

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

23 JANUARY 2019

REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

AMENDMENT TO 2019-20 COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR CEFN CRIBWR, GARW VALLEY, LLANGYNWYD LOWER AND ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of the amended council tax base figures for 2019-20 for a number of community councils for re-approval.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:-
1. Supporting a successful economy – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
 2. Helping people to be more self-reliant – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
 3. Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.
- 2.2 The council tax base determines the amount of council tax which can be raised to fund the Council's budget. The budget strategy is an integral part of the Corporate Planning process.

3. Background.

- 3.1 The 2019-20 council tax base for the Council and individual Community Councils was approved by Council on 21 November 2018. Subsequently, it has been identified that the individual council tax base figures did not total the overall net tax base. On further examination a total rounding error of 0.04 on individual council tax base figures has come to light and as a consequence the council tax base figures which were stated in Appendix A of the report for Cefn Cribwr, Garw Valley, Llangynwyd Lower and St Brides Minor Community Councils need amending and hence now require re-approving by Council.
- 3.2 The overall Council Tax base figure is not affected and remains at 54,807.11 (gross) and 53,710.97 (net).

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The revised council tax bases for each of the Community Councils which require re-approval by Council are shown in the table below:

Community Council	Gross Tax Base	Percentage Collection Rate	Net Tax Base Originally Approved 21/11/18	Revised Net Tax Base
Cefn Cribwr	555.75	98%	544.64	544.63
Garw Valley	2305.73	98%	2259.62	2259.61
Llangynwyd Lower	175.75	98%	172.24	172.23
St Brides Minor	2317.74	98%	2271.39	2271.38

- 4.2 For completeness Appendix A, which provides details of all Community Council tax bases and includes the amendments in the above table, is attached for Council to approve the amended figures and re-approve the rest.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The council tax base is set in accordance with the Policy Framework and Budget Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment

- 7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of wellbeing goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications.

- 8.1 These are outlined in the report.

9. Recommendation.

- 9.1 Council is recommended to:
- Approve Appendix A which includes the amended council tax bases for Cefn Cribwr, Garw Valley, Llangynwyd Lower and St Brides Minor Community Councils.

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Background documents

None

Estimated County Borough Tax Base 2019-20

Community Council Area	Total Tax Base (No. Band D Equivalent Properties)	Estimated Collection Percentage	Net Tax Base (No. Band D Equivalent Properties)
Brackla	4263.56	98%	4178.29
Bridgend	5996.82	98%	5876.88
Cefn Cribbwr	555.75	98%	544.63
Coity Higher	3829.71	98%	3753.12
Cornelly	2636.78	98%	2584.04
Coychurch Higher	344.70	98%	337.81
Coychurch Lower	660.67	98%	647.46
Garw	2305.73	98%	2259.61
Laleston	4999.58	98%	4899.59
Llangynwyd Lower	175.75	98%	172.23
Llangynwyd Middle	1068.17	98%	1046.81
Maesteg	5670.08	98%	5556.68
Merthyr Mawr	150.52	98%	147.51
Newcastle Higher	1741.52	98%	1706.69
Ogmore Vale	2586.42	98%	2534.69
Pencoed	3496.71	98%	3426.78
Porthcawl	8141.69	98%	7978.86
Pyle	2543.21	98%	2492.35
St Brides Minor	2317.74	98%	2271.38
Ynysawdre	1322.00	98%	1295.56
Total County Borough	54807.11	98%	53710.97