

## COUNCIL - 14TH FEBRUARY 2013

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

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#### EXECUTIVE : 31ST JANUARY 2013

#### 85/ BUDGET PROPOSAL 2013/14

The Executive received a report with a budget proposal involving a 2% increase in Council Tax, for 2013/14.

The report set out relevant statutory powers and issues (budget process, savings and growth, the Local government settlement, Council Tax, budget, capital programme function and human resource plans and pay award).

The report identified the sources of funding for the budget, summarised the savings and growth leading to it, included an updated Capital Programme that reflected the recently reviewed Corporate Plan 2011/15 and proposed a new revenue reserve to help mitigate any income fluctuations associated with the new business rates-based funding mechanism. Legal, financial, equalities implications were set out, together with risk management considerations, consultation undertaken and policy framework factors.

A number of questions were asked as a result of which it was confirmed that the savings and growth items previously approved by the Executive remained the same, recent announcements on "Icelandic Monies" did not affect the Council and the level of financial support for the voluntary sector had not reduced.

#### **RECOMMENDED that:**

- (i) a budget of £16.328m including savings and growth (as previously reported), provision for a pay award and the resultant increase in Council Tax of 2% be approved;**
- (ii) the creation of a new Business Rates Income revenue reserve be approved;**
- (iii) the updated Capital Programme (shown at Annex 1 to the submitted report) be approved;**
- (iv) the statement of the Chief Finance Officer (at Annex 2 to the submitted report) be noted.**

**RESOLVED** that Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to the budget and Council Tax demand proposed to Council arising from final budget refinements or changes to government grant.

**Reason for decisions:** The Council is required to set a budget by 11th March each year.

**Alternative option:** Amend or reject the budget proposals.

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## **COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2013/14**

A report was submitted on the level of Council Tax for 2013/14. It set out relevant statutory powers, issues (the proposed Council Tax increase and information relating to precepting authorities), legal, financial and equalities implications, risk management considerations, consultation undertaken and policy framework factors.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

(i) to note that on 13th December 2012 the Council calculated:

the Council Tax base 2013/14 for the whole Council as 56,697

[Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,

For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates:

Horley Town Council	8,362
Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council	1,367

(ii) to calculate that the Council Tax requirements for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts) is £11,208,997;

(iii) that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

(a) £66,302,287 - being 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.

(b) £54,780,379 - being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £11,521,908 - being the amount which the aggregate at 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 31A(4) of the Act).

(d) £203.22 - 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(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

(e) £312,911 - being the aggregate amount of all special

items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix).

(f) £197.70 - being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by item T (1(b) 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) Horley Town Council - £231.65  
Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council - £218.93

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special 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 items relate.

(iv) It be noted that the figures in the attached Appendix being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportions 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 dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

(v) It be noted that for the year 2013/14 Surrey County Council and Surrey Police have stated amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix A (section 2).

(vi) Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts 1 to 5, above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix A (section 3).

(vii) To authorise the Chief Finance Officer to make any amendments to the Council Tax demands as might prove necessary as the result of changes to the estimated demands issued by preceptors on the Council's Collection Fund.

**Reason for recommendations:** The Local Government Finance Act 1992 sets out the requirement for local authorities to set a budget for the next financial year. This report provides the information to fulfil that requirement. Under the Constitution the Executive considers a

proposed budget and Council Tax, before then making a recommendation on the appropriate level of Council Tax to full Council. Following consideration Full Council may then authorise budget and Council Tax.

**Alternative options:** None.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2013/14**

A report was submitted with a proposed schedule of meetings for 2013/14. It set out background and factors for consideration. The draft schedule drew upon past experience and had regard to comments from both Members and Officers. It had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12th December 2012 and no comments were being referred to the Executive.

**RECOMMENDED to approve the Schedule of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2013/14, as set out in Annex 1 to the submitted report.**

**Reason for recommendation:** The Schedule of Meetings establishes a timetable to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of Council business throughout the municipal year.

**Alternative options:** None.

## COUNCIL TAX 2013/14

COUNCIL AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
<b>1. AMOUNTS OF TAX FOR REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL AND SALFORDS AND SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL</b>								
Horley Town Council area	154.43	180.17	205.91	231.65	283.13	334.61	386.08	463.30
Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council area	145.95	170.28	194.60	218.93	267.58	316.23	364.88	437.86
Rest of Borough	131.80	153.77	175.73	197.70	241.63	285.57	329.50	395.40
<b>2. AMOUNTS OF TAX FOR SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND SURREY POLICE</b>								
Surrey County Council precept	781.77	912.06	1,042.36	1,172.65	1,433.24	1,693.83	1,954.42	2,345.30
Surrey Police precept	138.37	161.44	184.50	207.56	253.68	299.81	345.93	415.12
<b>3. TOTAL AMOUNTS OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2013/14</b>								
Horley Town Council area	1,074.57	1,253.67	1,432.77	1,611.86	1,970.05	2,328.25	2,686.43	3,223.72
Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council area	1,066.09	1,243.78	1,421.46	1,599.14	1,954.50	2,309.87	2,665.23	3,198.28
Rest of Borough	1,051.94	1,227.27	1,402.59	1,577.91	1,928.55	2,279.21	2,629.85	3,155.82

