

Report of the Finance Director: Item 9 (Council Tax 2013/14)

Changes required to the Council Tax Resolution (recommendations from the Executive to Council).

There were no changes to the final Mayoral precept accepted by the London Assembly on 25th February.

Since the last meeting of the Executive there have been further changes on levies and the final position is shown below:

	£'000
London Pension Fund Authority	489
London Boroughs Grant Committee	341
Environment Agency (Flood Defence etc.)	237
Lee Valley Regional Park	401
Total	1,468

The above changes will require the following proposed amendments to be made to the recommendations of the Executive:

Amended Recommendation (2.1)

- (f) Agrees to reduce the provision for unallocated inflation by £123k;
- (g) Approves a contingency sum of £13,022k (see section 9).

To note that, since the meeting of the Executive, the Council has received notification of two further government grants. £76k of funding relates to the transfer of financial responsibility for remands to youth detention accommodation which takes place on the 1st April 2013. £698k has been allocated for the Adoption Reform Grant to target funding at the adoption process and the specialist support that children need and to address structural reform of adopter recruitment. Both of these grants have been allocated to the central contingency and any drawdown will require the approval of the Executive.

- (h) The revised provisions for levies, as shown in the table above, be included in the budget for 2013/14;
- (l) Notes the final position on the GLA precept, as accepted by the London Assembly on 25th February 2013;
- (n) It sets a 1.89% increase in Bromley's council tax for 2013/14 (including levies) compared with 2012/13 and a 1.21% reduction in the GLA precept. This results in an overall increase (including GLA precept) of 1.16%.

Amended Recommendation (2.2)

Council Tax 2013/14 – Statutory Calculations and Resolutions (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Subject to 2.1 above, if the formal Council Tax Resolution as detailed below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Increase/decrease (-) %
Bromley	991.31	1,010.07	1.89
GLA	306.72	303.00	-1.21
Total	1298.03	1313.07	1.16

Amended Recommendation (2.3)

1. It be noted that, as detailed in section 15 of the report, the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 is 122,140
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 is £123,370k.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - (a) £562,346k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £438,976k being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £123,370k 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 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
 - (d) £1010.07 being the amount at 3(c) above, divided by (1) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
4. To note that the Greater London Authority (GLA) has issued a precept to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
673.38	785.61	897.84	1,010.07	1234.53	1458.99	1683.45	2,020.14

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
202.00	235.67	269.33	303.00	370.33	437.67	505.00	606.00

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
875.38	1021.28	1167.17	1313.07	1604.86	1896.66	2188.45	2626.14

6. That the Council hereby determines that its “relevant” basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2013/14, which reflects an increase of 1.97%, is not excessive. The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) Report (England) 2013/14 sets out the principles which the Secretary of State has determined will apply to local authorities in England in 2013/14. The Council is required to determine whether its “relevant” basic amount of Council Tax is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Taking into account the changes to levies {see 2.1.(h)}, the Council’s basic amount of council tax increases by 1.89%.