

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE – 21 FEBRUARY 2024

ITEM 9 – REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-25

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Purpose of Supplementary Report:

Subsequent to the circulation of the reports in respect of Item 9 - Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024-25, this Report does two things. First, to provide members of the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee with details of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Precept and second, to reflect the decisions taken at Finance Committee on Monday 19th February regarding premium Council Tax charges. Both of these feature in the newly-stated recommendations within the Budget Report.

Supplementary Information – Fire Authority Precept

This supplementary information provides the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority precept details, in respect of Agenda item 9 - Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2024-25.

In that report, Strategy and Resources Policy Committee is asked to note that the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority precepts have not yet been issued; and authorise the CFO to add the information to Full Council.

The precept was agreed on the 19th February 2024, confirming the maximum increase to the precept of £2.47 (or 2.99%) for a Band D property. Below sets out the updated section to the budget report for Full Council.

Precepts

Major preceptors

The budget proposals for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority were approved on 5th February and 19th February respectively. The approved precept levels are given below:

Major Preceptors	2023/24		2024/25		Band D Increase %	Band D Increase £
	Precept £	Band D £	Precept £	Band D £		
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	12,014,528	82.58	12,500,066	85.05	2.99%	2.47
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	34,632,335	238.04	36,896,512	251.04	5.46%	13.00

In addition, **Appendix 6** - Council Tax Determination, has now been completed following the approval of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority precept. This is set out below and will be included within the Full Council version of the report.

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2024/25 REVENUE BUDGET

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 13th January 2024, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25
 - (a) for the whole council area as:
146,974,6320 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is:
£ 284,036,674
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£ 1,697,056,646** 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.
 - (b) **£ 1,412,343,205** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£ 284,713,441** being the amount by 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 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£ 1,937,1604** 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) **£ 676,767** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 5b).
 - (f) **£ 1,932,5558** 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.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the 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 dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf.
5. **£ 40,940,889** The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept.

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Sheffield City Council (non-parish areas)

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29

Bradfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Bradfield Parish Council	28.49	33.24	37.99	42.74	52.24	61.73	71.23	85.48
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77

Ecclesfield Parish Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Ecclesfield Parish Council	20.38	23.78	27.17	30.57	37.36	44.16	50.95	61.14
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43

Stocksbridge Town Council

	Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
Stocksbridge Town Council	22.56	26.32	30.08	33.84	41.37	48.89	56.41	67.69
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Aggregate of Council tax requirements	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

7. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required.

Appendix 6b

Council Tax Schedule 2024/25	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Sheffield City Council	1,288.37	1,503.10	1,717.83	1,932.56	2,362.01	2,791.47	3,220.92	3,865.11
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.10
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.08
Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield	1,512.43	1,764.50	2,016.58	2,268.65	2,772.79	3,276.93	3,781.07	4,537.29
Bradfield Parish Council	1,540.92	1,797.74	2,054.57	2,311.39	2,825.03	3,338.66	3,852.30	4,622.77
Ecclesfield Parish Council	1,532.81	1,788.28	2,043.75	2,299.22	2,810.15	3,321.09	3,832.02	4,598.43
Stocksbridge Town Council	1,534.99	1,790.82	2,046.66	2,302.49	2,814.16	3,325.82	3,837.48	4,604.98

Parish Council Precepts

Parish Council	2023/24			2024/25			Council Tax Band D Increase as %age
	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Council Tax Income (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Bradfield	5,973.09	255,277	42.7378	6,040.61	258,162	42.7378	0.00%
Ecclesfield	9,346.90	274,756	29.3954	9,391.56	287,111	30.5712	4.00%
Stocksbridge	3,868.34	130,921	33.8443	3,885.25	131,494	33.8443	0.00%
Total	19,188.34	660,954	105.98	19,317.42	676,767	107.15	

Supplementary Information – Premium Council Tax Charges

The Council's Finance Committee met on Monday 19th February¹ to consider the implementation of two premium Council Tax Charges. These relate to powers under the new Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which allow the Council to:

- Bring forward the chargeable period of the existing Long Term Empty Premium from 2 years to 1 year for empty properties.
- Increase the Council Tax charge to 'periodically unoccupied' (or 'second') homes to 200%.

This decision will not impact on the available income for the 2024/25 Revenue Budget, as the relevant elements of the Council's budget have been set. These decisions are therefore proposed to be included as a 'note' in the recommendations rather than a substantive change to the Budget itself.

Recommendation in main report

As regards the Fire Authority precept, the current recommendations in the main report are that Strategy and Resources Policy Committee:-

(a) notes that the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority precepts have not yet been issued;

(b) authorises the CFO to add the information to Full Council; and

(c) recommends to Full Council the recommendations as set out in the Revenue Budget report, subject to the addition of the precept information.

The main report is currently silent and contains no mention nor recommendation relating to Premium Council Tax charges.

¹ [Finance Committee Meeting, 19th February 2024](#)

Amended Recommendation

It is recommended that the Strategy and Resources approves an amended recommendation to reflect that we now have the precept information, as follows:-

1. As regards the Revenue Budget , approves for submission to the meeting of the City Council on 6th March 2024, the recommendations in the Revenue Budget report, as set out below:-

- a) To approve a net Revenue Budget for 2024/25 amounting to £543.815m;
- b) To approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,932.56 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept);
- c) To note that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003. Further details can be found in **Appendix 5** and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 2;
- d) To note that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2024/25, in consultation with elected Members;
- e) To approve the savings as set out in **Appendix 2**;
- f) To approve the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in **Appendix 4a**
- g) To note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in **Appendix 4** to this report, the amounts shown in part B of **Appendix 6** would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2024/25, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- h) To note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
- i) notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £676,767 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- j)* To approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in **Appendix 7** and the recommendations contained therein;
- k)* To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in **Appendix 7**; which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2024/25 onwards;
- l)* To agree that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- m)* To approve a Pay Policy for 2023/24 as set out in **Appendix 8**; and
- n)* To agree that (a) the Members allowances scheme introduced in 2022/23 be implemented for 2024/25 and (b) to note that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members.
- o)* To note the determination of the Finance Committee on Monday 19th February 2024 to implement a second homes premium (as defined in the report to that Committee) from 1st April 2025.
- p)* To note the determination of the Finance Committee on Monday 19th February 2024 to bring forward the chargeable period of the Long Term Empty premium from 2 years of unoccupation to 1 year of unoccupation with effect from 1st April 2024.

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