

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

2016-17 COUNCIL TAX BASE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of the council tax base and estimated collection rate for 2016-17.

2. Connection to Corporate Plan

- 2.1 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 Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), Council is required to set the tax base upon which council tax is levied by the authority and other precepting bodies. This information is required by the Welsh Government to allocate the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) to local authorities and by the Council to calculate the council tax required to fund the 2016-17 budget.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The estimated council tax base for 2016-17 is 53,247.37 and the estimated collection rate is 97.5%. The net council tax base is, therefore, 51,916.19.
- 4.2 The council tax element of the Council's budget requirement will be based on the net council tax base of 51,916.19. This base is also used by precepting authorities in calculating their precepts. Community councils base their precepts on the tax base for each community area and details of these are shown in Appendix A.

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. Financial Implications.

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 Council is recommended:

- to approve the council tax base and collection rate for 2016-17 as shown in paragraph 4.1 of this report
- to approve the tax bases for the community areas set out in Appendix A. .

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Background documents

None other than identified within the report.

Appendix A

Estimated County Borough Tax Base 2016-17

Community Council Area	Total Tax Base	Estimated Collection Percentage	Net Tax Base
Brackla	4257.78	97.5%	4,151.34
Bridgend	5841.29	97.5%	5,695.26
Cefn Cribbwr	541.05	97.5%	527.52
Coity Higher	2960.05	97.5%	2,886.05
Cornelly	2588.52	97.5%	2,523.81
Coychurch Higher	339.25	97.5%	330.77
Coychurch Lower	663.41	97.5%	646.82
Garw	2268.47	97.5%	2,211.76
Laleston	4950.84	97.5%	4,827.07
Llangynwyd Lower	173.45	97.5%	169.11
Llangynwyd Middle	1068.09	97.5%	1,041.39
Maesteg	5612.54	97.5%	5,472.23
Merthyr Mawr	152.27	97.5%	148.46
Newcastle Higher	1675.52	97.5%	1,633.63
Ogmore Vale	2576.61	97.5%	2,512.20
Pencoed	3455.19	97.5%	3,368.81
Porthcawl	8055.72	97.5%	7,854.33
Pyle	2531.50	97.5%	2,468.21
St Brides Minor	2240.28	97.5%	2,184.27
Ynysawdre	1295.54	97.5%	1,263.15
Total County Borough	53,247.37	97.5%	51,916.19