

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2018

MEMBERS

Councillor John Pritchard, Mayor
Councillor , Deputy Mayor

Councillor	Bryan Apsley	Councillor	David Kelly
"	Andrew Atkinson	"	M C King OBE
"	William Baldwin	"	Geoff Lowe
"	Trevor Bates	"	David Maddocks
"	Sonia Benbow-Jones	"	Tina Mannering
"	David A Bithell	"	John McCusker
"	I David Bithell, MBE	"	Joan Lowe
"	Paul Blackwell	"	M G Morris
"	Brian Cameron	"	Beverley Parry-Jones
"	Krista Childs	"	Paul Pemberton
"	Dana Davies	"	John Phillips
"	Mike Davies	"	* Ronnie Prince
"	Michael Dixon	"	Mark Pritchard
"	T Alan Edwards	"	Paul Roberts
"	Terry Evans	"	* Rondo Roberts
"	* Russell Gilmartin	"	Graham Rogers
"	D J Griffiths	"	Paul Rogers
"	Carrie Harper	"	J R Skelland
"	Frank Hemmings	"	Debbie Wallice
"	* Kevin Hughes	"	Robert Walsh
"	R Alun Jenkins	"	Barrie Warburton
"	Adrienne Jeorrett	"	Andy Williams
"	Gwenfair Jones	"	Nigel Williams
"	* Hugh Jones	"	Derek Wright
"	Marc Jones	"	Phil Wynn
"	Paul Jones		

*Absent

43 TO ANSWER ANY PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR RECEIVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR PETITIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 10 AND 11 OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor reported that no public questions, statements or petitions had been received.

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Russell Gilmartin, Kevin Hughes, Hugh Jones, Ronnie Prince and Rondo Roberts.

45 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked those Members who had attended the recent Portuguese Co-operation Protocol signing ceremony. He advised that Wrexham had been honoured to host the Secretary of State for Portuguese and looked forward to developing a close working relationship with the Portuguese Consul in Manchester and the wider Portuguese community in Wrexham.

The Mayor advised Council that Trevor Coxon, Head of Customer and Corporate Services, would once again be raising money for Prostate Cancer UK, by cycling the opening stage of the Tour de France on 23 June for the second time. He reminded Members that those wishing to donate to his fundraising efforts should contact Mr Coxon directly.

Finally, the Mayor reminded Members that the Annual St David's Day Parade would be taking place in the Town Centre on Thursday 1 March at 1.00 p.m. This was the 10th year of the parade in Wrexham, which was always well supported by schools and the local community. He encouraged Members to join the parade if they are available.

46 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS, IF ANY

Members were reminded of their responsibility, under Paragraph 11 of the Members' Code of Conduct, to declare any interests in relation to any of the business to be transacted at this meeting. The following declarations were made:

Agenda Item 7 – Revenue Budget and Council Tax Settings 2018 - 2020

Councillors Brian Cameron, Adrienne Jeorrett, Joan Lowe and John C Phillips – Personal and Prejudicial – School Governors. The Councillors remained in the meeting and claimed an exemption under Paragraph 12(2) of the Members' Code of Conduct, taking part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillors Sonia Benbow-Jones, Krista Childs, Michael Dixon, Paul Pemberton and Robert Walsh – Personal – Friends of Country Parks. The Councillors remained in the meeting taking part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Gwenfair Jones – Personal – Relative of Police and Crime Commissioner. The Councillor remained in the meeting taking part in the discussion and voting thereon.

47 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Borough Council held on 13 December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

48 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEES, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS PANELS

The Lead Member for Organisation – Finance, Performance, Health and Safety and Governance submitted a report (HCCS/16/18) allowing Council to appoint a Member to the Executive Board and note changes in Group representation on Committees, Scrutiny Committees and Panels set up by the Council as part of its Constitution.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That Councillor Andrew Atkinson be appointed onto the Executive Board in place of Councillor Paul Rogers.
- (ii) That the Leader of the Conservative Group notify the Head of Corporate and Customer Services of nominations to fill the seats identified in Paragraph 4.3 of report HCCS/16/18 , within 7 days of the date of this meeting.
- (iii) To note the changes in Membership of the Planning Committee and Constitution Working Group, which give effect to the wishes of the relevant Political Groups to which the seats are allocated, as follows:

Planning Committee

Councillor Derek Wright replaced Councillor Malcolm King, OBE

Constitution Working Group

Councillors Alan Edwards and Paul Pemberton to replace Councillors David Kelly and Phil Wynn

Councillor Paul Roberts to replace Councillor Hugh Jones and Paul Rogers to remain on the Working Group

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones to replace Councillor Joan Lowe

REASON FOR DECISION

To appoint a Member to the Executive Board in accordance with Article 7 of the Council's Constitution.

49 REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2018/19

Members declarations of interests in relation to this item are set out in Minute 46 above).

The Lead Member for Organisation – Finance, Performance, Health and Safety and Governance submitted a report (HF/19/18) enabling Members to agree the 2018/19 revenue budget in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Board and to set the council tax for the financial year beginning 1 April 2018.

In introducing the report the Lead Member for Organisation – Finance, Performance, Health and Safety and Governance referred in particular to the rigorous consultation process undertaken with both Members of the Council and members of the public to date as part of the Difficult Decisions exercise. The feedback received as a result of that consultation process had helped to form the proposals within the report HF/19/18.

A number of Members, in recognising the need to make efficiency savings as well as cuts, spoke in support of the proposed budget which they recognised to be sustainable, safe and balanced.

The Leader of the Labour Group proposed an amendment and referred to an alternative set of proposals which had been circulated in writing to Members in advance of the meeting. The amendment was duly seconded as follows:

“3.1

- a) The budget totalling £232,871,963 be approved – as outlined in the revised Appendix 1 – 2018/19 Revenue Budget Summary.
- b) No change to Council Tax recommendation.
- c) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy be amended to take account of the use of general balances in 2018/19, including the Council's Reserve Strategy outlined in Appendix 4 and be approved.
- d) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy be amended to take account of the use of general balances in 2018/19, in Appendix 5 and be approved.

3.2 That the replacement council tax resolution for 2019/19 be approved.”

In introducing the amendment the Leader of the Labour Group advised that the alternative budget sought to manage the overspend within Children's Services through the reserve balance.

In supporting the proposed amendment, a number of Members referred to the additional funding provided for both schools and the music service.

During the ensuing debate the following points were noted, in particular:

- The Head of Finance confirmed that drawing from reserves in order to balance a budget introduced a new level of risk and that national advice to Councils recommended strongly against this strategy.
- The Head of Adult Social Care and Interim Director of Social Services confirmed that the level of demand for children's services was likely to remain high in 2018/19. She further advised that the Regional Commissioning Board recognised provision of children's services as a national priority for 2018/19.
- The Council Tax level in Wrexham remained one of the lowest levels in England and Wales.

In accordance with Standing Order 18(2), a recorded vote was called for and supported by the requisite number of members rising to show their desire, then taken on the amendment, the voting being as follows:

For the Amendment – Councillors Bryan Apsley, Paul Blackwell, Brian Cameron, Krista Childs, Dana Davies, Mike Davies, Carrie Harper, Frank Hemmings, Adrienne Jeorrett, Gwenfair Lloyd Jones, Mark Jones, Paul Jones, Malcolm King OBE, Graham Rogers, Robert Walsh, Derek Wright (16)

Against the Amendment – Councillors Andrew Atkinson, William Baldwin, Trevor Bates, Sonia Benbow-Jones, David A Bithell, I David Bithell MBE, Michael Dixon, T Alan Edwards, Terry Evans, D J Griffiths, David Kelly, Geoff Lowe, Joan Lowe, David Maddocks, Tina Mannering, John McCusker, M G Morris, Beverley Parry-Jones, Paul Pemberton, John Phillips, John Pritchard, Mark Pritchard, Paul Roberts, Paul Rogers, Rodney Skelland, Debbie Wallace, Barrie Warburton, Andy Williams, Nigel Williams, Phil Wynn (30)

Abstained – Councillor R Alun Jenkins (1)

RESOLVED -

1 a) the budget totalling £ 232,871,963 be approved.

b) that the Authority's council tax for 2018/19 for Band D is set at £1,090.80 in respect of its general expenses and in respect of the special expenses for footway lighting a charge of £4.93 on the town centre community areas of Acton, Caia Park, Offa and Rhosddu, £16.44 on the community of Llangollen Rural, £12.46 on the community of Glyntraian and £10.60 on the community of Chirk.

c) that the Medium Term Financial Strategy including the Council's Reserve Strategy outlined in Appendix 4 to report HF/19/18 be approved.

d) that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy outlined in Appendix 5 to report HF/19/18 be approved.

2 That it be noted that the Head of Finance calculated the following amounts for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with regulations made under section 33[5] of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-

(a) 53280 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(Wales) Regulations 1995, as its Council Tax Base for the year 2018/2019.

(b) Part of the Council's area being 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.

Community of	Tax Base
Abenbury	497
Acton	5749
Bangor Isycoed	587
Bronington	641
Broughton	2831
Brymbo	1946
Caia Park	3803
Cefn	2257
Ceiriog Ucha	164
Chirk	1677
Coedpoeth	1703
Erbistock	221
Esclusham	1420
Glyntraian	387
Gresford	2632
Gwersyllt	3895
Hanmer	370
Holt	830
Isycoed	229
Llangollen Rural	855
Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog	488
Llay	1764
Maelor South	687

Marchwiel	586
Minera	703
Offa	4105
Overton	694
Penycae	1133
Rhosddu	2749
Rhosllanerchrugog	3270
Rossett	1812
Ruabon	1781
Sesswick	315
Willington/Worthenbury	499
Total Taxbase	53280

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended :-

- (a) 335,645,906** 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) 100,420,623** 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) 235,225,283** 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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) 174,472,740** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant as adjusted under section 33(3B).
- (e) 1,140.25** being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 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.
- (f) 2,634,599** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) 1,090.80** being the amount at 3(e) above less the

result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 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 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate.

(h) Band D Council Tax before the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales Precept

Part of the Council's Area	Community Councils Precepts	Special Expense of the Borough Lighting	Total Special Expense	Basic Amount at 3(g)	Basic Amount for Part of Area
Community of	£	£	£	£	£
Abenbury	25.15		25.15	1090.80	1115.95
Acton	25.22	4.93	30.15	1090.80	1120.95
Bangor Isycoed	30.02		30.02	1090.80	1120.82
Bronington	28.08		28.08	1090.80	1118.88
Broughton	48.75		48.75	1090.80	1139.55
Brymbo	51.22		51.22	1090.80	1142.02
Caia Park	56.00	4.93	60.93	1090.80	1151.73
Cefn	67.43		67.43	1090.80	1158.23
Ceiriog Ucha	12.20		12.20	1090.80	1103.00
Chirk	57.72	10.60	68.32	1090.80	1159.12
Coedpoeth	103.44		103.44	1090.80	1194.24
Erbistock	5.36		5.36	1090.80	1096.16
Esclusham	62.74		62.74	1090.80	1153.54
Glyntraian	48.84	12.46	61.30	1090.80	1152.10
Gresford	33.34		33.34	1090.80	1124.14
Gwersyllt	48.98		48.98	1090.80	1139.78
Hanmer	14.19		14.19	1090.80	1104.99
Holt	37.35		37.35	1090.80	1128.15
Isycoed	53.71		53.71	1090.80	1144.51
Llangollen Rural	73.85	16.44	90.29	1090.80	1181.09
Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog	51.23		51.23	1090.80	1142.03
Llay	42.08		42.08	1090.80	1132.88
Maelor South	26.49		26.49	1090.80	1117.29
Marchwiel	57.68		57.68	1090.80	1148.48
Minera	50.92		50.92	1090.80	1141.72
Offa	43.36	4.93	48.29	1090.80	1139.09
Overton	70.49		70.49	1090.80	1161.29
Penycae	62.01		62.01	1090.80	1152.81
Rhosddu	22.41	4.93	27.34	1090.80	1118.14
Rhosllanerchrugog	73.42		73.42	1090.80	1164.22
Rossett	37.20		37.20	1090.80	1128.00
Ruabon	44.92		44.92	1090.80	1135.72

Sesswick	9.52		9.52	1090.80	1100.32
Willington/Worthenbury	20.83		20.83	1090.80	1111.63

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(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 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) Council Tax by Valuation band before the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales pr

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Abenbury	743.97	867.96	991.96	1115.95	1363.94	1611.93	1859.92	2231.90	2603.88
Acton	747.30	871.85	996.40	1120.95	1370.05	1619.15	1868.25	2241.90	2615.55
Bangor Isycoed	747.21	871.75	996.28	1120.82	1369.89	1618.96	1868.03	2241.64	2615.25
Bronington	745.92	870.24	994.56	1118.88	1367.52	1616.16	1864.80	2237.76	2610.72
Broughton	759.70	886.32	1012.93	1139.55	1392.78	1646.02	1899.25	2279.10	2658.95
Brymbo	761.35	888.24	1015.13	1142.02	1395.80	1649.58	1903.37	2284.04	2664.71
Caia Park	767.82	895.79	1023.76	1151.73	1407.67	1663.61	1919.55	2303.46	2687.37
Cefn	772.15	900.85	1029.54	1158.23	1415.61	1673.00	1930.38	2316.46	2702.54
Ceiriog Ucha	735.33	857.89	980.44	1103.00	1348.11	1593.22	1838.33	2206.00	2573.67
Chirk	772.75	901.54	1030.33	1159.12	1416.70	1674.28	1931.87	2318.24	2704.61
Coedpoeth	796.16	928.85	1061.55	1194.24	1459.63	1725.01	1990.40	2388.48	2786.56
Erbistock	730.77	852.57	974.36	1096.16	1339.75	1583.34	1826.93	2192.32	2557.71
Esclusham	769.03	897.20	1025.37	1153.54	1409.88	1666.22	1922.57	2307.08	2691.59
Glyntraian	768.07	896.08	1024.09	1152.10	1408.12	1664.14	1920.17	2304.20	2688.23
Gresford	749.43	874.33	999.24	1124.14	1373.95	1623.76	1873.57	2248.28	2622.99
Gwersyllt	759.85	886.50	1013.14	1139.78	1393.06	1646.35	1899.63	2279.56	2659.49
Hanmer	736.66	859.44	982.21	1104.99	1350.54	1596.10	1841.65	2209.98	2578.31
Holt	752.10	877.45	1002.80	1128.15	1378.85	1629.55	1880.25	2256.30	2632.35
Isycoed	763.01	890.17	1017.34	1144.51	1398.85	1653.18	1907.52	2289.02	2670.52
Llangollen Rural	787.39	918.63	1049.86	1181.09	1443.55	1706.02	1968.48	2362.18	2755.88
Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog	761.35	888.25	1015.14	1142.03	1395.81	1649.60	1903.38	2284.06	2664.74
Llay	755.25	881.13	1007.00	1132.88	1384.63	1636.38	1888.13	2265.76	2643.39
Maelor South	744.86	869.00	993.15	1117.29	1365.58	1613.86	1862.15	2234.58	2607.01
Marchwiel	765.65	893.26	1020.87	1148.48	1403.70	1658.92	1914.13	2296.96	2679.79
Minera	761.15	888.00	1014.86	1141.72	1395.44	1649.15	1902.87	2283.44	2664.01
Offa	759.39	885.96	1012.52	1139.09	1392.22	1645.35	1898.48	2278.18	2657.88
Overton	774.19	903.23	1032.26	1161.29	1419.35	1677.42	1935.48	2322.58	2709.68
Penycae	768.54	896.63	1024.72	1152.81	1408.99	1665.17	1921.35	2305.62	2689.89
Rhosddu	745.43	869.66	993.90	1118.14	1366.62	1615.09	1863.57	2236.28	2608.99
Rhosllanerchrugog	776.15	905.50	1034.86	1164.22	1422.94	1681.65	1940.37	2328.44	2716.51
Rossett	752.00	877.33	1002.67	1128.00	1378.67	1629.33	1880.00	2256.00	2632.00

Ruabon	757.15	883.34	1009.53	1135.72	1388.10	1640.48	1892.87	2271.44	2650.01
Sesswick	733.55	855.80	978.06	1100.32	1344.84	1589.35	1833.87	2200.64	2567.41
Willington/Worthenbury	741.09	864.60	988.12	1111.63	1358.66	1605.69	1852.72	2223.26	2593.80

being 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 that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in the 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 the categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted that for the year 2018/2019 Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales (Major Precepting Authority) has stated that the following amounts in a precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, (as amended) for each of categories of dwellings shown below :-

Valuation Bands									
Precepting Authority North Wales Police	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	BAND I
	172.08	200.76	229.44	258.12	315.48	372.84	430.20	516.24	602.28

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 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 2018/2019 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of the Council's	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND
Area	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Community of	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Abenbury	916.05	1068.72	1221.40	1374.07	1679.42	1984.77	2290.12	2748.14	3206.16
Acton	919.38	1072.61	1225.84	1379.07	1685.53	1991.99	2298.45	2758.14	3217.83
Bangor Isycoed	919.29	1072.51	1225.72	1378.94	1685.37	1991.80	2298.23	2757.88	3217.53
Bronington	918.00	1071.00	1224.00	1377.00	1683.00	1989.00	2295.00	2754.00	3213.00
Broughton	931.78	1087.08	1242.37	1397.67	1708.26	2018.86	2329.45	2795.34	3261.23
Brymbo	933.43	1089.00	1244.57	1400.14	1711.28	2022.42	2333.57	2800.28	3266.99
Caia Park	939.90	1096.55	1253.20	1409.85	1723.15	2036.45	2349.75	2819.70	3289.65
Cefn	944.23	1101.61	1258.98	1416.35	1731.09	2045.84	2360.58	2832.70	3304.82
Ceiriog Ucha	907.41	1058.65	1209.88	1361.12	1663.59	1966.06	2268.53	2722.24	3175.95
Chirk	944.83	1102.29	1259.77	1417.24	1732.19	2047.12	2362.07	2834.48	3306.89
Coedpoeth	968.24	1129.61	1290.99	1452.36	1775.11	2097.85	2420.60	2904.72	3388.84
Erbistock	902.85	1053.33	1203.80	1354.28	1655.23	1956.18	2257.13	2708.56	3159.99
Esclusham	941.11	1097.96	1254.81	1411.66	1725.36	2039.06	2352.77	2823.32	3293.87
Glyntraian	940.15	1096.84	1253.53	1410.22	1723.60	2036.99	2350.37	2820.44	3290.51
Gresford	921.51	1075.09	1228.68	1382.26	1689.43	1996.60	2303.77	2764.52	3225.27
Gwersyllt	931.93	1087.26	1242.58	1397.90	1708.54	2019.19	2329.83	2795.80	3261.77
Hanmer	908.74	1060.20	1211.65	1363.11	1666.02	1968.94	2271.85	2726.22	3180.59
Holt	924.18	1078.21	1232.24	1386.27	1694.33	2002.39	2310.45	2772.54	3234.63
Isycoed	935.09	1090.93	1246.78	1402.63	1714.33	2026.02	2337.72	2805.26	3272.80

Llangollen Rural	959.47	1119.39	1279.29	1439.21	1759.03	2078.86	2398.68	2878.42	3358.16
Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog	933.43	1089.01	1244.58	1400.15	1711.29	2022.44	2333.58	2800.30	3267.02
Llay	927.33	1081.89	1236.44	1391.00	1700.11	2009.22	2318.33	2782.00	3245.67
Maelor South	916.94	1069.76	1222.59	1375.41	1681.06	1986.70	2292.35	2750.82	3209.29
Marchwiell	937.73	1094.02	1250.31	1406.60	1719.18	2031.76	2344.33	2813.20	3282.07
Minera	933.23	1088.76	1244.30	1399.84	1710.92	2021.99	2333.07	2799.68	3266.29
Offa	931.48	1086.71	1241.96	1397.21	1707.71	2018.19	2328.69	2794.42	3260.15
Overton	946.27	1103.99	1261.70	1419.41	1734.83	2050.26	2365.68	2838.82	3311.96
Penycae	940.62	1097.39	1254.16	1410.93	1724.47	2038.01	2351.55	2821.86	3292.17
Rhosddu	917.51	1070.42	1223.34	1376.26	1682.10	1987.93	2293.77	2752.52	3211.27
Rhosllanerchrugog	948.23	1106.26	1264.30	1422.34	1738.42	2054.49	2370.57	2844.68	3318.79
Rossett	924.08	1078.09	1232.11	1386.12	1694.15	2002.17	2310.20	2772.24	3234.28
Ruabon	929.23	1084.10	1238.97	1393.84	1703.58	2013.32	2323.07	2787.68	3252.29
Sesswick	905.63	1056.56	1207.50	1358.44	1660.32	1962.19	2264.07	2716.88	3169.69
Willington/Worthenbury	913.17	1065.36	1217.56	1369.75	1674.14	1978.53	2282.92	2739.50	3196.08

6. Reduction of Discounts for Second/Holiday Homes and Long Term Empty Properties

In Wales Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 creates a special class of property (prescribed class of dwellings) which allows a local authority to use its discretion in determining the level of discount to be awarded. If a dwelling meets certain criteria, then a billing authority can set the level of discount at either 25% or zero (i.e. no discount) for classes A & B, 50% or zero for class C.

The Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 1998 as amended by The Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) (amendment) Regulations 2004, has with effect from 1 April 2004 designated three classes of prescribed dwellings.

The classes are:

Class A

- a. A dwelling which is not the sole or main residence of an individual.
- b. Dwelling which is furnished.
- c. Occupation of the dwelling is prohibited by law for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year.
- d. Dwelling is not a mooring occupied by a boat or pitch occupied by a caravan.
- e. Dwelling is unoccupied and is managed by a personal representative in relation to administration of a deceased person.

Class B

- a. A dwelling which is not the sole or main residence of an individual.
- b. Dwelling which is furnished.
- c. Occupation of the dwelling is prohibited by law for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year.

- d. Dwelling is not a mooring occupied by a boat or pitch occupied by a caravan.
- e. Dwelling is unoccupied and is managed by a personal representative in relation to administration of a deceased person.

Class C

- a. A dwelling which is unoccupied.
- b. A dwelling which is substantially unfurnished.

The difference between the classes A and B is the fact Class B has unrestricted occupation throughout 365 days a year whereas Class A is restricted to a maximum of 11 months occupation in a year e.g. planning restriction as commonly applied to holiday chalets.

That the level of discounts for Class A, B and C as prescribed under the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 1998 as amended by the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) (amendment) Regulations 2004 be set at zero for the financial year 2018/2019.

REASON FOR DECISION

To enable the Council to determine its revenue budget for 2018/19 and set the council tax for that year.

50 REVIEW OF SENIOR MANAGER PAY 2018/19

The Chair of the Pay and Reward Panel submitted a report (HCCS/10/18) seeking Council approval to the Pay and Reward Panel's recommendations in relation to the review of Senior Manager's pay for 2018/2019.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the Pay and Reward Panel's recommendation that no action should be taken in respect of the current salary ranges of the Council's Chief Executive, Executive Directors and Heads of Departments for the 2018/2019 financial year be endorsed. Therefore the grading structure will remain as set out in Appendix 1 to the report HCCS/10/18.

(ii) It be noted that, in the next review year 2019, the panel will conduct a full review for pay for 2019/2020.

REASONS FOR DECISION

- (i) To apply the decisions of the Pay and Reward Panel, within the context of the Employee Pay and Reward Policy to ensure an appropriate pay structure exists for Senior Manager pay.

- (ii) To comply with the remit of the Pay and Reward Panel to undertake a review of Senior Management pay in accordance with the terms of reference.
- (iii) To ensure the terms of reference comply with changing legislation.

51 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Lead Member for Organisation – Planning and Corporate Services submitted a report (HCCS/11/18) seeking Council approval of the revised Pay Policy Statement that sets out the Council's approach to pay. Council was required to approve the Pay Policy Statement annually in order to meet the legal requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Pay Policy Statement for publication in April 2018 as attached at Appendix 1 to the report HCSS/11/18 be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

- (i) To meet the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011, by ensuring that the Pay Policy Statement is reviewed and published annually.

52 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Lead Member for Organisation – Finance, Performance, Health and Safety and Governance submitted a report (HF/10/18) enabling Members to consider the appointment of Co-opted Members to the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee.

Members recognised the valid contribution made by the Co-opted Members to the work of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That, in accordance with legislation, the Council appoint two Parent Governor representatives (one from primary and one from the secondary sector) to the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee, with an entitlement to speak and vote on education issues only, until end February 2020.**
 - **Primary school representative - no nominations received. The local authority must seek nominations within one year of the vacancy arising.**
 - **Secondary school representative – Mrs Alison Fisher.**
- (ii) **In accordance with the recommendation of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny, Mr Brent Evans be re-appointed as a co-opted member of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee with an entitlement to speak but not vote on education issues, until end February 2019.**

REASON FOR DECISION

- (i) To meet the statutory requirement to have representation of Parent Governors on the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor John Pritchard
Mayor