

**COUNCIL
3 MARCH 2004**

**FINANCIAL PLANS AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2004/05
(Director of Corporate Services)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 17 February 2004, the Executive considered the General Fund revenue budget and Housing Revenue Account for 2004/05 along with the capital spending proposals for 2004/05 to 2006/07 and agreed recommendations to the Council. The recommendations submitted to the Council by the Executive are included in section 2.
- 1.2 A separate document presents an overview of the Council's draft budget for 2004/05 and details for each of the three areas. The document reflects the Executive's recommendations and includes summaries of the reports considered by it.
- 1.3 In order to set a legal budget the full Council must make a formal Council Tax resolution. The appropriate resolution to give effect to the proposals contained in the draft budget is included in section 3. The Local Government Act 2003 introduced a revised framework for capital expenditure and financing, underpinned by CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. This requires the Council to set a number of prudential indicators relating to affordability, capital investment and treasury management. This is covered by resolution 3.7, and the detailed indicators are set out in Annexe A. These indicators can be varied at any time by a further determination.
- 1.4 The resolution also includes reference to the Council Tax for the Thames Valley Police Authority and, for the first time, the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority. The Police Authority will not have formally agreed its Council Tax for 2004/05 by the time these papers are circulated, and thus the resolution below is based on the proposals being submitted to it. Any changes will require an amended resolution to be tabled at the Council meeting.
- 1.5 The Council Tax resolution also refers to the Council's capital programme and to the Housing Revenue Account. The revenue budget proposals allow for a capital programme funded by the Council's accumulated receipts of £11.940m, which represents the amount recommended by the Executive. The proposals also allow for an increase in rents of 3.6%, as recommended by the Executive.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE

2.1 Housing Revenue Account 2004/05 (item 5[a])

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) The proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2004/05 as set out in Annexe A be agreed;
- ii) Garage rents, carports and parking spaces charges be increased by 3.6% (being 24 pence per week for garages and 12 pence per week for car ports and parking spaces);
- iii) Rents on dwellings increase by an average of 3.6% in line with the

- Government Guidelines on Rent Restructuring.
- iv) Housing related Supporting People charges increase by 2.9% in line with the 2003/04 grant inflation rate.

2.2 Capital Programme 2004/05 – 2006/07 (item 5[b])

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) Capital funding of £11.940m for 2004/05, in respect of new schemes listed in Annexes A-E of the report, be recommended to the Council;
- ii) Those schemes that attract external grant funding be recommended to the Council for inclusion within the 2004/05 capital programme, at the level of funding received;
- iii) The release of £1.0m from S106 monies be recommended to the Council to fund capital schemes outlined in 5.21 of the report [incorporated in Annexes A to E of the summary report for Council];
- iv) Those schemes which require external funding can only proceed once the Council is certain of receiving the grant.
- v) The indicative programme for 2005/06 and 2006/07 be reviewed in the light of resources available and spending priorities in December 2004.

2.3 Revenue Budget 2003/04 (Item 5[c])

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) The revised draft budget proposals in Annexe C to the report be agreed;
- ii) The new budget proposals identified in section 3.4 be agreed;
- iii) The 2004/05 Treasury Management Annual Strategy Document (Annexe D) be approved and the Prudential Indicators noted;
- iv) Fees and charges as set out in Annexe B and a provision for inflation of £2.145m be approved;
- v) A contingency of £0.4m be included;
- vi) Total expenditure of £100.859m, be approved;
- vii) A contribution of £1.794m be made from revenue balances to support revenue expenditure;
- viii) The Council's total requirement for the Collection Fund, excluding Parish Council precepts, be set as £34.592m;
- ix) The Council Tax for the Council's services for each Valuation Band be set as follows:

Band	Tax Level Relative to Band D	£
A	6/9	556.50
B	7/9	649.25
C	8/9	742.00
D	9/9	834.75
E	11/9	1,020.25
F	13/9	1,205.75
G	15/9	1,391.25
H	18/9	1,669.50

3 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

- 3.1 That the recommendations of the Executive outlined in section 2 be agreed.
- 3.2 That it be noted that at its meeting on 21 January 2004 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2004/05 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a) 41,440 **TAX BASE FOR WHOLE BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA**

being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year

(b) **TAX BASE FOR PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA**

EACH PARISH AREA

Binfield	3,200
Bracknell	17,310
Crowthorne	2,410
Sandhurst	7,820
Warfield	4,340
Winkfield	6,360

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 one or more special items relate

- 3.3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2004/05 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

(a) £184,532,070 **TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCLUDING GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND PARISH PRECEPTS**

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

(b) £80,662,260 **TOTAL INCOME INCLUDING GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (b) of the Act

(c) £1,794,422 **DECREASE IN GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BALANCES**

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(c) of the Act

- (d) £102,075,388 **BOROUGH AND PARISH EXPENDITURE TO BE FINANCED FROM GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND COUNCIL TAX**

being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.3(b) and 3.3(c) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year

- (e) £65,726,538 **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SERVICES**

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 and relevant special grants

- (f) £254,000 **COUNCIL TAX**

being the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its collection fund from its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Deficit).

- (g) £883.27 **AVERAGE BAND "D" COUNCIL TAX FOR WHOLE BOROUGH**

being the amount at 3.3(d) above less the amount at 3.3(e) plus the amount at 3.3(f) above, all divided by the amount at 3.2(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

- (h) £2,010,810 **PARISH PRECEPTS**

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

- (i) £834.75 **BOROUGH COUNCIL TAX FOR BAND "D" PROPERTIES**

being the amount at 3.3(g) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3.3(h) above by the amount at 3.2(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 if there were an area of the Borough to which no special item relates

(j)	Part of the Council's area	BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH PARISH FOR BAND "D"
		Binfield £868.77
		Bracknell £887.84
		Crowthorne £888.69
		Sandhurst £895.53
		Warfield £857.60
		Winkfield £878.54

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.3(i) 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 3.2(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

(k)	Part of the Council's area	BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCIL TAX IN EACH PARISH FOR EACH VALUATION BAND							
	Parish	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Binfield	579.18	675.71	772.24	868.77	1,061.83	1,254.89	1,447.95	1,737.54
	Bracknell	591.89	690.54	789.19	887.84	1,085.14	1,282.44	1,479.73	1,775.68
	Crowthorne	592.46	691.20	789.95	888.69	1,086.18	1,283.66	1,481.15	1,777.38
	Sandhurst	597.02	696.52	796.03	895.53	1,094.54	1,293.54	1,492.55	1,791.06
	Warfield	571.73	667.02	762.31	857.60	1,048.18	1,238.76	1,429.33	1,715.20
	Winkfield	585.69	683.31	780.92	878.54	1,073.77	1,269.00	1,464.23	1,757.08

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.3(j) 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

3.4 That it be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Thames Valley Police 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 dwellings shown below:-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Thames Valley Police Authority	£80.67	£94.11	£107.56	£121.00	£147.89	£174.78	£201.67	£242.00

- 3.5 That it be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Royal Berkshire Fire 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 dwellings shown below:-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Royal Berkshire Fire Authority	£29.31	£34.20	£39.08	£43.97	£53.74	£63.51	£73.28	£87.94

- 3.6 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.3(k), 3.4 and 3.5 above, the 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 2004/05 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

(a) Part of the Council's area	TOTAL COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH VALUATION BAND							
Parish	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Binfield	689.16	804.02	918.88	1,033.74	1,263.46	1,493.18	1,722.90	2,067.48
Bracknell	701.87	818.85	935.83	1,052.81	1,286.77	1,520.73	1,754.68	2,105.62
Crowthorne	702.44	819.51	936.59	1,053.66	1,287.81	1,521.95	1,756.10	2,107.32
Sandhurst	707.00	824.83	942.67	1,060.50	1,296.17	1,531.83	1,767.50	2,121.00
Warfield	681.71	795.33	908.95	1,022.57	1,249.81	1,477.05	1,704.28	2,045.14
Winkfield	695.67	811.62	927.56	1,043.51	1,275.40	1,507.29	1,739.18	2,087.02

- 3.7 The Prudential indicators under the Prudential Code for Capital Finance for Local Authorities at Annexe A be approved.

Background Papers

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