



## ***FULL COUNCIL REPORT***

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*To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Council Tax Resolution 2021/22**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The Council is required by legislation to disclose its calculations of its Budget Requirement and Council Tax for 2021/22 under statutory resolutions and to approve the formal Council Tax Resolution for 2021/22.
- 1.2 The Budget Requirement for 2021/22 (for Council Tax Resolution Purposes) is £133,271,600 with Band D Council Tax for 2021/22 as follows:
  - (a) Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council of £1,728.98
  - (b) Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales of £287.72
  - (c) Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council of £19.91
- 1.3 The formal statutory Council Tax Resolution for 2021/22 is included as Appendix 1.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that**

- 2.1 The formal statutory Council Tax resolutions 2021/22 as outlined in Appendix 1, and summarised in paragraph 5.1, be noted and approved.
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales approved precept for 2021/22 of £5,302,893 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area be noted.
- 2.3 The Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council approved precept for 2021/22 of £23,250 for the Community Council area be noted.

- 2.4 The Welsh Government 2021/22 Non Domestic Rate for Wales of 53.5 pence in the £ be noted.

### **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) requires the Council to set out its calculations of its Budget Requirement and Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year under statutory council tax resolutions.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Resolution for 2021/22 is appended as Appendix 1 and summarised in Sections 4 and 5 of this report.

### **4.0 COUNCIL TAX 2021/22**

#### **4.1 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**

The “*Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2021/22 – State of the Council Debate*” report to this Council of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 recommended for approval:

- A Budget Requirement for 2021/22 (for Council purposes) of £133.342 million.
- A Council Tax increase of 3.55% for 2021/22, resulting in a County Borough Council Band D Council Tax of £1,728.98 for 2021/22.

#### **4.2 Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales (South Wales Police Authority)**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales precept in respect of services provided to the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area for 2021/22 is £5,302,893. This equates to a Band D equivalent charge of £287.72, a 5.50% increase on the previous year.

#### **4.3 Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council**

The Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council precept in respect of services provided to the Bedlinog Community Council area for 2021/22 is £23,250. This equates to a Band D equivalent charge of £19.91, a 0.2% reduction on the previous year.

- 4.4 The Welsh Government has determined that the Non Domestic Rate for Wales for 2021/22 will be 53.5 pence in the £.

### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 5.1 The statutory Council Tax resolution for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 is outlined in Appendix 1 and is summarised as follows:

- Total Budget Requirement for 2021/22 of £133,271,600 (inclusive of Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council precept of £23,250 and exclusive of Discretionary Non Domestic Rate Relief of £94,000)
- Total Council Tax levy for 2021/22 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area of:

Council Tax Valuation Band	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council £	South Wales Police Authority £	Total Merthyr Tydfil Area £	Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council £	Total Bedlinog & Trelewis Area £
A (6/9)	1,152.65	191.81	1,344.46	13.27	1,357.73
B (7/9)	1,344.76	223.78	1,568.54	15.49	1,584.03
C (8/9)	1,536.87	255.75	1,792.62	17.70	1,810.32
D (9/9)	1,728.98	287.72	2,016.70	19.91	2,036.61
E (11/9)	2,113.20	351.66	2,464.86	24.33	2,489.19
F (13/9)	2,497.42	415.60	2,913.02	28.76	2,941.78
G (15/9)	2,881.63	479.53	3,361.16	33.18	3,394.34
H (18/9)	3,457.96	575.44	4,033.40	39.82	4,073.22
I (21/9)	4,034.29	671.35	4,705.64	46.46	4,752.10

## 6.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 of 4
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
<b>4. Biodiversity</b>	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<b>Summary:</b>			

The main positive impact is that the proposed Council Tax increase supports the financial sustainability of the Council in setting a balanced budget for 2021/22 whilst protecting service delivery to customers.

The main negative impacts are the continued additional budget demands requiring to be supported owing to unavoidable demographic growth and service financial pressures resulting in the proposed Council Tax increase.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
<b>Title of Document(s)</b>	<b>Document(s) Date</b>	<b>Document Location</b>
Provisional Local Government Settlement 2021/22	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	Finance Department
Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2021/22 – State of the Council Debate	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	Council agenda / Finance Department
Local Government Finance Act 1992	6 <sup>th</sup> March 1992	Finance Department
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		<b>No</b>

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

**Council Tax Resolution 2021/22**

1. Council of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 passed the resolution in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1995 (as amended) that the calculated Council Tax Base for 2021/22 shall be as follows:
  - (a) 18,430.74 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area
  - (b) 1,167.51 for the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council area
  
2. That the following amounts be calculated in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act), as amended by the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2013:
  - (a) The aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) of the Act - **£167,217,678**
  - (b) The aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act - **£33,946,078**
  - (c) The amount by which the aggregate at 2.(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year - **£133,271,600**
  - (d) The aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates for the year will be payable into its Council Fund in accordance with the Act in respect of Revenue Support Grant, Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates less discretionary Non Domestic Rate Relief - **£101,382,019**
  - (e) The amount at 2.(c) above less the amount at 2.(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1.(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 - **£1,730.24**
  - (f) The aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act - **£23,250**
  - (g) The amount at 2.(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.(f) above by the amount at 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 special items relate - **£1,728.98**
  - (h) The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.(g) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned below, divided 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 -

<b>Community Council</b>	<b>£</b>
Bedlinog and Trelewis	19.91

- (i) The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.(g) and 2.(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 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 the different valuation bands -

<b>Council Area</b>	<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>	<b>Band I £</b>
Bedlinog and Trelewis	1,165.92	1,360.25	1,554.57	1,748.89	2,137.53	2,526.18	2,914.81	3,497.78	4,080.75
All other parts of Merthyr Tydfil CBC area	1,152.65	1,344.76	1,536.87	1,728.98	2,113.20	2,497.42	2,881.63	3,457.96	4,034.29

3. It should be noted that for the year 2021/22 the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales has 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-

<b>South Wales Police Authority</b>	<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>	<b>Band I £</b>
All parts of the area	191.81	223.78	255.75	287.72	351.66	415.60	479.53	575.44	671.35

4. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.(i) and 3. above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act

1992, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below –

<b>Council Area</b>	<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>	<b>Band I £</b>
Bedlinog and Trelewis	1,357.73	1,584.03	1,810.32	2,036.61	2,489.19	2,941.78	3,394.34	4,073.22	4,752.10
All other parts of Merthyr Tydfil CBC area	1,344.46	1,568.54	1,792.62	2,016.70	2,464.86	2,913.02	3,361.16	4,033.40	4,705.64