



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Council Tax Base for 2016/17

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Council has to set the Council Tax base each year in accordance with the prescribed regulations, (see 3.1). This is the first stage in setting the Council Tax and also provides the precepting authorities with a key component to determine their financial requirements for the coming year.
- 1.2 The calculation is made with reference to the number of banded properties within the local authority area adjusted to take into account discounts and exemptions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 2.1 Taking into account the number of properties in each valuation band, discounts and reductions for disabilities, the following resolution be approved:-
- 2.2 That pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) regulations 1995, as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed class of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendments) regulations 2004, the number calculated by the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for 2016/17 shall be 17,896.23 (17,725.11 – 2015/16) and for the area covered by the Bedlinog Community Council for 2016/17 shall be 1075.98 (1007.72 – 2015/16).

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 It is a requirement of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1995 as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2004, that a Council resolution is made each year confirming the Council Tax base for the Council area as a whole and for the area covered by the Bedlinog Community Council.

3.2 The latest Valuation list shows the following information:

Band	Valuation Spread	No of Properties		%
		2014/15	2015/16	
A	Less than £44,000	13991	14043	52.0
B	£44,001 - £65,000	6637	6629	24.6
C	£65,001 - £91,000	2135	2168	8.0
D	£91,001 - £123,000	2076	2081	7.7
E	£123,001 - £162,000	1346	1375	5.1
F	£162,001 - £223,000	535	546	2.0
G	£223,001 - £324,000	140	142	<1
H	£324,001 - £424,000	4	2	<1
I	£424,001 and over	10	8	<1
		26874	26994	

3.3 Liable persons for each property are charged on the basis of the Band D charge declared by the Council as follows:

Band	Ratio to Band D
A	6/9
B	7/9
C	8/9
D	9/9
E	11/9
F	13/9
G	15/9
H	18/9
I	21/9

3.4 The Council Tax Base must now be determined by Council for the County Borough area and the Bedlinog Community Council area. The declaration to be made refers to what is termed the 'Band D' equivalent of all properties. Referring to paragraph 3.3, members will note that Band A properties pay 6/9 of the charge and count as 6/9 of a property when compared to Band D. Similarly, Band B properties as 7/9 of a property and so on.

3.5 The estimated collection rate for 2016/17 has been set at 96%, the same estimated figure as 2015/16.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 This report sets the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 from which the Council Tax will be derived.

5.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

5.1 The Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and there is no impact on the Corporate Plan or Single Integrated Plan arising from this report. Any consequential impact will be determined and reported on in the Council report that sets the Council Tax. (February/March 2016).

6.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Valuation Office Agency number and band report	25 th October 2015	Revenue Section
Northgate Council Tax Base report	31 st October 2015	Revenue Section
Welsh Government CT1 Report	31 st October 2015	Revenue Section
Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment	09 th November 2015	Electronic Library
Equality Impact Assessment Screening Document	09 th November 2015	Electronic Library

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.