12 | 226.25 | 267.40 | 308.53 | 370.24 |
| Hargrave | 113.27 | 132.16 | 151.03 | 169.91 | 207.66 | 245.43 | 283.18 | 339.82 |
| Harringworth | 110.48 | 128.91 | 147.32 | 165.73 | 202.55 | 239.39 | 276.21 | 331.46 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 100.05 | 116.73 | 133.41 | 150.08 | 183.43 | 216.78 | 250.13 | 300.16 |
| Higham Ferrers | 144.98 | 169.16 | 193.32 | 217.48 | 265.80 | 314.14 | 362.46 | 434.96 |
| Irthlingborough | 146.36 | 170.77 | 195.16 | 219.55 | 268.33 | 317.13 | 365.91 | 439.10 |
| Islip | 128.02 | 149.37 | 170.70 | 192.04 | 234.71 | 277.39 | 320.06 | 384.08 |
| Kings Cliffe | 109.37 | 127.61 | 145.83 | 164.06 | 200.51 | 236.98 | 273.43 | 328.12 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 94.64 | 110.43 | 126.20 | 141.97 | 173.51 | 205.07 | 236.61 | 283.94 |
| Little Addington | 110.26 | 128.65 | 147.02 | 165.40 | 202.15 | 238.91 | 275.66 | 330.80 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 99.58 | 116.18 | 132.78 | 149.37 | 182.56 | 215.76 | 248.95 | 298.74 |
| Lutton | 90.24 | 105.29 | 120.33 | 135.37 | 165.45 | 195.54 | 225.61 | 270.74 |
| Nassington | 146.06 | 170.42 | 194.76 | 219.10 | 267.78 | 316.48 | 365.16 | 438.20 |
| Oundle | 196.86 | 229.67 | 262.48 | 295.29 | 360.91 | 426.53 | 492.15 | 590.58 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 105.81 | 123.45 | 141.09 | 158.72 | 193.99 | 229.26 | 264.53 | 317.44 |
| Polebrook | 107.12 | 124.98 | 142.83 | 160.68 | 196.38 | 232.09 | 267.80 | 321.36 |
| Raunds | 158.27 | 184.66 | 211.03 | 237.41 | 290.16 | 342.93 | 395.68 | 474.82 |
| Ringstead | 119.42 | 139.34 | 159.24 | 179.14 | 218.94 | 258.76 | 298.56 | 358.28 |
| Rushden | 142.92 | 166.74 | 190.56 | 214.38 | 262.02 | 309.66 | 357.30 | 428.76 |
| Stanwick | 142.10 | 165.80 | 189.48 | 213.16 | 260.52 | 307.90 | 355.26 | 426.32 |
| Sudborough | 108.02 | 126.03 | 144.03 | 162.03 | 198.03 | 234.04 | 270.05 | 324.06 |
| Thrapston | 164.18 | 191.55 | 218.91 | 246.27 | 300.99 | 355.72 | 410.45 | 492.54 |
| Titchmarsh | 119.23 | 139.11 | 158.98 | 178.85 | 218.59 | 258.34 | 298.08 | 357.70 |
| Twywell | 116.95 | 136.45 | 155.94 | 175.43 | 214.41 | 253.40 | 292.38 | 350.86 |
| Warmington | 133.94 | 156.28 | 178.60 | 200.92 | 245.56 | 290.22 | 334.86 | 401.84 |
| Woodford | 103.93 | 121.26 | 138.58 | 155.90 | 190.54 | 225.19 | 259.83 | 311.80 |
| Woodnewton | 118.42 | 138.16 | 157.90 | 177.63 | 217.10 | 256.58 | 296.05 | 355.26 |
| Yarwell | 120.35 | 140.42 | 160.47 | 180.53 | 220.64 | 260.77 | 300.88 | 361.06 |
| Other | 84.07 | 98.09 | 112.10 | 126.11 | 154.13 | 182.16 | 210.18 | 252.22 |

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2 (g) and 2 (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 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. (*This Council and each Parish Council's combined council tax for each Council Tax Band and which will appear on the council tax bill.*)

- 3) That it be noted that for the year 2014/2015 the major precepting authorities 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 dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

| | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Northamptonshire County Council | 699.05 | 815.55 | 932.06 | 1,048.57 | 1,281.59 | 1,514.60 | 1,747.62 | 2,097.14 |
| Northamptonshire Police Authority | 131.36 | 153.25 | 175.15 | 197.04 | 240.83 | 284.61 | 328.40 | 394.08 |

- 4) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2 (i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2013/2014 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: *(Total council tax in each band for each parish.)*

| <u>Part of the Council's Area</u> | <u>Valuation Bands</u> | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>H</u> |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Aldwincle | 944.78 | 1,102.24 | 1,259.71 | 1,417.17 | 1,732.10 | 2,047.02 | 2,361.95 | 2,834.34 |
| Ashton | 931.79 | 1,087.08 | 1,242.39 | 1,397.68 | 1,708.28 | 2,018.87 | 2,329.47 | 2,795.36 |
| Barnwell | 938.15 | 1,094.50 | 1,250.87 | 1,407.22 | 1,719.94 | 2,032.65 | 2,345.37 | 2,814.44 |
| Benefield | 942.40 | 1,099.46 | 1,256.54 | 1,413.60 | 1,727.74 | 2,041.86 | 2,356.00 | 2,827.20 |
| Brigstock | 940.17 | 1,096.87 | 1,253.57 | 1,410.26 | 1,723.65 | 2,037.04 | 2,350.43 | 2,820.52 |
| Bulwick | 928.37 | 1,083.09 | 1,237.83 | 1,392.55 | 1,702.01 | 2,011.46 | 2,320.92 | 2,785.10 |
| Chelveston cum Caldecott | 948.49 | 1,106.57 | 1,264.66 | 1,422.74 | 1,738.91 | 2,055.07 | 2,371.23 | 2,845.48 |
| Collyweston | 972.29 | 1,134.34 | 1,296.39 | 1,458.44 | 1,782.54 | 2,106.63 | 2,430.73 | 2,916.88 |
| Deene & Deenethorpe | 947.23 | 1,105.09 | 1,262.97 | 1,420.84 | 1,736.59 | 2,052.32 | 2,368.07 | 2,841.68 |
| Denford | 944.33 | 1,101.72 | 1,259.11 | 1,416.50 | 1,731.28 | 2,046.05 | 2,360.83 | 2,833.00 |
| Duddington with Fineshade | 954.27 | 1,113.31 | 1,272.36 | 1,431.40 | 1,749.49 | 2,067.57 | 2,385.67 | 2,862.80 |
| Easton-on-the-Hill | 948.59 | 1,106.69 | 1,264.79 | 1,422.89 | 1,739.09 | 2,055.28 | 2,371.48 | 2,845.78 |
| Glaphthorn | 953.87 | 1,112.85 | 1,271.83 | 1,430.81 | 1,748.77 | 2,066.72 | 2,384.68 | 2,861.62 |
| Great Addington | 953.82 | 1,112.79 | 1,271.76 | 1,430.73 | 1,748.67 | 2,066.61 | 2,384.55 | 2,861.46 |
| Hargrave | 943.68 | 1,100.96 | 1,258.24 | 1,415.52 | 1,730.08 | 2,044.64 | 2,359.20 | 2,831.04 |
| Harringworth | 940.89 | 1,097.71 | 1,254.53 | 1,411.34 | 1,724.97 | 2,038.60 | 2,352.23 | 2,822.68 |
| Hemington, Luddington & Thurning | 930.46 | 1,085.53 | 1,240.62 | 1,395.69 | 1,705.85 | 2,015.99 | 2,326.15 | 2,791.38 |
| Higham Ferrers | 975.39 | 1,137.96 | 1,300.53 | 1,463.09 | 1,788.22 | 2,113.35 | 2,438.48 | 2,926.18 |
| Irthlingborough | 976.77 | 1,139.57 | 1,302.37 | 1,465.16 | 1,790.75 | 2,116.34 | 2,441.93 | 2,930.32 |
| Islip | 958.43 | 1,118.17 | 1,277.91 | 1,437.65 | 1,757.13 | 2,076.60 | 2,396.08 | 2,875.30 |
| Kings Cliffe | 939.78 | 1,096.41 | 1,253.04 | 1,409.67 | 1,722.93 | 2,036.19 | 2,349.45 | 2,819.34 |
| Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch | 925.05 | 1,079.23 | 1,233.41 | 1,387.58 | 1,695.93 | 2,004.28 | 2,312.63 | 2,775.16 |
| Little Addington | 940.67 | 1,097.45 | 1,254.23 | 1,411.01 | 1,724.57 | 2,038.12 | 2,351.68 | 2,822.02 |
| Lowick & Slipton | 929.99 | 1,084.98 | 1,239.99 | 1,394.98 | 1,704.98 | 2,014.97 | 2,324.97 | 2,789.96 |
| Lutton | 920.65 | 1,074.09 | 1,227.54 | 1,380.98 | 1,687.87 | 1,994.75 | 2,301.63 | 2,761.96 |
| Nassington | 976.47 | 1,139.22 | 1,301.97 | 1,464.71 | 1,790.20 | 2,115.69 | 2,441.18 | 2,929.42 |
| Oundle | 1,027.27 | 1,198.47 | 1,369.69 | 1,540.90 | 1,883.33 | 2,225.74 | 2,568.17 | 3,081.80 |
| Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe | 936.22 | 1,092.25 | 1,248.30 | 1,404.33 | 1,716.41 | 2,028.47 | 2,340.55 | 2,808.66 |
| Polebrook | 937.53 | 1,093.78 | 1,250.04 | 1,406.29 | 1,718.80 | 2,031.30 | 2,343.82 | 2,812.58 |
| Raunds | 988.68 | 1,153.46 | 1,318.24 | 1,483.02 | 1,812.58 | 2,142.14 | 2,471.70 | 2,966.04 |
| Ringstead | 949.83 | 1,108.14 | 1,266.45 | 1,424.75 | 1,741.36 | 2,057.97 | 2,374.58 | 2,849.50 |
| Rushden | 973.33 | 1,135.54 | 1,297.77 | 1,459.99 | 1,784.44 | 2,108.87 | 2,433.32 | 2,919.98 |
| Stanwick | 972.51 | 1,134.60 | 1,296.69 | 1,458.77 | 1,782.94 | 2,107.11 | 2,431.28 | 2,917.54 |
| Sudborough | 938.43 | 1,094.83 | 1,251.24 | 1,407.64 | 1,720.45 | 2,033.25 | 2,346.07 | 2,815.28 |
| Thrapston | 994.59 | 1,160.35 | 1,326.12 | 1,491.88 | 1,823.41 | 2,154.93 | 2,486.47 | 2,983.76 |
| Titchmarsh | 949.64 | 1,107.91 | 1,266.19 | 1,424.46 | 1,741.01 | 2,057.55 | 2,374.10 | 2,848.92 |
| Twywell | 947.36 | 1,105.25 | 1,263.15 | 1,421.04 | 1,736.83 | 2,052.61 | 2,368.40 | 2,842.08 |
| Warmington | 964.35 | 1,125.08 | 1,285.81 | 1,446.53 | 1,767.98 | 2,089.43 | 2,410.88 | 2,893.06 |
| Woodford | 934.34 | 1,090.06 | 1,245.79 | 1,401.51 | 1,712.96 | 2,024.40 | 2,335.85 | 2,803.02 |
| Woodnewton | 948.83 | 1,106.96 | 1,265.11 | 1,423.24 | 1,739.52 | 2,055.79 | 2,372.07 | 2,846.48 |
| Yarwell | 950.76 | 1,109.22 | 1,267.68 | 1,426.14 | 1,743.06 | 2,059.98 | 2,376.90 | 2,852.28 |
| Other areas | 914.48 | 1,066.89 | 1,219.31 | 1,371.72 | 1,676.55 | 1,981.37 | 2,286.20 | 2,743.44 |

- 5) The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.
As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.



EIA Initial Screening Form – service or function

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|---|---|
| 1. Name of Service or Function: | |
| 2. Name and Job title / role of person completing Initial Screening: | Kelly Watson Finance Manager |
| 3. What is the main purpose of the Service or Function? | Council Tax Changes |
| 4. List the main activities of the Service or Function: | Council Tax assumptions included within Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2014/15 |
| 5. Who are the main beneficiaries of the Service or Function? | All residents of East Northamptonshire |
| 6. How is the success of the Service or Function measured? | Council Tax Collection and Recovery Rates |
| 7. Are equality monitoring systems in place? | <i>(If yes give details)</i> |

8. Use the following table to indicate using a ✓:

- a) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a positive impact on any of the groups or contribute to promoting equality of opportunity or improving relations within equality groups.
- b) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a negative impact on any of the equality groups i.e. it could disadvantage them.
- c) Where you think that the Service or Function could have a neutral impact on any of the equality group i.e. no impact

| Equality Group | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| Gender: | | | | The increase in Council Tax of 1.99%, which equates to £2.46 (5p per week) on a Band D property, will have a negative impact upon residents as their bills will increase. However, the actual amount is relatively small and needs to be considered alongside the fact that this increase in Council Tax means that the Council will be able to continue to provide the same level of service for the next financial year. There will be no differential impact upon people whether they have a disability or not or because of their age or religion or belief. |
| Women/Girls | | | | |
| Men/Boys | | | | |
| Transgender people | | | | |
| Sexual Orientation: | | | | |
| Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals | | | | |
| Race/Ethnicity: | | | | |
| White British people | | | | |
| White non-British people (including Irish people) | | | | |
| Asian or Asian British people | | | | |
| Black or Black British people | | | | |
| People of mixed heritage | | | | |
| Chinese people | | | | |
| Travellers (Gypsy/Roma/Irish heritage) | | | | |
| People from other ethnic groups | | | | |
| People who do not have English as their first language | | | | |

| Equality Group | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason |
|--|---|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| Disability: | <p>The increase in Council Tax of 1.99%, which equates to £2.46 (5p per week) on a Band D property, will have a negative impact upon residents as their bills will increase. However, the actual amount is relatively small and needs to be considered alongside the fact that this increase in Council Tax means that the Council will be able to continue to provide the same level of service for the next financial year. There will be no differential impact upon people whether they have a disability or not or because of their age or religion or belief.</p> | | | |
| Physical impairment, e.g mobility issues which mean using a wheelchair or crutches. | | | | |
| Sensory impairment, e.g blind/having a serious visual impairment, deaf/having a serious hearing impairment. | | | | |
| Mental health condition, e.g depression or schizophrenia | | | | |
| Learning disability/difficulty, e.g. Down's syndrome or dyslexia, or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder | | | | |
| Long-standing illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV. Diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy | | | | |
| Other health problems or impairments (<i>please specify if appropriate</i>) | | | | |
| Age: | | | | |
| Older People (60+) | | | | |
| Children and Young People (see guidance for definition) | | | | |
| Religion/Belief: | | | | |
| Christian | | | | |
| Buddhist | | | | |
| Hindu | | | | |
| Jewish | | | | |
| Muslim | | | | |
| Sikh | | | | |
| Other religion (including holding no belief) | | | | |

| Equality Group | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Neutral Impact | Reason |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Other Potentially Affected Groups | | | | |
| Rural Isolation - People who live in rural areas e.g isolated geographically, lack of internet access | <p>The increase in Council Tax of 1.99%, which equates to £2.46 (5p per week) on a Band D property, will have a negative impact upon residents as their bills will increase. However, the actual amount is relatively small and needs to be considered alongside the fact that this increase in Council Tax means that the Council will be able to continue to provide the same level of service for the next financial year. There will be no differential impact upon people whether they have a disability or not or because of their age or religion or belief.</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils have the ability to set their own precepts, but while this means that the total amount payable by residents will depend upon which parish they live, this additional element of Council Tax is set by the parish and town councils and is not within East Northamptonshire Council's control</p> | | | |
| Socio-economic Exclusion – e.g. people who are on benefits, have low educational attainment, single parents, people living in poor quality housing, people who have poor access to services, the unemployed or any combination of these and the other protected strands | <p>The increase in Council Tax of 1.99%, which equates to £2.46 (5p per week) on a Band D property, will have a negative impact upon residents as their bills will increase. However, the actual amount is relatively small and needs to be considered alongside the fact that this increase in Council Tax means that the Council will be able to continue to provide the same level of service for the next financial year.</p> <p>At Council on 13 January 2014, a revised Council Tax Support scheme was approved which increased Council Tax liability to 12.5%.</p> | | | |
| Any other potentially affected groups (<i>please specify</i>) | N/A | | | |
| 9. If you have indicated that there is a negative impact on any group: | | | | |
| a) Is that impact against legislation? | | | | No |
| b) What is the level of impact? | | | | Low – this increase in Council Tax equates to less than £2.67 (5 per week) on the average Band D property's annual bill. The Council acknowledges that this will impact upon the |

Appendix 2

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| | | finances of residents but considers that the benefit of maintaining service levels outweighs this |
| 10. Could you minimise or remove any negative impact that is of low significance? | N/A | |
| 11. Could you improve a positive impact of the Service or Function? | N/A | |
| 12. If there is no evidence that the Service or Function promotes equality of opportunity or improved relations, could it be adapted so that it does? | N/A | |
| Head of Service signature | | |
| Date of Initial Screening: | | |